

Parish *Life*

NOVEMBER 2017

Our Christmas journey...

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently said that as we near Christmas, quiet moments for peace and reflection can be hard to find. But he reminds us that ...*The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us...In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you – you need only turn to him and ask to know his presence.*

As the year draws to a close, may we “go gently amidst the tinsel and the presents”. May our Advent and Christmas liturgies bring each of us peace, quiet and the love of Christ in our lives.

Let us remember the meaning of the Incarnation, with the freedom it offers us. And let us aim to make this a time of great peace and joy for those around us.



Our journey begins on 3 December, with the lighting of the first candle of our Advent wreath.

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Celebrate Christmas

at St Luke's Anglican Church Mosman



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

7pm Sunday 17 December
followed by light refreshments

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

5pm Sunday 24 December
Children are encouraged to bring a gift to put under the Christmas tree and come dressed as angels and shepherds

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNG EUCHARIST

9am Monday 25 December

Cnr Ourimbah Road and Heydon Street, Mosman

www.stlukesmosman.org

Parish snapshots

October was a busy month.

We began by celebrating with our much-loved Pastoral Assistant, Revd Robert Alexander, his 80th birthday and the 53rd anniversary of his ordination as a priest. In the service that morning the Rector handed Robert a congratulatory letter from the Archbishop and at morning tea we shared celebratory drinks and a birthday cake.



October also saw Sydney Diocese's 51st Synod.

It was a new experience for our two new Lay Synod Representatives, Paula Turner and Peter Keenan, photographed here with the Rector.



In October we had a visit from the National Director of Bush Church Aid Society, Revd Dr Mark Short. Mark renewed acquaintances with parishioners from his time with us as pastoral assistant in John Seddon's time. Mark's visit enabled us to learn more about BCA's work, particularly the work of Revd Neville Naden and his wife Kathryn, whose ministry among First Nations people in Dubbo we support through our mission giving.



Our annual Baptism Bears Reunion service was held on 5 November.

At St Luke's baptisms, we give a knitted bear to each person being baptised. At Baptism Bears services, former "baptisees" bring their bears as a reminder of their baptism and its importance in their faith journey.



Anniversary celebrations

120 years in Mosman

In September, *An Elegant Afternoon Tea* was our first anniversary event as we marked 120 years of a St Luke's Anglican community "for members of the Church of England living in the vicinity of Spit Junction" (so described in early Parish Council minutes). The first St Luke's church (then a branch of St Clement's) was built in Bond Street in 1897.

For our second anniversary event on 22 October, Rt Revd Chris Edwards, Bishop of the Northern Region, visited us to celebrate our 120th Patronal Festival Eucharist. Bishop Chris preached at the service and later, with his wife Belinda, joined us for lunch in the Seddon Hall.



2018 DIARY

FEBRUARY*

- 11 SLMMA concert
The Black Swan Duo
- 13 Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 24 Trivia Quiz Night
- 27 ICC dinner

*Parish groups recommence, dates to be advised

MARCH

- 11 Parish AGM
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 29 Maundy Thursday
- 30 Good Friday

APRIL

- 1 Easter Day
- 22 ICC *Festival of Wild Ideas (1)*
- 29 ICC *Festival of Wild Ideas (2)*

MAY

- 20 Pentecost

JUNE

- 10 ICC Hymnfest

JULY

- 28 60th Birthday BBQ

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Elegant Afternoon Tea

OCTOBER

- 21 Patronal Festival and Luncheon

NOVEMBER

- 4 All Saints
- 11 All Souls
- 25 Christ the King

DECEMBER

- 2 Advent 1
- 9 Advent 2
- 16 Advent 3: Nine Lessons and Carols
- 23 Advent 4
- 24 Family Christmas Service
- 25 Christmas Day

A Diamond Jubilee in 2018... our Wilkinson church turns 60!

The year 1958 was an exciting one as the new church began to take shape. On 19 February a crane lifted a huge concrete beam, weighing 3556 kilograms, into place to span the chancel, as well as roof trusses and timbers. The Rector, Ernest Cameron, climbed to the top of the scaffold and took photographs. On 19 June 1958, the most exciting event took place: the tower pedestal was lifted into place with the cross surmounting it.

And yes, you can see the Harbour Bridge from St Luke's if you climb high enough!



Further details next year of events to mark the anniversary.

Late last year, the wardens were advised that St. Luke's had been awarded \$65,000 from the NSW Government's Community Building Project fund towards the cost of repairing and upgrading the driveway. This was a very welcome contribution to what has been a major cost to the parish. The work began this month and after a few weeks of upheaval, the work is now completed, but for some finishing touches.



St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect.

We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

We support the full and equal role of women in society and in the ministry of the church.

The Parish is in association with the Mosman/Neutral Bay Inter-church Council and the NSW Ecumenical Council.

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