



- > **The church office will be closed until Monday 16 Jan 2017.** If you need to speak to a member of the staff team please either ring and leave a phone message so someone can return your call, or call Rod Harding directly on the number below.
- > **Berkeley Life Centre Op Shop:** Wayne Pickford and the staff of the BLC Op Shop thank everyone for their ongoing generous support. BUT now THEY ARE FULL and ask that we do not donate any more items during January 2017 so they can reduce their stock of clothing and goods. Donations can commence again in February 2017.
- > **Summerlife Team is on site from 27 Dec 2016 to 06 Jan 2017.**
- > **Blue Haven Service:** next services will be **Thursdays, 05 & 19 Jan 2017, 2:30pm.**
- > **Kiama Show is on Fri 27 Jan to Sat 28 Jan 2017.** Connecting with our community! Each year our grounds are used for Show parking. We charge a nominal parking fee of \$5 and all monies raised go to Anglicare. If you can assist with supervising parking 8am-4pm on either day please contact Richard Maitland on 4237 7430. Let Richard know if you can assist in the kitchen with preparing Devonshire Teas and/or lunches for the Show officials.
- > **Thank You / Welcome Lunch: Sun 05 Feb 11:45am.** Patio lunch to thank Rod and Deb and to welcome Michele & Rachel as they commence their new roles.
- > **Anglican Aid "WaterWorks for a Thirsty World!": 18 Feb. Breakfast** with Henry Olonga (Zimbabwe's first black international cricketer) in the Church Point Centre. Cost \$15, so keep the date! RSVP to the Office.
- > **Church Meeting, Sun 26 February 11.45am.** This short meeting will receive audited financial reports for 2016 plus all 2016 ministry reports. (Reports in by 13 Feb please)
- > **2017 Offertory envelopes** now available. Alternatively setup an EFT to the KAC a/c
- > **Welcome to Kiama Packs:** Are you on the lookout for people moving into Kiama this summer? Let the Office know, request a pack to deliver yourself and most of all be praying that this initiative would help us to **"Go, Make, Grow Disciples of Jesus."**
- > **KAC library to be decommissioned:** Thank you to all our book donors. If you lent books to the reading library in Steve's office and would like them returned, please email the Office by 16 Jan. Leftovers will be donated after 31 Jan to make room in his office in 2017.

Our Vision:

"Dependent upon God, we seek to be inspired, equipped and enabled to walk the journey of faith in Jesus Christ, so that each of us..."



...intentionally shares Jesus' message and love reaching out to all people in our local and global communities."
Matthew 28:19-20

Welcome!

Happy New Year!

If you are visiting over January, our service times are:

- 8am** a traditional prayer book service in the white church with communion and morning tea
- 10am** an all-age family service in the Church Point Centre
- 6pm** a contemporary all-age service
- 8:30am** a warm and intimate white prayer book service at St Pauls, Minnamurra

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Parish Operating Account
 Offertory Budget for 2017 \$495,700
 Required weekly Offertory \$ 9,533
 to meet budget.

NEW BANKING DETAILS

A/C Name: Anglican Church Kiama
BSB: 032 689 A/C Number: 211284

MINISTRY TEAM

JOIN US

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9am-3pm (Thu-Fri)

Welcome to Kiama Anglican Churches!

Please pick up a *What's on at ... Kiama Anglican Churches* which lists our activities as well as other information.

Children's activity packs are available at the back of the Church Point Centre for use during the service or message. There is also a **nursery and creche** for children and their **supervising carers** with full audio facilities.

KAC website: <http://www.kiamaanglican.org.au>

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's not often we celebrate New Year's Day on a Sunday ... but this year, we start the year on the day we normally meet together as the 'family' belonging to Kiama Anglican Churches ... and we continue to meet and enjoy our friendship, fellowship and relationship (all those 'ships' – we could be on a cruise!!) into the first three weeks of 2017. And if you come once, twice or all three times between January 1 and 15, we trust you will feel welcome and part of the family each time you are here.

The new year allows us a time of reflection on the past year, and the making of plans and resolutions for the future. We speak of "new year's resolutions" as if they are life-changing watershed moments, when our resolve to do things better next time is going to make a difference to who we are, how we act, what we say and what we will achieve in the opportunities which the new year presents. Yet every year the resolutions seem to quickly fail, we fall back into the same old habits, the same ways of speaking and relating, and we find ourselves making the same mistakes again ... you'd think at some time, we would learn!

What is it that makes changing ourselves so difficult? The Bible tells us that it is a result of our rejection of God, turning our backs on him, and persistently trying to do it our way, not his. We can see from the history of humanity that it has been this way since the beginning of time ... this is not a new phenomenon, but something so consistent, so habitual and so deeply ingrained in our nature that even when we think we can see it, and we determine to change it for ourselves (for example, by making, and attempting to keep, new year's resolutions), nothing of lasting value or significance happens ... we simply stay the same.

But there is good news ... and that's what we're all about, here at Kiama Anglican Churches. While we ourselves are powerless to change, there is a power beyond ourselves upon which we can draw ... the power of the Spirit of God, who has promised to indwell us and empower us, as we place our trust and confidence in Jesus, the Son of God, who lived and died and rose again to give us hope. At KAC, we are about the task of going, making and growing disciples of this Jesus, so that as we grow in knowledge and faith in him, as we allow him to take his rightful place as Lord of our lives, and as we are more able to depend daily on his provision and grace, we can learn to live, not as we have previously, but as he calls us to live, reflecting his values and loving and serving others as he himself did.

This is our task, our resolution, our commitment to one another and to Jesus. If you are visiting during the summer, thank you for enriching us ... we hope you'll come again. And if you're staying, we invite you to travel forward with us into 2017, as we seek to align ourselves and our church with our desire to 'go, make and grow disciples of Jesus'.

Rod.

PRAYER FOCUS

World, Nation, Local Community

Thank God for making us to be in a relationship with him and for giving us the world to live in and enjoy. **Give thanks** for all the good things we enjoy in his creation—food, homes, family, friends, each other and most of all Jesus. **Thank God** for sending Jesus to reconcile the world back to himself.

Pray for the world which is broken and divided. **Pray** for places such as Syria and Northern Africa that suffer under conflict and don't have the relative peace and freedom we enjoy here in Australia. **Pray** that God would raise up world leaders who have a will for peace and skills to enact it. **Pray** that we may eagerly look forward to the day when God's kingdom will extend over all the earth and peace will reign

Thank God for the leaders of our country – Federal, State, Local, Opposition. **Pray** for a spirit of wisdom and godliness so they can run the country in a way that reflects God's truth and integrity and work towards a fair and just society.

Mission and Partners.

Thank God for work of SRE in 2016 which saw relationships built, seeds sown and connections made with KAC.

Pray for a good relationship with the new principal at **Kiama High School** starting in 2017. **Pray** for a safe, restful and reviving break for the students.

PRAYER GROUPS

Thursday 2pm

Minnamurra Prayer Group
Contact Janet King 0438 483 572

Friday 10am Ladies Prayer Group
Contact Margaret Beazley 4232 2618

Prayer Chain requests contact
Jo Bailey phone 0424 466 935, email
praying@kiamaanglican.org.au

Mission and Partners (cont.)

Pray that God would raise up more scripture teachers and helpers for 2017 in our local primary schools.

KAC Ministry

Pray for the new Sunday 4:15pm outreach ministry beginning on Feb 5. **Pray** for Chris as he leads this ministry and for the team as they prepare. **Pray** for opportunities and boldness to invite others over the summer period to come and hear more about Jesus in 2017.

Thank God for providing us with Michele Thornton (Office & Administration) and Rachel Aitken (Communications Co-ordinator) for 2017. **Pray** that God may also provide a suitable person(s) to come and partner with us in the areas of children, seniors and pastoral care.

People to Pray for...

Comfort and Healing: Dianne Allen, Gary Bennett, Fay Browne, Warren Divers, Guy Marriot, Grahame Scarratt, Des Sherlock, Aileen Thomas, Elisabeth Vickery.

Pray for those we know who are sick or suffering in body and/or mind. **Pray** for good medical treatment and wisdom from doctors and specialists. **Pray** for a strong faith and perseverance in Jesus. **Pray** for those who are caring for the sick: for strength, patience and wisdom to know what to do and say in tricky situations

Give thanks for services such as nursing homes and respite centres that care for the frail and elderly.

Pray for those in nursing homes, that they will have a sense of purpose, belonging, security and 'home'. **Pray** for patience, love and compassion for those caring for them.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Summerlife 27 Dec to 06 Jan 2017
Leaders In Training (LIT) 21-25 Jan 2017

Youth groups are on summer break until 03 Feb 2017