



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!

Steve Stanis 8am, 8:30am, 10am, 6pm
The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

Be Perfect...

Eighth Ordinary Sunday (AAPB p231)

Bible Readings:

Psalm 18:30-36	(NIV 539)
Romans 13:8-10 (8am only)	(NIV 1123)
Matthew 5:33-38	(NIV 959)

TODAY:

- > **Church Directory Update:** Please advise changes to Office this week; an addendum page will be available on 12 March.
- > **Church Meeting today 11:45am.** This short meeting will receive audited financial reports plus ministry reports for 2016.
- > **Waterworks for a Thirsty World** - celebration service today at 3pm at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. Keep thinking & praying re ways to support this Anglican Aid initiative!

COMING WEEK:

- > **New Men's Bible Study:** every Thurs at 1pm at the Church Point Centre. Contact leader - Steve Stanis.
- > **Blue Haven Service:** this Thu 2 Mar 2:30pm
- > **Illawarra Mission Connection - CMS 'Taking Steel to Wollongong'** - Thu 2 Mar 12:30pm, St Mark's West Wollongong
- > **World Day of Prayer:** Fri 3 Mar 2pm at Uniting Church

COMING MONTH(S):

- > **Care Café:** 'Back to the Future' with Graeme Begbie. Tue 7 Mar 2pm in the Church Point Centre. Sign up on the registration sheet at the back of church or at the Office.
- > **Prime Time:** Wed 8 Mar 11am in the Church Point Centre
- > **St Paul's Committee Meeting:** Thu 9 Mar 9:15am
- > **Working Bee:** Sat 11 Mar 8am-12pm
- > **Missionary Support Group:** Wed 15 Mar 2:30pm Church Point Centre
- > **Shine Women Workshop: Dealing with Difficult People** - Tue 21 Mar 7pm in the Church Point Centre
- > **Women's Breakfast:** Sat 25 Mar 8:30am Penny Whistler

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Parish Operating Account	
Offertory Budget for 2017	\$495,700
Budget for Jan 2017	\$44,100
Actual for Jan 2017	\$38,800

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 (Wed-Fri)

ACM reconvened - 11:45am today

Coming weeks

- 05 Mar - And When You Pray...
- 12 Mar - No one can Serve Two Masters
- 19 Mar - Do Not Judge...
- 26 Mar - The Narrow Gate

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



Later this year we will commence a term in Romans 1-8 and pick up the second half in chapters 9-16 next year.

This week I continued meeting with a friend from Church for regular Bible study and prayer. We met in the sunshine along the Minnamurra River so thankful for all that God has given to us - his Son Jesus, our lives, families and our Church.

We launched into Romans 9 and it really whet my appetite for the upcoming sermon series!

Romans is known as the densest theological epistle where Paul patiently lays out the key doctrines of the Christian faith to the early Church. It is the most challenging of the epistles and, at the same time, the most rewarding in the way it "transforms the renewing of your mind" (12:2).

I love the way Paul starts in Romans 9:1, "I speak the truth in Christ, I am not lying". It shows a raw honesty as with passion Paul urges the Church in Rome to take hold of the truth. Here Paul outlines what we already know but what must have been so amazing, challenging, and confronting to their ears. So much so that Paul prefaced his teaching with the phrase, "I am not lying".

What Paul is not lying about is his teaching that God's elected purpose is fulfilled, not by human right, race, or rule. God's purpose for our lives does not "depend on our desire or effort, but on God's mercy" (9:14).

My friend and I were both challenged again to question, 'who are we that God is so merciful towards us?' We are so blessed to be shown mercy beyond anything we deserve. Yet how easily human nature turns that thinking on its head, as if faith is somehow a right, or deserved because of my response. Paul teaches it is only because of God's mercy that we can respond in faith.

God raises up people of faith so that he may be glorified. God said this to Pharaoh (9:17), the most powerful man in the world at the time. Why? Paul reminds the Romans in this same verse, that it is so his name will be proclaimed in all the earth.

We are reminded today that we too are to go and proclaim God's name in all the earth. We are to "go, make and grow disciples of Jesus" (Matthew 28:19-20). God is merciful to us as he was then. His promise holds true now as it did then. God's elected purpose is to fulfil God's promise in us through Christ Jesus so that he will be glorified.

In the sermon last week in Matthew 5:17 Jesus spoke that he came to fulfil the law and the prophets. God is merciful, and Jesus is the embodiment of that mercy. God's grace toward us in Jesus is all the mercy we need to sustain us as we seek to live as disciples of Jesus.

World, Nation, Local Community

Pray regarding the ongoing unrest in Syria, that peace may be restored even when all seems lost. **Pray** for the safety of civilians, especially the vulnerable - children, the elderly and the sick. **Pray** for the nation of Zimbabwe after decades of civil unrest. **Pray** for restoration, a new leader, and for the country to know peace, unity and a future direction that gives them hope. **Pray** for the nation of Madagascar and the growing connection with our Sydney Diocese, that we can provide resources that may help the Church leaders there grow as theologically strong and faithful disciples of Jesus.

Mission and Partners

Pray for the Cox family as they seek God's guidance for the future of their mission ministry service. **Pray** for baby Abigail as she continues to face frailty, lack of weight gain, dehydration and vomiting. **Pray** that the teaching of Scripture across the schools of Kiama will bear fruit. **Pray** that we will not go to sleep in the light as future circumstances challenge scripture in our schools. **Pray** for the team preparing to visit and minister with our Mission Partner village in Karattampatty mid-2017. **Pray** that the plans to build a new Life Centre will come to fruition and for Pastor Jay recovering from tuberculosis.

Thu 2pm Minnamurra Prayer Group
Contact Janet King 0438 483 572

Fri 10am Ladies Prayer Group
Contact Margaret Beazley 4232 2618

Prayer Chain requests contact
Jo Bailey phone 0424 466 935, email
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KAC Ministry

Pray for the local Anglican Ministers as they meet to begin the groundwork of a mission across the Southern Illawarra partnering with Moore College in March 2018. **Pray** for clear direction and unity under God and that many may be touched by the life-saving word. **Pray** for the ministry to seniors in Kiama, especially at Bluehaven. **Pray** for Ian Vickery as he ministers there. **Pray** that there may be a suitable person found to fill the vacant senior's ministry role.

People to Pray for...

Comfort and Healing:

Elaine Pratt, Barbara Baird (home), Maureen Cleary, Grahame Scarratt

Laurelle Watson extends her thanks to all for prayers and kind thoughts following her recent accident and hospitalisation.

Nursing Homes/Hostels:

Lorraine Bennett, Barbara Cotterill, Glad Ingold, Nancy Kirk, Margaret Murphy, Katherine Smith, Lorna Vickers, Helena Webb, Helen Webb, Betty Young (Blue Haven), Joan Miller (St Luke's Dapto), Margaret Muhs, Nancy Waters (Mayflower), Valmai Ellerington (IRT Woonona)

Grieving families:

Gwen, Paul & Sharon and families grieving the loss of Bill Unicomb

David, Jane and the Varcoe family grieving the loss of Brian Burke

This Coming Week - 3 Mar 2017

ROCK Watermelon Explosion

Pulse Watermelon Explosion

Friday Night K - Year 12 times;

K-2 CLIKK 4:30-6pm

3-6 ROCK 4:30-6pm

7-12 PULSE 6:15-8:15pm