YASS VALLEY ANGLICAN

YASS MURRUMBATEMAN BOWNING

PARISH NEWS

Regular Service Times

St Clement's, Church St, Yass 9am every Sunday
Kids Church every Sunday during School Term

All Saints, Hercules St, Murrumbateman 1130am every Sunday

St James, Bowning Rd, Bowning 9am every 4th Sunday

Website hyperlink: yassvalleyanglicanchurch.org.au

Anglican News

There is always a wealth of information in this publication.
The link to the page: http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/

Rector's Reflections

This week I've been listening to a short podcast series called Explosive Lies. It tells the story of a British conman who claimed to have invented a device that used electromagnetic frequencies to detect the presence of explosive materials. After the 9/11 attack he found himself overwhelmed with orders from police and other security forces, particularly in developing countries that were deemed at high risk from small-scale terrorist attacks. There was just one problem – the devices didn't work. In fact, they had no chance of ever working as promised. Not only was the science that supposedly anchored the device completely fictitious, the inside of the device contained merely a cheap copy of the electronics of a novelty golf ball finder that had been sold in the USA for about $20 in the early 1990s (and which had itself been removed from sale after many customer complaints). This device was incapable of doing what it purported to do – detect explosives to save lives, and indeed the device itself was probably responsible for many deaths and injuries caused by undetected explosives.

This week we are considering the spiritual problem of the Law and its inability to fulfil its designed purpose. The Law (or Torah in Hebrew) is more than just a list of Dos and Don'ts but instead encompasses the covenant history of God with his creation and his chosen people of Israel. The Law for Israel was a story of hope, of how humanity had wandered from their original purpose of bearing God's image in the world but how God had determined through promises to the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to restore humanity. If the Israelites acknowledged that God was their king and committed themselves to lives of holiness and justice, then hope and blessing would spread to all humanity. Unfortunately, as the story of the Old Testament progresses, we see time and again the Israelites falling away from the Law, coming back to God in repentance, only to fall away again. The Law, it seemed, could not do what it had promised.

However, when Jesus comes to the children of Israel he makes an astonishing promise: "**Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.**" (Matthew 5:17) That is, Jesus came to ensure that the Law could work exactly as it had originally been promised to do – to point God's people towards his rule and to understand his purposes for lives of obedience. The Law under Moses relied on the faithful obedience of humanity, something that could never work because of the corruption of sin. However, under Christ not only is the obedience of the Law fulfilled in his perfect life, but by grace we are able to understand God's plan of redemption and how we should live for his glory. We can give thanks that the Law, once regarded as tool that was useless, now has the power under Christ to work as God has intended.

In Christ

Rev Luke Collings

Parish Ministry Calendar

Feb

9th	Church on Mondays
16th	Parish Council - Mary Curll Rm & Zoom
17th	Shrove Tuesday – 4pm Pancake Afternoon Tea @ St Clement's Hall
18th	**Ash Wednesday – 7pm Service @ St Clements**
15-22nd	YWAM Sydney Mission visit to Yass
22nd	Church @ the Hub

Mar 26 (5 Sundays)

1st	Sunday Services (Steve conducting as Luke study leave)
15th	Parish AGM – St Clements Hall (Combined
16th	Parish Council
22nd	Church @ the Hub
29th	Palm Sunday – **Combined Churches combined Service @ St Clements**

Apr 26

2nd	Maundy Thursday	Agape Meal SN Foot Washing Service LC
3rd	Good Friday	
4th	Bowning Easter Outreach	
5th	Easter Sunday (Daylight Saving ends)	

May 26

9th	Yass Women's Conference – St Clements Hub. (Convenor – Alex Bishop)

Regular Parish Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Contact	Phone/Location
Sunday	9am	Kids Church	Cath Neuhaus Jasmin Jones	0403 060 368 Mary Curll Room
Monday	10am	Bible Study	Robyn O'Keefe	0403 511 913
Tuesday	12-2pm	Craft Group	Lesley Hunt	Mary Curll Room
	7pm	Bible Study	Luke & Julia Collings	Mary Curll Room
Wednesday	7pm	Prayer Walk	Les Aldridge	St Clements Hub
Thursday	11-12pm	Neighbourhood Coffee Morning	Judy Heggart	21 Martin Cl 0417 259 982
	1-2pm	Bible Study	Judy Heggart	Mary Curll Room
	7pm	Bible Study	Steve Neuhaus	St Clements Hub
Friday	1030am	Coffee Group	Judy Heggart	Mary Curll Room
	10am fortnightly	Bible Study	Dick Peterswald	5 Cunningham Close, Murrumbateman
Friday	4-5pm	Kids Club	Luke Collings	St Clements Hall
Saturday	9-10am	Prayer Meeting	Denise Pratten	St Clements Hub

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Day	Time	Activity	Contact	Phone/Location
Every Monday	5pm-6.30pm	St Clement's Bell Ringers		St Clements Bell Tower
Every Friday	10-12am	Taichi		St Clements Hub
Every Friday	5.45pm-7pm	Pickleball		St Clements Hall
3rd & 5th Saturday	10am-4pm	Yass Quick Quilters		St Clements Hall

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH

The best way to support our ministry is to prayerfully consider an appropriate amount to give, and then give through the plate on Sundays or set up an automatic regular contribution.

Parish Bank Details

BSB: 702-389. Account: 005202546 Name - Yass Valley Anglican Church

PRAYER CORNER

If you know of anyone needing prayer or you need prayer please let the Rector Rev Luke know and whether you are happy for this to be placed in the Parish News.

Yass Prayer Walk –

Prayer walk has walked many parts of Yass, meets at Encounter Church (note - change of venue) every Wednesday at 7pm.

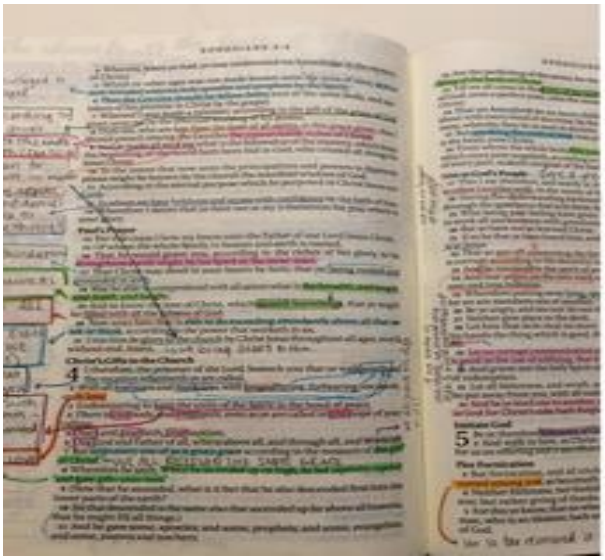
All welcome it is a wonderful time of fellowship and active prayer. If you are interested, please contact Les Aldridge on 0428263441, email on lesaldridge@iinet.net.au. **Or just turn up**.

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Now meeting at St Clements Hub – Saturdays 9-10am to pray for the Parish and any other needs identified. Please just turn up or contact Denise Pratten on 0437 734 377

In need of Prayer today –

see the Prayer Team at the front of the Church after the Service



EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAYS – 7pm
Mary Curll Room

THURSDAYS – 7pm
St Clement's Hub

Parish Council – 16FEB @ Mary Curll Room and Zoom

Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82472317001?pwd=UNTnINZNE0bqnLvTdJIgDaXp9QKmto.1

Meeting ID: 824 7231 7001
Passcode: YVAPCMeet

Did you know?

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday also known as Pancake Day or Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is the day before Ash Wednesday. The word *Shrove* is derived from *Shrive* and this refers to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent or before some hazardous venture. To be *Shrived* was particularly prevalent in the Middle Ages, in more recent times it is a day that people use for self-examination and introspection.

Pancakes were cooked, particularly as a European tradition, due to the fact that eggs, sugar and fat were forbidden during the Lenten fast, this was so that these would not go to waste. Eggs when we get to the other end with Easter Day symbolise new life.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, Lent is the period of spiritual pilgrimage prior to Easter. It is a time in which we should take time to reflect on our relationship with God. It is a time of embracing humility and penitence.

During an Ash Wednesday service, it is traditional for the imposition of ashes onto one's forehead in the sign of a cross with the statement "You are dust and to dust you shall return.". These ashes are traditionally made from burned palm branches from the previous year. The imposition of ashes acts as a sign of penance and momento mori (reminder of death).

14 FEB 11AM St Saviour's Cathedral
Inauguration of Bishop Mark as Primate of Australia.

Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Inauguration of Bishop Mark Short as Primate, and the Opening of a Season of Prayer for the Anglican Church of Australia.

The service will take place on **Saturday 14 February at 11.00am** at **St Saviour's Cathedral**, and we would be delighted if you are able to join us for this significant moment in the life of the Church. All are most welcome.

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CHURCH ON MONDAY

A service of praise and fellowship with morning tea to follow

10am – 2nd Monday of the month
St Clement's Yass
Next service – 9 February

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KIDS CLUB

FUN – FELLOWSHIP – GAMES – DRAMA – CRAFT – SNACKS!

FOR YEARS K-4
FRIDAYS 4-5PM
ST CLEMENTS CHURCH HALL
20 CHURCH STREET, YASS
TERM 1 STARTS FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

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ROMANS 2:17-29 – Righteousness and the Law

Overhearing Conversations

Review of Romans 2:17-29 – Not TO us but FOR us

To Those Who Are “Jews” (vv.17-20)

Life in the Law? (vv.21-24)

The True Circumcision (vv.25-29)

Readings (Year A)

8th February – Can we fulfil God's Law

Matt 5:13-20	Isa 58:1-12	Rom 2:17-29	Ps 112

15th February – No One Rigtheous by Law

Matt 5:21-37	Deut 10:12-22	Rom 3:1-20	Ps 119:1-8

18th February – Ash Wednesday – Reading TBC

Kids Church Roster

8/2/26	Jasmin & Jill	**15/2/26**	Alex & Jane	**22/2/26**	Julia & Cath	**1/3/26**	Cath & John

St Clement's Cleaning Roster

February	Kerry & Ray	March	Alex & Cath	April	Liz & Geoff

St Clements Roster February 2026

Date	Clergy	Communion Assistants	Bible	Prayers	Music	Sides	Morning Tea
Feb 1	LC	Josh	Margaret B Claire Foster	Ales Bishop	Kerry & Sue	Gloria and Stan	Toni and Jane
Feb 8	LC	Michael	Karen Davis Julia C	Greg	Kerry & Sue	Bede C	Bimbi and Kim
Feb 15	LC	Josh	Bede C John B	Liz Gailer	Kerry & Sue	Robbie O'K	Michael and Jasmin
Feb 22	LC	Greg	Denise Pratten Margaret B	Claire Foster	Kerry & Sue	Toni and Terry	Robbie and Sue O
March 1	SN	Cath N	Kim Turner Claire Foster	Bimbi Turner	Kerry & Sue	Gloria and Stan	Buckmasters

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https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/yass-valley-anglican-sermon-podcast

PARISH NEWS -

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