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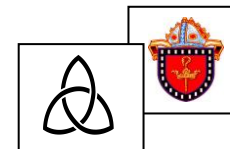
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Parish Opportunity Shop

Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans – 4365 1280
The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm
and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm

The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
The Parish of Terrigal



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

22nd September, 2013

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity.

7.30am – Sung Eucharist [BG/BG]

9.30am – Eucharist [BG/BG]

TODAY 12MD FOR 12.30PM

WE ARE HOLDING A BASKET LUNCHEON - COST \$10.00.

Menu: Homemade Sandwiches and Cakes
Sign-up sheet on the noticeboard

TONIGHT 6.00PM

PARISH FELLOWSHIP AT TERRIGAL BOWLO

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet socially:

Sign-up sheet on the noticeboard

THIS WEEK

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please note the following in your diary.

Monday to Friday – Morning Prayer at 8.00am

Monday 23rd September

10.00-10.45am - 'Whispers of Love' [AW]

Tuesday 24th September

7.00pm - Trinity Band Practice

Wednesday 25th September

From 9.30am - Maestro Possums in Multi-Purpose Room
10.00am – Eucharist at Matthew John

Thursday 26th September

10.00am - Eucharist at Maxine Louise

Friday 27th September

10.30am - Holy Eucharist - the Founders' Chapel [BG]
Readings – Haggai 1. 15b - 2.9, Ps. 43. Luke 9. 18 -22

11.30am – Bible Study in Meeting Room [BG]

The Anglican Parish of Terrigal warmly welcomes you.

We offer many opportunities for meeting together ...

to worship and pray; to study Scripture and theology; to share fellowship, caring and support; and to celebrate real relationships which are divinely life-giving.

These opportunities normally include ...

Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Sung Eucharist and 9.30am - Family Eucharist

1st Sunday of the month – Evensong at 6.00pm

3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity

Friday at 10.30am – Eucharist

First Tuesday at 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist

Second Wednesday at 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/concert

Fourth Wednesday at 10.00am - Eucharist at Matthew John

Fourth Thursday at 10.00am - Eucharist at Maxine Louise

VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Care (2nd Thursday at 10.00am); **Bible Study** (Friday at 11.30am); **Women's Fellowship** (2nd Monday at 1.00pm) and **Men's Fellowship** (3rd Thursday at 10.30am); **Gardening** (1st Saturday monthly); **Coffee and Craft** (3rd Tuesday at 1.00pm); **Children's Program** (9.30am Sunday), **Trinity Band** (rehearsal Tues. 7.00pm), **Trinity Teens** (2nd & 4th Friday 7.00-9.00pm in school terms at Holy Trinity); **'Whispers of Love'** – a meditation (Monday at 10.00am); **Messy Church** (3rd Sunday 3.30-5.30pm); **Parish Council** (2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm)

Parish contact - (02) 4365 1115 or mobile 0427 161150

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Parish Website – www.terrigalanglican.org.au

ANGLICAN WOMEN – THANK YOU BOXES

'MISSION TO SEAFARERS' - 2012-2013

A special thank you to all who supported our Mission to Seafarers with our little blue thank you boxes which has raised nearly \$650.00. If you still have a box, could you please return them as soon as possible as this **project has now closed.**

We are still knitting beanies as an ongoing project and these will be sent to the mission.

Please give your beanies to Audree Dash.

ANGLICAN WOMEN – THANK YOU BOXES –

**SEPTEMBER 2013-2014
'GUIDE DOGS, NSW-ACT'**

The new thank you boxes are cream, supporting Guide Dogs. Those of you who have heard Angela Green speak and met Hamish (her dog) will understand the importance of this project. Guide Dogs is a lot more than just dogs. There is training, counselling, walking canes, etc. providing for young children to the elderly. A small number of dogs who don't quite make the very high standard required for vision impaired, are used as companion dogs, improving the life style of all concerned.

Next Week

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
29th September, 2013 – Holy Eucharist**

7.30am [BG/BG]; 9.30am - [BG/BG]

Eucharistic Readings

**Jeremiah 32. 1 – 3a, 6 - 15. . Ps. 91. 1–6, 14–16, 1 Timothy 6. 6 – 19
Luke 16. 19 – 31**

Forward Planning

Tuesday 1st October – 2.00pm – Eucharist at Tarragal Glen-B. Flood

Saturday 5th October – Garden Working Bee – Holy Trinity

Sunday 6th October – 6.00pm – Evensong

Tuesday 8th October – 7.30pm – Parish Council

Wednesday 9th October – 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/Concert

Thursday 10th October – 10.30am – Pastoral Care Meeting

Friday 11th October – 7.00 - 9.00pm - Trinity Teens

Saturday 12th October – 9 – 12am – Working Bee at St. George's, Matcham

Monday 14th October – 1.00pm – Women's Fellowship

Tuesday 15th October – 1.00-3.00pm – Craft & Coffee

Thursday 17th October – 10.30am – Men's Fellowship Meeting

Saturday 19th October – Market Day

Sunday 20th October – 3.30-5.30pm - Messy Church

Sunday December 8th – Organ Recital at Holy Trinity

ANGLICAN PARISH OF TERRIGAL

BSB 032-545 ... Parish Westpac Account Number 16-9152

WEEKLY GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT REALLY

HELPS TO SECURE OUR VIABILITY.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah
Chapter 8. verses 18 – 9.1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

'Is the LORD not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?'

('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?')

'The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.'

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 9am -12md

St. George's at Matcham is in need of some care and attention.
It is planned to hold a working bee and your help would be appreciated.

THEATRE PARTY – MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

The next theatre party will be '**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**'.

Elsie Small will be obtaining tickets soon for
Friday evening 8th November and
Saturday Afternoon 9th November.

We will advise you when the tickets are available



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Once again The Women's Fellowship will be
baking puddings for Christmas.

This was a wonderful financial success for our Parish last year.
We will start taking orders in the next few weeks but it would be
greatly appreciated if you could assist us with the costs by
donating the following:

1kg Mixed Fruit, Dates, Crystallised Ginger, Stout,

the world in which we live, and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies." This is a day to strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The UN invites all nations and peoples to honour a cessation of hostilities during the Day to commemorate through peace education programmes and public awareness the issues related to peace, and provide opportunity for the world to pause, reflect and consider how to break the vicious cycle of violence that conflict creates, and to ensure ongoing protection of students and teachers from conflict, rebuilding of schools destroyed by war, and through ensuring girls and boys have access to a quality education that includes learning about resolving and preventing conflicts. By working together, in mutual partnership and respect, not only on one day, but as a continued part of their daily pattern of life, the world nations and peoples can learn to create a universal culture of peace.

Next Week - Social Justice Sunday - 29th September.

Coralie Taylor - Mission secretary.

`Whispers of Love'

Our Meditation group meets on Mondays at 10.00 am.

Next - "Whispers of Love" 23rd September
from 10.00 am to 10.45 am

Well Done Ellie and Thank You!

I learnt this week that Ellie Murphy is retiring from her volunteer ministry with Samaritans after fifteen years of faithful service. On behalf of our parish I wish to thank Ellie most warmly for her outstanding commitment and to acknowledge all blessings experienced through her extensive servant ministry.

(The Reverend Canon) Brian Gibbs

Psalm 79. 1 - 9

1 O God, the heathen have come into your land:
they have defiled your holy temple,
they have made Jerusalem a heap of stones.

**They have given the dead bodies of your servants
as food to the birds of the air:
and the flesh of your faithful ones
to the wild beasts of the earth.**

Their blood they have spilt like water
on every side of Jerusalem:
and there is none to bury them.

**We have become a mockery to our neighbours:
the scorn and laughing-stock of those about us.**

How long, O Lord, shall your anger be so extreme:
will your jealous fury burn like fire?

**Pour out your wrath on the nations
that do not know you:
on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**

For they have devoured Jacob:
and made his dwelling-place a desolation.

**Do not remember against us the sin of former times:
but let your compassion hasten to meet us,
for we are brought very low.**

Help us, O God our saviour,
for the honour of your name:
O deliver us and expiate our sins, for your name's sake.

***Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen***

A reading from 1 Timothy 3 verses 14 – 4. 6

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions so you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

He was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among Gentiles,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed.

Here the word of the Lord, thanks be to God

Mission Report 22nd September 2013. Mission to Seafarers - part 1

Fr. Chris Bird, Chairman of the **Mission to Seafarers** has **noted in his Report to Synod** that the Mission experienced a **271% increase in passengers over the last four years**. This only accounts only for those Seafarers who are recorded boarding the bus at the vessel (excluding those who walk / dropped off at the centre). Fr Chris states that the Port is expected to double in trade over the next seven years. This increase will require the Mission Chaplains and volunteers to meet the annual needs of 100,000 Seafarers who enter the Port of Newcastle.

The Chaplains - **Reverends Garry Dodd** and **Michael Davies** coordinate the ship visitations, and are supported by volunteers in this ministry, and also at the Mission Centre which is open from 10am to 10pm seven days a week (9,582 hours of voluntary work recorded last year) Fr Chris said '**the monetary value of these volunteers is enormous. The spiritual and emotional support is priceless...an incredible sacrifice in serving the stranger in their midst**'.

Please continue with your generous support towards the Parish contributions to the Mission to Seafarers through your donations - especially bibles, magazines, and knitted beanies. Monetary donations can also be offered. This is an important time of the year for the mission to receive the beanies, as there will be an even greater need for them, as the Seafarers head into the northern seas, and the cooler autumn and winter months. To be continued next week.

International Day of Peace for this year focuses on the Theme - "Education for Peace".

This year the United Nations will examine the role education can play in fostering global citizenship.

The **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon** quotes "**It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and**

From the Rectory Family – continued

Of course Margret and I haven't caught-up with all of the parish news yet. However we are very aware that the pastoral, spiritual and liturgical needs of parishioners have been supported by the effective stability of parish rhythms. Parish governance has been carefully maintained by our committed and able Parish Council. The wonderful state of the gardens in the church grounds is also noteworthy – an ever-present and most visible statement of our care for and commitment to parish well-being and vitality.

Much work has been done around the sheds and storage area. This space is clearly being transformed into an orderly, safe and inspiring ministry resource with bags of potential.

The Op Shop continues to prosper and remains a vital interface between our faith community and the wider community.

Further it is obvious that Messy Church, under the care of the remarkable organising team, continues to be a great blessing to all who participate and to the parish generally.

And Margaret and I, upon our return, were stunned by the way in which the grounds of the Rectory have been so lovingly transformed. The gardens have been refreshed, the shrubbery manicured, new shrubs planted, the lawns mown and edged, and the paved areas and ground under the decking cleared of weeds. Not only are we grateful for such an extensive 'spring-clean'; and thankful to all who kept an eye on the Rectory during our absence; but also affirmed and deeply moved and affirmed that parishioners would think to offer such gracious hospitality and care.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who upheld the parish and our journeying in prayer and practical ministry!

Brian and Margaret Gibbs

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 16. 1 - 13.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is

your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for

Campbell, Anne, Natalie, Jake, Kim Hinder, Catherine Tizard,
Enid, Bette Lindsay, Don Jaffray, Joel, Angela, Desley Cook,
Nellie Morrison

FURNITURE STORAGE ROOM

A mezzanine floor has been created in the room where we store our tables and chairs. This will only work if other items (e.g. donations for Market Day etc.) are stored as follow:

- A) All items are placed on the shelf
- B) the floor area is left clear for access and only the ladder/tables/chairs and fold up bed are on the floor.

The reason for the request to keep the area near the door and on the floor clear is because it is a W.H.S. requirement.

Thank you
Kyara Newport – Rector's Warden

THANK YOU

to all who helped with Market Day.
Your help is greatly appreciated

From the Rectory Family

After a wonderful holiday overseas (much of the time with our son Matthew) and then some quality time with our daughters Emma (in Brisbane) and Sarah (in Devonport, Tasmania) and their families, Margaret and I have returned to the Central Coast and to our parish family. Our time away has been most satisfying and, just so, it is good to be home amongst friends and to resume the rhythm of parish life.

It is obvious that the parish is in good heart and that some great things have been happening. Margaret and I are most grateful to all who have upheld and maintained the life and well-being of the parish and all who have cared for others in a Christ-like manner.

Mere words cannot adequately express my gratitude to The Reverends Ann, Roy and Richard for the ministries which they've offered and shared in the last few months. As Rector, I am aware of many who have valued the work of my clergy colleagues in my extended period of leave. And I especially value the loyalty and perseverance of Ann, Roy and Richard in the spirit of God's church as the harmonious mutually complementary Body of Christ.

I am also aware that many lay parish leaders have continued to serve the parish and the pastoral needs of individuals over recent months. We must never take for granted the sterling work of so many lay ministers in our parish. The vitality and viability of parish mission is, I believe, directly related to the health of shared ministry, broad-based participation and the deep commitment of all who value the life and work of our parish - with all of its strengths and areas for growth.

To all who have supported and participated in the mission and ministry of our parish over recent months, thank you for all the ways our parish has been blessed by your presence and work.

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Whispers of Love

...a reflection

God, of your goodness give me yourself,
for you are enough for me.
I can ask for nothing less
that is completely to your honour,
and if I do ask for anything less,
I shall always be in want
Only in you I have all.

Julian of Norwich

From Reverend Ann

To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ

A special thank you for the joy and privilege of sharing ministry with you as Locum while Fr Brian and Margaret shared a wonderful time with family and friends.

For your beautiful words of encouragement, generous gift and the beautiful orchid, which now graces our home. To the Friday group thank you for your morning tea, beautiful cake and kind thoughts in my card.

May the endless goodness of God continue to be with us and our parish.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Some Thoughts on the Gospel Luke, Chapter 16. 1 - 13.

Jesus said, "If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?" [Luke 16.11]

The teaching of Jesus in Luke chapter 16 deeply reflects the literary genre 'parable'. When our Lord teaches in parables he is almost inevitably inviting us to engage deeply and to work deliberately to extricate meaning. As a teaching tool, parables invite the learner to explore and struggle and to be open.

Further, Biblical parables are a fertile example of our need, as twenty first century readers, to seek for and respect the metaphors, mindset and experiences of the first audience, the peoples of Bible times. We do well as readers of the sacred text to be wary of prejudice and superficial and uninformed intuition as we seek an authoritative understanding of the Scriptures original meaning. Certainly we must also be very wary of the temptation to try to make the text suit our purpose or to try to employ it out of context.

In this context, Professor Bailey, a contemporary Middle Eastern Bible scholar, has documented some very helpful material. For example he contends that we do well to know and understand the way our ancient forebears thought and then reflected those thought patterns in literature. Specifically related to the parable in Luke 16.1-13 [the parable of the dishonest manager], Bailey argues that a quintessential and ancient rhetorical device is in view, and that is, an argument 'from the lesser to the greater'. In the case of the parable of the dishonest manager the argument would go that if the manger can produce a good outcome for the debtors for all the wrong reasons, then how much more can true motives produce wholesome outcomes for the oppressed.

The text of the parable of the dishonest manager is dense and in places difficult to translate definitively. For example, scholars question the meaning of verse eight and in particular the term 'his master', as rendered by the NRSV.

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Some Thoughts on the Gospel - Luke, Chapter 16. 1 – 13 – cont'd

The Gk words used are “*ho kyrios*” and can be translated as either “the master” meaning the master in the parable, or “the Lord” meaning Jesus. In his exegetical text on Luke, Robert Tannehill writes, ‘Since the master in the parable has already been called *kyrios*’ three times, it would be an awkward shift to mean Jesus in verse 8. Yet there is some awkwardness in any case. If *kyrios* refers to the master of the parable, we have not been told how he learned of his manager’s manoeuvre or why he reacted in this surprising way.’ However Tannehill goes on to write, ‘Fortunately, our understanding of the parable does not depend heavily on deciding who is commending the steward. It is quite important to note that the steward is being commended, for otherwise he would appear to be a negative example.’

Tannehill goes on to talk of the apparent dissonance when the manager is commended and yet described as both dishonest and yet shrewd. What is the commendation all about? What possible ‘good example is being set’? Perhaps an acceptable answers are possible as we set them in the rhetorical device mentioned previously, arguing from ‘the greater to the lesser.’

However what values are at stake here to argue about? Tannehill goes on to exegete the term dishonest wealth as appearing in Luke 16.9...” *And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.*”

In this text ‘they’ refers to the debtors as such people reflect vulnerability to injustice oppression. The term ‘dishonest wealth’ can be translated literally as “the mammon of wrongdoing” or “injustice” “Mammon” is derived from a Hebrew or Aramaic” term for wealth.

If Tannehill’s translations and logic can be sustained then it would appear that this parable is richly ethical and invokes the great Old Testament principles of *righteousness, justice* and *mercy*. The same principles are of course the very essence of the life of Jesus in healing relationships. Jesus dwells where humanity is at risk, poignantly apparent amongst the marginalised and oppressed, those who experience degradation, abuse and consequent atrophy. The Gospel of God dares to dwell in that injustice to render perfect healing and an abundance of wholesome life.

If this is a theological underpinning of the parable of the dishonest manager then the “debtors” may well be the poignant figures of abuse and oppression actually or potentially. Certainly they are extremely vulnerable if their debts are the means of abuse. Just so the wealthy in this context are in a very powerful position and wealth can be, note, *can be*, a source of abuse and oppression.

In this parable, for his own self-serving reasons which render his dishonesty’, the manager relieves some of the debt. For the debtors, probably unaware of the dishonest managers base motives’, they experience his behaviour as “good news”. Their circumstances are greatly modified and their vulnerabilities at least partially ameliorated. For all the wrong reasons the dishonest manager has rendered hope, the apparent source of wealth has not been oppressive and the lives of the debtors changes.

In the context of rhetoric which argues from “the lesser to the greater” the dishonest manager remains both dishonest and shrewd but his actions bless. If such can be the outcome for wrong motives, then how much more powerful might human behaviour be if we deeply embrace the essence of God’s Gospel, that is, righteous Jesus relationships which are just and merciful. Then, even the temptations of wealth can render hope and healing. *Brian Gibbs*

