Welcome!

COVID-SAFE ARRANGEMENTS

To help us keep Covid-safe, please maintain **physical distancing of 1.5m** and do not attend if you have any **flu-like symptoms**. To comply with NSW Health regulations, check in with the **Service NSW** app by scanning the QR-code at the door. Masks are not compulsory, however you are very welcome to continue to wear them.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

If you've come on Saturday then join us for **dinner** outside before 7pm.

SUNDAY MORNING BRUNCH

Join us for **brunch** after church on Sundays outside before 11am.

JOIN A GROWTH GROUP

To join a **growth group**, contact a staff team member or make a note on your online response slip.

DAILY MORNING PRAYERS

Join us each morning (except Sunday) at **7:30am** for 30 mins of prayer on Zoom.

LISTEN AND WATCH TALKS ONLINE

Visit watch.jamberooanglican.com to watch our services live or to watch our previous services online. **Listen to our sermons** on Apple Podcasts of Spotify by searching 'Jamberoo Anglican'.

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his month I've dusted off my tried-and-true paperback edition of Life Together' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and as I'm slowly, chewing on morsels of theological goodness,

I've been reminded again of the amazing privilege it is to gather together as Christians.

Bonhoeffer was on a collision course with the Nazis as he spoke out against their horrific actions, and it was this activism that eventually landed him in prison, where he was to experience the opposite of life together' in his cell.

That is what makes this book all the more powerful, as we hear the words of a man who knew the goodness of true community, and who lived and served at a time when this was under profound threat.

His opening chapter speaks especially of community', and the need for us to see the significance of life, this side of heaven.

He wants us to think hard about what it means to be people who are united with Christ, and who are

brought together because we're people who are redeemed by him

We are people who "belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ" (p. 10), and so our unity comes from the same one who saved us, only by grace.

We know this grace only by God's word, as people who live "wholly by the truth of God's Word in Jesus Christ..... bringing redemption, righteousness, innocence and blessedness." (p. 11)

What's more, God puts this word, "into the mouth of men in order that it may be communicated to other men", which raises the importance of gathering with other believers to speak God's Word to each other.

Our community is much more than just a wonderfully enjoyable time of sharing life.

it's actually sharing in the word of life as we teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)..... a great joy and a profound privilege.

JODIE MCNEILL

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December 2021

News

OUR SERMON

This weekend we will be looking at the book of Ephesians as **Matt Bartlett** preaches to us from God's word.

CHURCHILL CAROLS!

Join us on Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December on our church lawn for Churchill Carols. **Gates open at 5pm** for a free sausage sizzle, soft drink and icy pole. Our hour-long, all-age carols **service starts at 6:30pm**. BYO picnic rug, drinks and nibblies for an unforgettable night for our village, valley and region. All welcome!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We would love you to join us for our services over the Christmas weekend. Saturday **9am Christmas Day** & Sunday **9am Boxing Day.** There will not be a service on Christmas (Saturday) night.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Join us as we take our Sunday mornings to the next level by experiencing our new, **weekly, sit-down** Sunday brunch.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

For **December** we are reading **Life Together** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Head to the books page on our website to grab a copy at jamberooanglican.com/books

PRAY WITH PRAYERMATE

Our church is on <u>PrayerMate</u>. Subscribe for **daily prayer points on your device.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Henry, Sarah, Dash and Di

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

MONTHLY FINANCE UPDATE

Our weekly giving **budget** is \$4,200 In **November**, we averaged per week \$4,537 So, we're **ahead of budget** per week by \$337 Our finances for the year are **ahead** by \$865 Our **MTS fund** has met the budget for this year, and now will roll into the target for next year.

FINANCIALLY PARTNER WITH US

General info: jamberooanglican.com/give Account Name: Jamberoo Anglican Church BSB: 032605 Account Number: 356831 Tax Deductible MTS Youth Minister Fund: mts.com.au/give/jamberoo-anglican-church/

Prayers

GIVE THANKS FOR

God's revelation of himself to all peoples, especially through the gift of his Son and the salvation we have through him. Our families and friends.

The mission we have been called to share and the opportunities presented by the Christmas season. Those in our prayer list who have improved.

FOR OUR CHURCH

Pray for guidance and wisdom for our service and fellowship with our Lord and with one another. For wisdom for our Wardens and Parish Councillors in all discussions and decisions.

Pray for Jodie and Mandy, Graham and Lesley, Brad, Gemma and Matt, Jacob and Jemimah as they minister to our congregations.

That God's word might touch all our hearts and strengthen our commitment to him and to each other as we face the challenges of the time united with Christ; for encouragement through Growth groups and for new groups and leaders.

FOR OUR VILLAGE AND VALLEY

For opportunities to share the good news of the gospel and to relate in an effective and relevant way with our community; that many will come to our Christmas Eve Carols.

Pray for residents of Sproule Crescent, Gibson Crescent.

FOR FRIENDS IN SPECIAL NEED

For Ray, Rayne, Alex, Dorothy, Paul and Jean, Bec, Vic, Beryl, Jo, Alexandra, Grant; for others known to us who are sick, grieving the loss of loved ones or otherwise in need.

FOR WORLD MISSION

For SRE - our current mission focus - Pray that students in SRE classes will remember what they have been taught and that we will have all the teachers needed for the year ahead.

For CMS Pray for our Friend from the Middle East as she prepares to share her ministry at Summer School in January; Give thanks for all God's blessings on Adrian, Anita, Matias and Maya through the year in family, home, church and MOCLAM. For Anglicare: Pray for more safe and suitable short-term foster care placements for children so they

don't have to move around, for peace and comfort for the children who feel scared or alone as they are cared for by new adults, for children who have been separated from their parents and possibly even their siblings, that they may be reunited soon.

For Bush Church Aid: Pray for Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, giving thanks for new people at church and the recent increase in attendance at Bible study; Pray for Christmas events and for gospel opportunities; Give thanks for the end of the school year and for opportunities for kids to rest and relax.

Gafcon: Caminemos Juntos (Let's Walk Together) is an Anglican Latino network and church planting movement in South, Central, and North America, pray for their fellowship and partnership in the gospel and encouragement for their leaders in their vision. Pray for staff and students, especially those from non-Christian homes, of Christian Schools in our area: Shellharbour Anglican College, Calderwood Christian School.

Albion Park Anglican: Pray for ministry priorities in 2022; Give thanks for youth and children's ministry; Pray for developing mission to the new housing areas in the valley.

For 8 Scripture Union Missions in our area taking place between 26th December and 9th January; for leaders and helpers and that all who attend will learn who Jesus is.

FOR THE WORLD

Give thanks for the easing of Coronavirus restrictions around the world and pray that vaccine supplies will be made available where they are in short supply and for those who continue to suffer from its impact; for others suffering through bushfires, floods, natural and man-made disasters around the world, as well as aid workers seeking to help; for those who have lost loved ones, homes, livelihoods and face the daunting task of rebuilding their lives, that they might have opportunity to discover the comfort and security of a relationship with their Creator.

For wisdom for our Federal Government, Scott Morrison, Anthony Albanese, Fiona Phillips and all members

The aged and disabled, persecuted, unemployed, homeless.

Those who work in our media, to report honestly, responsibly and for the common good.