Welcome!

COVID-SAFE ARRANGEMENTS

To help us keep a Covid-safe environment, we must limit the number of attendees in our church building to 68 and we can have up to 90 in the hall watching the video on the screen (plus staff and crew). Please maintain physical distancing of 1.5m and do not attend if you have even minor, flulike symptoms. To comply with NSW Health regulations, check in with the Service NSW app by scanning the QR-code. If you are fully-vaccinated then you are permitted by NSW Health to sing whilst continuing to wear your mask.

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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t might be a bit strange to think that conflict could be good, but healthy relationships will include good conflict, whether it's two people in a marriage, a team of people, or even an entire church or larger organisation.

The reason is that conflict is simply any disagreement between two people or parties, which, when handled well, is a normal part of life together.

This is something I learnt in a book called 'Five Dysfunctions of a Team' by Patrick Lencioni, in which Fear of Conflict' is listed as a significant problem in teams that don't work well.

As Christians, we rightfully "make every effort to keep [ourselves] united in the Spirit, binding [ourselves] together with peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

And, at the same time, we know that it is right for us to "speak the truth in love, (Ephesians 4:15), knowing that truth will bring conflict amongst us.

Indeed, Jesus made it clear that his message will "set a man against his father, a daughter against her

mother," (Matthew 10:35) as the call to follow him will bring conflict amongst even the closest families.

Another form of conflict comes when we tell someone to stop sinning, as we read in this week's chapter from Matthew 18.

It's sometimes hard to pluck up the courage to lead someone to be convicted of their sins, but "wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy. (Proverbs 27:6).

For if they listen to our rebuke, then we will be serving them in love as we seek to help them see their error and to lovingly serve them as they move towards repentance and reconciliation, as needed.

This kind of conflict is often the hardest, but it is always the most important for us to pursue, out of deep love for each other and for the church of Christ.

JODIE MCNEILL

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December 2021

News

OUR SERMON

This weekend we will be looking at Matthew Chapter 18 as **Jodie McNeill** preaches to us from God's word on the topic **'Humility and Forgiveness.'**

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. Everyone welcome!

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**.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

7 Dec - Patty Scarratt

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

7 Dec - Nick & Melissa Keatley 9 Dec - Matt & Gemma Bartlett 11 Dec - Tash & Pete Tidswell

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

The fulfilment of God's promise to send his Son to live among us and our freedom to celebrate it. The wonder of the Resurrection. The sure hope of heaven, death destroyed and victory won. All God's blessings in the past, for the gospel ministry we enjoy and for the opportunities ahead. Our promise keeping God.

Those in our prayer list who have improved.

FOR OUR CHURCH

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

For our Archbishop Kanishka as he leads our diocese into the future.

Give thanks for our Growth groups and for the mutual encouragement as we share together; pray that more will join a group this year.

For our Wardens and Parish Council, for wisdom and guidance in all their discussions and decisions.

FOR OUR VILLAGE AND VALLEY

Pray for opportunities to relate in an effective and relevant way as restrictions ease.

Pray for residents of Jerrara Rd, Long Brush Road, Jamberoo Rd.

FOR FRIENDS IN SPECIAL NEED

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

FOR WORLD MISSION

SRE - our current mission focus - pray that children might know the true meaning of Christmas.
CMS: Give thanks for our Friend from the Middle East and pray for her as she continues to share with other churches over coming months; Pray for the building of a new team for future work in "Dusty City"; Pray for Adrian and Anita, giving thanks that the MOCLAM team has persevered, as have the MOCLAM students, in extremely challenging circumstances; pray for Anita's full recovery.

For Anglicare showing the love of Jesus, particularly through the Toys and Tucker appeal, to those hurting

in our community; pray for more donations to support this ministry.

For the Bible Society: Bible Society Syria works with churches to help people overcome trauma. Through a critical trauma healing programme they share God's life-giving word, offering hope and a way forward.

For Bush Church Aid: Frank and Jo Nicol serve in Karratha, WA - pray that the gospel will be proclaimed in carol services and school Christmas lessons and be well received.

For Moussa and for many students who are taking part in discussions over Zoom; give thanks for some who have come to faith and others investigating further; Pray for increased financial support for this ministry.

Shellharbour City Anglican: Pray that staff will lead well at this time and model the contentment and joy that comes from Christ even in frustrating and stressful times and that God might guide attention to those who are feeling most in need or struggling to trust God right now.

FOR THE WORLD

Pray for our world in the devastation caused in so many places by COVID 19; pray that unbelievers everywhere will come to see that those things in which they trust are useless in such a crisis and turn to the one who is truly Lord of all; Pray that God will soon bring an end to this disaster.

Pray for all who continue to suffer pain and hardship from flood, bushfire, drought and especially for those who have lost loved ones, for victims of terrorism. warfare and natural disasters around the world and for effective relief for their needs. Pray for the Primate and Bishops of the Anglican Church of Melanesia as they seek to mediate peace in the Solomon Islands. For refugees seeking to escape warfare in their homeland and for the international response to this crisis; For refugees coming to Australia; For peaceful outcomes in all areas of warfare and civil unrest; That all might have opportunity to discover the comfort and security of a relationship with their Creator. For wisdom for our Prime Minister, State Premiers and all members of Parliaments in our land as they seek to promote the welfare of all in our society.