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# South Coast Anglican Churches Milton & Ulladulla

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Thank you for joining us today and a special welcome if you are visiting

23 March 2025

"Keeping Your Eyes on Christ" Aiden Sibrava Ezekiel 36: 22 - 32 Colossians 3: 1 - 17

> Parish Councilor on duty 9am: Grant Emans 4pm: Rowena Barton

# Ezekiel 36: 22 - 32

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore say to the Israelites. 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone.<sup>23</sup> I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> "'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.<sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. <sup>28</sup> Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors: you will be my people, and I will be your God.<sup>29</sup>I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine. <sup>31</sup>Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. <sup>32</sup> I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign Lord. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, people of Israel!

### Colossians 3: 1 - 17

<sup>1</sup>"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.<sup>[b] 7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

#### Notes

Daily Bible Rea	dings	
Monday	Psalm 111:1 - 10	
Tuesday	Leviticus 19: 9 - 13	Thought for the week
Wednesday	Deut 15: 1 - 11	"Do justice, love
Thursday	Deut 24: 10 - 15	kindness"
Friday	Micah 6: 1 - 16	Micah 6: 8
Saturday	Matthew 20: 1 - 16	
Sunday	James 5: 1 - 6	

## Milton & Ulladulla Anglican Churches AGM 30<sup>th</sup> March

The 9am and 4pm Ulladulla & 11am Milton services will combine on Sunday 30th March at 9am in Ulladulla to give all church members the opportunity to attend the 2025 AGM. Following the 9am combined service and morning tea, the AGM will commence at 11am.

#### Hope for the Illawarra

#### 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 WIN Entertainment Centre

You are invited to join a region-wide mission partnership! "In the lead up to the Outreach Events, we have developed 'Sharing Hope' – a course to equip for sharing the hope in Jesus within our Australian context. On 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March many will gather to hear the uncompromising Truth of Christ as the only source of hope and path to eternal life. All who respond to the message of salvation at these events will be followed up and connected with a local church." For more information https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/

# **Bookshop Open**

We are excited that the bookshop and office are open. We are very keen to hear from anyone who is available to volunteer on the 1st &  $3^{rd}$ Monday mornings and Friday morning and afternoon between April  $11^{th}$ & May  $30^{th}$  (10am - 1pm) or (1pm - 4pm). No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help. For more details contact Wendy Kerma on 0418485154 or Peter Kerma on 0450960908

## First Aid and Defibrillator training

Please email the church office to register your interest in taking part in this training in 2025. More information, including dates will follow.

## **Next Church Roster**

Over the next 2 weeks our volunteer Office staff will be finalising **new rosters** for those who assist at our weekly services through special Ministries such as: *Welcoming, Bible Reading, Leading Prayers, Sound and Live Stream.* It would be great to **add some extra helpers** for these much-appreciated ministries. Please let the **Church Office** know by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - if you would like your name to be **added** or **deleted** from the next roster, or if there are dates in the April to July period when you know you **will not be available**. You may do this by email (preferred), note or telephone message to the **church office**. *The new Roster will be distributed on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April* 

# Special prayers this week

- \* For all those in our church family who are sick, injured, mourning a loss or recovering from treatment
- \* For all those affected by the floods in Queensland and northern NSW
- \* For our hospital chaplains, Colleen Clifford and Rod Foord that God would open doors and open hearts to the words of comfort from Scripture that they offer
- \* For people to prayerfully consider nominating for Parish Council or Wardens at our upcoming AGM
- \* For Bernie and Michelle Hughes and their family.
- \* For Milton Ulladulla Baptist Church as they continue their search for a new minister and for Steve Mann as he leads the church in the interim.
- \* For the amazing work being done each week at Burrill Pines
- \* For Miriam Bradshaw and her mission work in Spain
- \* For next weeks Hope for the Illawarra conference
- \* For financial support for the 'Safe Waters'.

#### **Our Mission prayer**

Lord, as we hear Jesus' words, cause us to be a people united in faith, and committed to serving each other. Help us especially to be devoted to the mission you have given us: proclaiming the Gospel on the South Coast. May we shine as a light for Jesus in what we say and in what we do .**Amen** 

# Assistance needed in the Office

Our office volunteers will be away from April 11<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for **volunteers** to take on several tasks during this period. Training will be provided, and we are keen for different people to take on the tasks listed below.

- \* preparing 'Proclaim' and the livestream link
- \* finalising & distributing service run sheets
- \* finalising, printing & folding bulletins
- \* checking phone messages & emails twice a week

Aiden, Steve & the wardens will be there for support If you have any questions about the tasks or would like to help, please contact the office via email or speak to Wendy or Peter Kerma

### **Major Matters from Parish Council**

Parish Council met on Monday 10th February and Monday 10th March.1. Parish Council was briefed by Ross Wade on the 30th anniversary celebrations.2. Parish Council endorsed supporting Safe Waters individually through prayer, volunteering, regular direct giving and corporately through a special one-off offertory dedicated to Safe Waters.

3. The main issues have been financial ones. The treasurer, Grant Emans, noted: § A draft budget was approved which will be presented at the AGM.

- § We have been overspending and need increased offertory giving.
- § This is a transitional time with the structural combining of the parish finances. Once completed matters will be much more straightforward.

§ We need to make decisions based on the draft financial strategy.

4. Peter Kerma, representing the bookshop committee, explained the completion of the renovations and how these had been done at almost zero cost through repurposing materials and by the generous time given by volunteers. Parish Council specially noted the contributions of Geoff Brown, Adrian Foord, Rod Foord, Paul Gurrier-Jones, Kees Hoogesteger, Laurel McDonald and Christine Richards.

5. Renovations of the creche area and planned changes to enable part of the office area to be available for Sunday School use were also noted.

6. Ongoing work on the Milton site was reported and Vivien urged us to pray for a successful outcome to an application for a government grant.

Please see the church noticeboards (Milton) or (Ulladulla) for a transcript of Parish Council minutes which has further details.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ANGLICAN PARISH

#### For all regular attenders at Milton or Ulladulla churches

The Annual General meeting of the parish will be held at the Ulladulla site on Sunday 30th March at 11:00 am after a combined service.

Information on those who have already been nominated to positions on the Parish Council is included in this bulletin and available at the back of the church. Others can still be nominated even at the meeting itself but they must have agreed to stand.

Two wardens are elected by parishioners, and one is nominated by the rector. The role of the wardens is to be legally responsible for church property and finances, payment of staff and to cause decisions regarding these matters to be implemented. They are ex officio members of parish council.

A motion to elect 6 Parish council members will be presented at the meeting. In addition, the rector can appoint two. The responsibility of parish councillors is to determine matters of policy regarding finances and property, to determine salaries and stipends within diocesan guidelines, and to confer with the minister generally in the conduct of parish work and spiritual welfare and to make recommendations to him on such matters.

People are also elected to find a new minister if a vacancy occurs and to take part in the general diocesan parliament, called the Sydney Diocesan Synod.

All who belong to this church can come and join in! That's you!

### **Parish Council Nominees Please Note**

If you are standing for an office at the Annual General Meeting, please contact Ruth Edwards <u>immediately</u> to ensure that your information is included in the handout being prepared so that parishioners can vote in an informed way. <u>redw7191@alumni.sydney.edu.au</u>; 0438 651524

## **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation of the 30th Anniversary Celebration, and all who took part in the Service and Morning Tea. This was a wonderful celebration of Praise and Thanks for how our Lord has provided and how people stepped out in faith to help build St Martin's.