

Wavelength

The deadline for copy for this newsletter is 9:00am the Wednesday before publication. Please send to the church office and copy to Ruth Edwards. Please contribute articles or ideas you have found helpful and consider sharing your personal story of God's work in your life. The more that people contribute, the more that *Wavelength* will reflect our diverse interests and insights and help us build each other up in following our Lord Jesus.

REGULAR EVENTS

Open Door (ladies social & craft group) each Tuesday 9.30 - 12.00 at Ulladulla. All are welcome.

UCEF Prayer meeting every Wednesday, 1.30 - 2.30 pm at Ulladulla in school terms.

Prayer Meeting every Thursday, 3pm at Ulladulla

Friday Life for youth: Yr 5, 6 and high school. Every Friday, 3.30 - 6pm at Ulladulla in school terms.

Life Groups, weekly at different times. See noticeboards or church leaders.

Cake Sunday last Sunday of the month 10 am Milton Anglican Church

Services at Residential Homes Every third Tuesday, 10:30 am at Sarah Claydon; every 4th Sunday at 10 am at Arcare.

Ladies Lunch, first Friday of each month, midday.

Community Breakfast: Last Friday of each month.

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Date, 19th July 2026

Preacher: Bart Vanden Hengel

The Day of the Lord: — A Day of Fire

Readings: (1) Joel 2:28 - 32 (2) Matthew 3:1 -12



***We are glad you could join our Christian community today.
A special welcome to newcomers and visitors.***

HERE FOR JESUS, HERE FOR THE COAST

SOUTH COAST ANGLICAN CHURCH



St Martin's, Ulladulla @ 9 am & 4 pm
St Peter's and St Paul's, Milton @ 11 am

The Sermon she didn't know she needed. by Rev. Jon Swales, 2025



[1] She sat at the back.
Near the radiator.
That's where she always sat.
If she came at all.

Scarf wrapped tight around her wrist.
Where last week's wounds
hadn't quite healed.

Eyes flickering.
Scanning.
Wary.

Not of the people exactly.
But of being seen.
Truly seen.

Her name was Sarah.
Forty-something.
But looked older.

Weathered by the winds of addiction.
By the slow erosion
of trust,
and touch,
and time.

Today the preacher didn't wear robes.
Just jeans.
And a jumper.

No pulpit.
Just a music stand.
And a voice—
gentle,
cracked at the edges.

He didn't read from Paul.
Didn't preach three points
with an application.

He just looked out.
Eyes soft.
And said,
"This is what love looks like."

[2] Then he spoke—
no, not spoke—
breathed.

Something that was sermon,
and poetry,
and prayer.

All at once.
"In the twilight of a fractured world,
love looks like something—
a shaft of light
plunging deep
into the caverns
of our weary souls..."

Something shifted.
Not in the room exactly.
But in her.

Her back straightened.
She forgot to hide.

When he said,
"Love whispers in forgotten corners,
shouts in lonely places,
dances in the dark,"
it felt like he was reading her diary.

Or her soul.

By the time he got to,
"Love is raw—
wild with compassion,
ripping through fences,
crossing lines drawn in fear,
healing those who thought
all was lost,"
something warm rose in her chest.

Not shame.
Not fear.

Something older.
Something deeper.

[3] She didn't know it.
But her hand had risen
to her heart.

Like her body remembered something
her mind had forgotten.

When the preacher said,
"Jesus—
Love with skin on—
calms the storm,
heals the broken,
feeds the hungry,
raises the dead,"
she closed her eyes.

She pictured her son.
Hoped he was eating today.

She thought about the storm
in her mind.
And the silence
that followed a needle.

But here.
Now.

The words wrapped around her.

Not as rules.
Not as condemnation.

But as arms.
"Love may bleed.
It may ache.
But it remains.
It never fails."

She didn't cry.
Not then.
Not in the moment.

But something thawed.

[4] And when he finished with,
"So let us love as He loved—
with every breath,
every thought,
every act,
every day.

Love wins.
Transforms.
It is dawn—
the breaking of the night,"
she whispered aloud.
Just barely.

"Amen."

It wasn't magic.
She still needed a lift
to the hostel that night.
Still had cravings.
Still wore a scarf
around her wrist.

But something had shifted.
Not just in her.
But for her.

A seed had been sown.
By a sermon she didn't expect.
In a place she didn't trust.
From a God she wasn't sure existed.

But maybe.
Just maybe.

Love was real.

And maybe.
Just maybe.

Love looked like
something.
Like someone.



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