

Are you new or visiting?

We are very glad you have joined us today. If you would like to know more about our church and its programs or you want to give feedback from your visit, please use the QR code or speak with a church leader.



REGULAR EVENTS

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

UCEF Prayer meeting every Wednesday, 1.30 – 2.30 pm at Ulladulla in school terms. Contact Helen Wilford

Prayer Meeting every Thursday, 3pm at Ulladulla. Contact Viv

Friday Life for youth: Yr 5, 6 and high school. Every Friday, 3.30 – 5:30 pm at Ulladulla in school terms. Contact Lauren Ross.

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. Contact Frank Gee to offer support.

Ladies Lunch, first Friday of each month, midday. Contact Meg Hoogesteger.

Community Breakfast: Last Friday of each month. Contact Geoff Brown or Pam Wilmington

CONTACT DETAILS

Rector: Aiden Sibrava: on leave

Locum Rector:

Trevor Edwards:

Wardens:

Rowena Barton:

Geoff Brown:

Bart Vanden Hengel:

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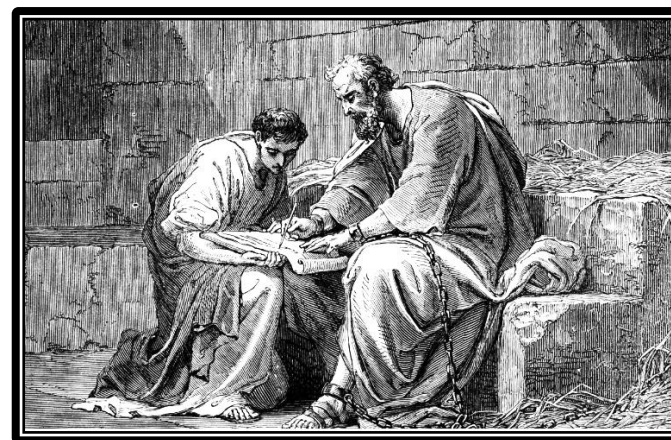


16th August 2026

Preacher: David West

Title: Gospel Service

Readings: (1) Numbers 11:24—29 (2) Philippians 2:12—30



*Thank you for joining with God's people here.
We are always glad to have visitors and inquirers.*

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

Philippians 2:12 —30

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honour people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

A Chance to Serve



Ulladulla morning tea roster provides the perfect opportunity for the non-talkative person to actively support our community. All you have to do is ask people for their orders, put out food and stack the dishwasher! Also here is a great opportunity for the men in our congregation to show that they don't just eat the food! To join the roster go into the kitchen and give those there your name and details, or email the office to express interest.

Scripture at Ulladulla High

Sarah-Jane teaches Years 7 to 9. She likes to give a gift to each of the outgoing Year 9 students and is planning to provide a teenage Christian devotional book. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of these, donate via cash in the offertory marked *Yr9 Gift*, *UCEF*, or deposit electronically in account BSB:032701 Acc/no: 122963 and mark Yr 9 gift.

Due to lack of numbers the Grandparents Conference has been cancelled.

Not home?



A new pastor was getting to know his parishioners by visiting them in their homes. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned.

Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.'

Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

From the *Wavelength* Editor

Thank you to all who have submitted information, articles and ideas. The deadline for copy is **9:00am the Wednesday** before publication. Please send material to the church office and also to Ruth Edwards.



The Census – Then and Now

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register. (Lk 2:1-3)

These words echo in our minds from countless Christmas Bible readings. But what was a Roman census? And why did Augustus order one to occur?

A Roman census occurred every 5 years. The head of each household went in person to the Field of Mars in Rome to report to the official censors the details of his household members, possessions and property. A man's wealth determined his social standing, military obligations and his political weight, so false declarations could result in penalties or loss of status. It was far more than a simple population count. By recording wealth and classifying citizens, Rome linked economic capacity directly to civic responsibility and political influence.

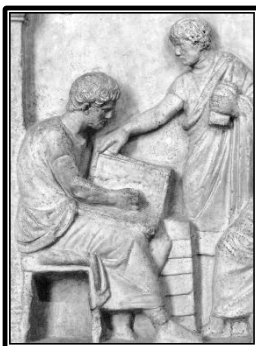
The Roman army was structured around wealth with the richest serving as cavalry, and below them the less wealthy ranked in descending infantry orders by property. The richer a person, the more they were expected to defend the state as a civic duty. Likewise the political assembly was organised according to economic classification. Overall, the census also reinforced Rome's social hierarchy and the rights and obligations of its citizens.

Moreover, the censors could literally censure people for failure to fulfil their civic and moral duties. Proper performance of the census was seen to win favour from the gods and was an affirmation of civil order and stability.

By the time of Jesus, the institution of the Roman census had been in place for about 450 years. It had evolved and changed, particularly in provinces like Judea. Increasingly the focus was on assessing for taxation, organising local obligations and managing the resources of the expanding Roman Empire. The census became a mark of the control of the Emperor.

So, when Quirinius obeyed the emperor in Rome, and all in Judea were ordered to their home towns for the census, the emperor of the universe was ensuring that ancient prophecies about the birthplace of the Messiah would be fulfilled.

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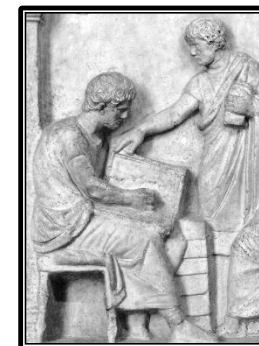
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Food for thought indeed!

Prayer Spot

Cast all your cares upon him, for He cares about you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Pray for:

- our church members to focus on trusting Jesus and serving each other with love, kindness and forgiveness.
- Aiden and Jess and Wendy Sibrava in this time of stress and uncertainty; and for truth and justice to prevail.
- the sick: several members of Gill Lea's family having surgery; Margaret Withington & Bob Larsen with chronic pain; Julie Rouvalis having surgery; Maureen Pride.
- Alan Maling's grandson, Noah, hurt badly in a bike-car accident; Sienna Stewart also injured seriously in a bike fall.
- S-J at Ulladulla High: thanks for kids' enthusiasm and a new student in Year 9; pray for kids who have left SRE due to timetable clashes.
- consolidation in friendships, unity and commitment to Jesus in those attending Friday Life.
- local hospital chaplains and those caring for the disadvantaged.
- all those who are bereaved, especially the family and friends of Sheila Gallant, Maureen Maling and Ken Ferguson.
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