

All interests matter

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 (redw7191@alumni.sydney.edu.au) 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. Contact Lorna 0401 927 131.

UCEF Prayer meeting every Wednesday, 1.30 – 2.30 pm at Ulladulla in school terms. Contact Helen Wilford 0417 699 303.

Prayer Meeting every Thursday, 3pm at Ulladulla. Contact Viv –0405 409 119.

Friday Life for youth: Yr 5, 6 and high school. Every Friday, 3.30 – 5:30 pm at Ulladulla in school terms. Contact Aiden 0437 903 986.

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 (0438 922 177) or Pam Wilmington (0414 788343)

CONTACT DETAILS

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Locum Rector: Trevor Edwards

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Bank Details:

St Martins, Ulladulla

Ss Peter & Paul, Milton

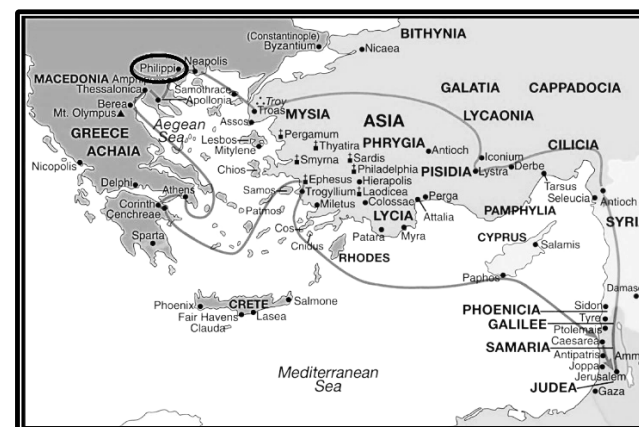


Date, 26th July 2026

Preacher: Trevor Edwards

Title: Gospel Affection

Readings: (1) Isaiah 43:4–7 (2) Philippians 1:1–11



*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 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons^[a]:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Vale Maureen Maling

Maureen Maling passed into the presence of the Lord Jesus late last Sunday night. We pray and grieve with Alan in this loss, which brings to an end 70 years of faithful, caring marriage, and we also offer sympathy to other members of her family, especially Charlotte who attends our Kids' Church.

Maureen's funeral will be at St Martin's at 11:00 am next Friday, 31st. Fiona Brown, Cheryl Rascionato & Meg Hoogesteger are organising a light lunch & finger food. To contribute, contact them or write your name on the list at the back of the church.

Coming Events

Our next **community breakfast** is on this Friday 31st July at 8.00am till 10.00am in the church soft play area. The breakfast held on 26th June 2026 had 26 in attendance, a mixture of guests, support workers and church people. The social welfare committee will conduct a full review of the breakfast initiative at our meeting in August. If you have any comments or suggestions, please talk to Geoff Brown.

The Baptist Church are holding a UCEF/SRE celebration service next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm.

Please note that ***our own regular afternoon service will still be held here as usual at 4:00 pm next Sunday.***

The **National Grandparents Conference** will be streamed at St Martin's on **Saturday 29th August from 9:00 — 4:30 pm.** To register and pay \$24 per person for lunch, contact Sharon Pratt by 15th August.



Watch out!

Through clever deception, scammers infiltrated our email data base and impersonated Aiden to create an email which looked like a genuine request for a charitable donation. They gained access to email addresses of most congregation members. **DON'T PANIC** but **DO BE CAREFUL**. The scammers may pretend to be another member of our church with an email that is almost the real one. If you have any suspicions at all delete the email. If it is someone you interact with, ring them and check. Hover your cursor over the name to find out the email address being used. If it is not the right one, press delete and report as scam. Clergy or members of this church will never ask for any donations via email and any hint of monetary transactions warns you not to proceed. We'll be re-running this information regularly because scammers will want to take us by surprise, when we think the issue is over.

Electronic Donation Point

We now have a Donation Point tap machine at the back of Ulladulla church. This is a great way for regulars or those visiting our church to donate without carrying cash. With one tap of their card the donation is made. If you would like more information talk to Geoff Brown.



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.





Hounded Rod Foord

Many years ago, I read Francis Thompson's famous poem, "The Hound of Heaven." It tells the story of a loving God who patiently pursues a sinner running from Him. I wept when I read it. I saw my own life reflected perfectly in those lines.

I was privileged to be raised in a wonderful, Christian home, surrounded by a faithful family, Christian relatives, faith-filled teachers, and even a Christian dentist and doctor. As a young boy, I was God-loving and obedient. At age ten, I got my first surfboard and instantly became a Christian surfer, singing hymns out in the waves.

But at age thirteen, my life changed forever. I fell heavily backward onto a concrete cricket pitch in the middle of the field during a soccer game and was carried off the field in absolute agony.

That fall triggered a lifetime of chronic back pain. It sparked a harrowing, decades-long battle with pain relief. Over the years, I spiraled into severe drug addiction, survived overdoses, and endured years of rehabilitation. In 1992, I developed deep PTSD after helping recover six drowned bodies at the Kiama Blowhole tragedy. I became a broken, wretched version of myself.

Yet, just like the "Hound of Heaven," God refused to give up on me. He pursued me through the darkest, ugliest seasons of my life. He stayed with me even when my lifestyle had hardened me, and I refused to acknowledge Him as my Rescuer and Friend. Mum also refused to give up on me; she kept praying for many years that I would one day yield my life again to Jesus.

Within the poem, God tells the runner that the worldly pleasures taken away from him were removed only to guide him to the right path. God did that for me. He saved me from myself. In Ezekiel 36:26, God promises: "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." Through years of addiction, my heart had become like stone. But God relentlessly chased me down to fulfill that very promise. He broke through my defences, softened my spirit, and gave me a fresh start with a new heart. The poem concludes with God issuing a beautiful invitation to the weary runner i.e., for me -- for any of us living in chaos: "Rise, clasp my hand, and come!"

I am still holding onto His hand so very tightly today! My prayer is that our Heavenly Father never stops "hounding" us if we ever lose our way.

What a gracious God we have. It is that very grace which holds our lives together. And that grace has a name: JESUS! Jesus is grace personified.

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you were completely nuts. But God allowed me to survive years of backsliding, drug addiction and taking free rides in the back of ambulances to then lead me to a remarkable transformation. I am so deeply grateful to Jesus for redeeming me, for reaching down into the darkest pit to rescue me from the chains of addiction and to silence the torment in my mind.

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A Reflection on Suffering

We tend to think of suffering as sickness, grief, insolvency, relationship tensions. But God's Word very often identifies Christian suffering with temptation. All those life crises make us vulnerable to temptation. These are some verses to ponder as individuals and as a church as we face temptation.

If you *suffer* as a Christian don't be ashamed but praise God that you bear that name.¹ Because Jesus himself *suffered* when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.²

We have one who has been tempted in every way just as we are, yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and grace to help in time *of need*.³

The devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, knowing that the same experience of *suffering* is undergone by your Christian family everywhere.⁴

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.....Do not slander one another....There is only one Lawgiver and Judge...But who are you to judge your neighbour?⁵

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God who gives to all generously and without reproach and it will be given.⁶

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against ... the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that you may be able to stand ... Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist, the breastplate of righteousness and your feet fitted with the gospel of peace. Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **And pray in the Spirit on all occasions;** always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.⁷

Jesus says, This is my command: Love one another.⁸

1. 1 Pet 4:16; 2. Hebr 2:18; 3. Hebr 4:15,16; 4. 1 Pet 5:8,9; 5. James 4:8,11,12; 6. James 1:5; 7. Eph 6:10-18; 8. John 15:16

Pray for:

- our church members to focus on trusting Jesus and serving each other with love, kindness and forgiveness.
- those grieving the gap in their lives caused by the recent deaths of Sheila Gallant and Maureen Maling.
- governments to promote the common good, not party power; for a strong and effective Christian voice in our society.
- those experiencing persecution, disasters and wars.
- those serving God in other countries & contexts: Miriam Bradshaw & the Vegas.
- local hospital chaplains and those caring for the disadvantaged in our society.



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