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MISSION STATEMENT: With the Holy Spirit working through us, to encourage our community to be part of God's family and become the body of Christ

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration of Jesus is described in the New Testament¹, recording Jesus' becoming radiant in glory upon a mountain top. In the gospel accounts Jesus and three of his disciples (Peter, James and John) go to the mountaintop to pray and Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. This is the point where human nature meets God, the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus as the connecting point, the bridge between heaven and earth.

The Old Testament figures of Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the prophets) suddenly appear and speak with Jesus concerning "his departure which he is about to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). The voice of God the Father is heard by the disciples to say: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (cf. the baptism of Jesus). Jesus' identity as the messenger and mouth-piece of God cannot be denied. These events echo the teaching of Jesus that God is not "the God of the dead, but of the living". Moses had died and Elijah had been taken up to heaven centuries before but they are now seen to be living in the presence of the Son of God, implying that the same return to life applies to all who face death and have faith.

The whole event of the Transfiguration was a revelation of the glory of Christ's coming kingdom when the cross would be replaced by the crown. Jesus was on his way to Calvary and this experience was a sign that the suffering he would endure would ultimately lead to glory.

The Transfiguration serves several profound purposes in Christian theology:

1. **Identity.** It bridges the Old Testament and the New Testament, showing that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets.
2. **Preparation for the Passion.** The event occurred shortly after Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection for the first time. It was a visual reminder to the three disciples that his impending suffering was not a defeat but a necessary step toward his ultimate glory.
3. **A glimpse of the Kingdom.** It provided these disciples and those who come after) with a preview of Christ's heavenly majesty and the future glory of his kingdom.



¹.Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36, 2 Peter 1:16-18

ANGLICAN NEWS

Our Diocesan newspaper, *Anglican News*, is a great read and keeps us in touch with what happens around our Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn. The latest edition is always available on the Diocesan website (anglicancg.org.au) or can be downloaded for you at the Parish Office if you have no access to the web.



RIVERSIDE REFLECTIONS

Greetings in Christ,

Here we are: another July edition of *The Spire*! Just like that, we have begun the second half of 2026, and are well and truly into winter. At this time of year, we can give thanks to God for the blessing of warm houses and clothing, while also being mindful of those who do not have the same comforts.

Warmth is not only vital to our bodies. On some occasions, the Bible associates spiritual health and vitality with heat or fire. At Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the earliest Christians was accompanied by what appeared to be “tongues of fire” (Acts 2). That moment ‘ignited’ the age of the church, with the Spirit empowering the believers to go out and proclaim the good news of Christ crucified and risen for our salvation. The Apostle Paul instructed his young protégé Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...” (2 Timothy 1:6). Just as fire has life in it and gives light and comfort, so Christians are spiritually alive in the Lord and bring the light and comfort of the gospel to those around us.

Yet a fire needs tending and stoking if it is to continue burning effectively. In the Old Testament, the Jewish people were instructed to keep the fire on the altar burning at all times (Leviticus 6:13). This symbolised the continual presence of God and facilitated their worship of Him through sacrifice. While Christ’s death for our sins brought that sacrificial system to its fulfilment, we are called to keep the spiritual ‘fire’ burning in our hearts. Romans 12:11 says to “never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.” The word fervour is derived from the Latin for “heat” or “to glow”. It is a reminder to continually nurture our relationship with God, remaining active in our faith and ministry in Christ’s name so that we burn warmly and brightly for Him.

If a person is a true, born-again believer in the Lord Jesus, I don’t think the spiritual fire in them ever goes out completely. We belong to Christ forever (John 10:28), and are indwelt by His Spirit (Romans 8:1-17). However, sometimes we may allow the fire to die right down to the last few embers by neglecting our spiritual lives. I admit that I have allowed this to happen at various points in my own life.

The good news is that God can always help us get the fire roaring again. We can fuel it by spending time with Him each day, reading and meditating on His Word, putting it into practice, and praying according to His will. Corporate worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship with other believers is also important for our spiritual health, whether in the form of structured services, Bible study groups or informal gatherings in homes or cafés to encourage each other in faith. While doing these things in-person is best if we can, the digital age also provides us with great online options to keep believers connected despite distance or ill-health. Every Christian is called to maintain their fervour through involvement in ministry and mission in some way, using our gifts and prayers to lovingly serve God and His people and share the message of Christ with unbelievers. Even if we have physical limitations, we can always pray for the Lord’s work (such faithful prayers are always needed, cherished and so powerful!).

So this winter as we try and stay physically warm, may we also stay ablaze for the Lord Jesus! As the daily morning prayer service puts it in *A Prayer Book for Australia*:

“As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**” ¹

Yours in Christ’s love and service,
Rev David Rajasekaram

1. A Prayer Book For Australia. Sydney, Broughton Books, 1995. p.384ff



COME WORSHIP with us!



These are our regular weekly services times

*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker*
Psalm 95:6 (NIV)

We hope you can join our common worship

FIRST SUNDAY	9.00am Holy Communion, All Saints' 11.30am St Paul's Talbingo 4.00pm The Well
REMAINING SUNDAYS	9.00am Holy Communion, All Saints' 4.00pm The Well
EVERY MONDAY	10.30am Blakeney Lodge Holy Communion/Morning Prayer
EVERY WEDNESDAY	7.30am Holy Communion, All Saints'
FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAY	2.00pm Holy Communion, All Saints'
SECOND WEDNESDAY	2.00pm Holy Communion, Murray Glen Village
SECOND and FOURTH FRIDAY	2.00pm Uniting Care Prayer and Praise/Holy Communion

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

(6 August 2026)

Collect for the day:

Eternal God, our glorious King,
whose Son Jesus Christ was transfigured
on the holy mountain,
and seen in splendour by his chosen
witnesses:
grant us, his followers, faith to perceive his
glory,
to listen to him, and to walk in his way,
that we may be changed into his likeness
from glory to glory;
for he lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

(Friday 11th - Sunday 13th September)

Almighty and everliving God,
give wisdom and understanding,
to the members of the Synod of this
Diocese.
Teach them in all things
to seek first your honour and glory.
May they perceive what is right
have courage to pursue it
and grace to accomplish it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 11 October the 9.00am service at All Saints' will include the rite of Confirmation, the post-baptismal laying on of hands signifying the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. The rite will be administered by the Bishop of the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn, the Rt Rev Mark Short during a visit to the Parish.

The sacrament of Baptism in the Anglican church serves as an "initiation" into the saved community. Confirmation is the opportunity for the initiate to take up for themselves the promises made in their baptism (often as an infant), reaffirming their vows, undertaking a rite of maturity. There is a model for this rite recounted in Acts 8:12-17 when a group of disciples who had "only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus" by Philip, were subsequently given the gift of the Spirit through the laying on of hands by representatives of the Twelve.

If you wish to discuss approaching Confirmation please contact Rev David Rajasekaram.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen
and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God
begotten not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made,
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ref. *A Prayer Book for Australia*.
Alexandria, Broughton Books,
1995. pp.37, 123



See discussion of the creeds opposite on p.5

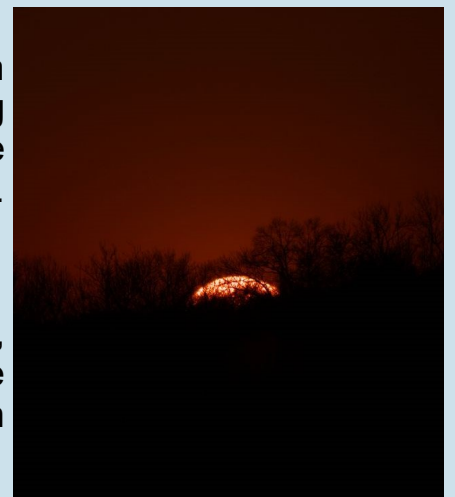
CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Everliving God,
your Spirit made us your children,
confident to call you Father.
Increase your Spirit within us
and bring us to our promised inheritance
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TAKE JOY IN SIMPLICITY

The nicest and sweetest days are not necessarily those in which anything very spectacular or wonderfully exciting happens, but those that bring simple pleasures, such as the sun sinking like a gold coin into the pocket of the night. (Psalm 96:11-12).

If you're going through an unusual amount of grief and pain, don't despair. The master potter is at work in your life. He sometimes has to break us so he can remake us. (Jeremiah 18:4)



CREEDS

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians developed short, simple summaries of their faith. These short statements became known as creeds, from the Latin word *credo*, meaning “I believe and trust”. Two creeds in particular were developed in the early centuries of the Church and have remained important to the Church, regularly used in worship today. As a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church of Australia traditionally uses these creeds - authorised statements of faith. Each of the creeds follows a three-fold structure but the Nicene Creed goes into more depth and detail than the Apostles’ Creed. (See both creeds, opposite, p.4)

The Apostles’ Creed

People who were preparing for baptism in the early centuries of the Christian Church learned a short summary of what Christians believe. One version became accepted as the Apostles’ Creed because it was thought to include the essential teachings of the 12 apostles, Jesus’ earliest followers. It was into that faith that the apostles were then, and are now, baptised. It is a summary of what the Church teaches and of what Christians together believe, rather than a detailed statement of individual and personal belief. Saying the Creed binds Christians together as a believing community, across different traditions and practices. As we say the

Creed, we join Christians past and present, from all over the world, in proclaiming our common faith. The Apostles’ Creed is used especially at services of Baptism and Confirmation.

The Nicene Creed

In an attempt to give expression to the understanding of God as Trinity, (one God in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit), this Creed was agreed originally at the First Council of Nicea in 325AD. Since then it has been modified (especially with reference to the description of the Holy Spirit). It is the most widely accepted creed in the Christian faith throughout the world and throughout history. It is a strong statement of individual personal belief.

Every time we recite the creeds it is important to remember that it is by the grace and mercy of God that we have come to faith and are able to say and explore these words. It is not through human cleverness or ingenuity but God’s revealing himself through the scriptures and through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. He makes himself known personally to each believer through the work of the Holy Spirit.



THE GREETING OF PEACE

In our liturgy the Greeting of Peace occurs following the Confession and Absolution and the recital of the Creed or other affirmation of our faith. It is only when we have experienced these other actions that we can greet each other as newly forgiven and cleansed believers. The following explanation is given in *A Prayer Book for Australia*¹ :

“The Greeting of Peace is an encounter, a reconciliation and an anticipation.

As an encounter it reminds us that we meet Christ in others and that without that encounter it is impossible to meet God. ‘Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.’ (1 John 4.20)

As a reconciliation, it dramatizes the injunction of Matthew 5.23-24: ‘So when you are offering a gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.’

As an anticipation, it dramatizes the Holy Communion as a foretaste of the banquet in the kingdom of God. The peace and unity experienced provide a glimpse of the kingdom which is yet to come.

The Greeting of Peace prepares us for the sacramental meal which follows.”

¹ A Prayer Book for Australia. Sydney, Broughton Books, 1995. p.823

THE WELL

My role as Rector gives me the great privilege of being involved in a wide variety of different church services, each with its own unique style and group of people in attendance. Our newest gathering, *The Well*, has now been running for eight months, and has become well and truly established as a weekly congregation in our Parish. It offers a relaxed and family-friendly church service with enthusiastically-led kids' songs and kids' church program, heartfelt, modern-style worship (where the occasional verse or chorus spontaneously sung without accompaniment and/or with clapping is always welcomed!), Bible teaching and thought-provoking conversations about faith as we enjoy refreshments after the service. In April, we also commenced bring-and-share dinners on the third Sunday of each month, providing the opportunity for further fellowship. These dinners are just one of the many ways in which the new, well-equipped Parish Hall kitchen is being utilised. Thank you again to George Manning for your generous donation to the Parish!



There is a warm and loving atmosphere at *The Well*, where people want to get to know each other more and grow together in Christ, and feel at home to chat about life and faith in an unhurried way. We thank God for the opportunity to begin this new ministry, and pray that it will continue to bear fruit to His glory.

Rev David Rajasekaram

AIRMAN'S MEMORIAL

This plaque commemorates Flight Sergeant Edwin Hartley Dunstone who was killed on a training exercise near Tumut during World War Two.

An extract from the *Cootamundra Herald*, 25 June 1943 reads:

“An Air Force plane from Wagga crashed in Cribb's paddock, Lacmalac, 13 miles from



Tumut, at 11 a.m. on Thursday. One of the two occupants - Sgt. Observer Edwin H. Dunstone - was killed instantly, but the Pilot, who bailed out, was uninjured. It was seen to crash, and dense black smoke rose as the wreckage ignited. The Pilot, after, instructing the Observer to leave the plane, [had] bailed out at about 800 feet. He landed safely, and made his way to Coady's, where he was able to ring the Air Force authorities. He thought that his mate was safe, but could not see him anywhere. It was not until the wreckage was examined that it was revealed that the Observer was still in the plane. The funeral of Sgt. Observer Dunstone took place on Saturday. The deceased was a native of South Australia. The cortege moved from St. John's after a service conducted by the Rev. Chaplain G. S. Vlke, of the R.A.A.F.”

The plaque in All Saints', located on the casing of the organ pipes in the north transept, was unveiled in 1998 on the 55th anniversary of the disaster.

TIMES OF FELLOWSHIP



Preparations for Palm Sunday in All Saints' - the making of palm crosses for distribution to worshippers and the placement of palm branches in the church itself.

Crosses remaining after Palm Sunday are burnt prior to Ash Wednesday next year to create the ashes for imposition during the Ash Wednesday liturgy.



MAINLY MUSIC



mainly music continues to meet on Wednesdays during school term time at 10am in the beautifully refurbished All Saints' Parish Hall. The children and their carers have a chance to participate in music, movement, story-time, sharing of personal stories and a wonderful morning tea in a warm and caring environment. Come for a taste of the fellowship with those in similar circumstances to your own - caring for young children and for yourself. The sessions are led by volunteers, sharing their talents and their care for you.



JOY

In a world focused on judgement and criticism, we have moved away from the *JOY* of life. The church is not exempt in this. We are consumed by judgement and financial restraints brought about, in part, by the tragic effects of abuse in former years, and the fear of its happening again. The *JOY* of living in the love of Jesus is sobered by the need for accreditation to undertake even the simplest of tasks - from reading in worship, to caring for the grounds, and much in between. It is a sad situation that we find ourselves in, threatening to take away the *JOY* from Christian living in the love of Jesus. But we must try to focus on the *JOY* rather than the legal requirements.

C.S. Lewis said, "*JOY* is the serious business of heaven".

Upon reading a reflection from Nick Hawkes in his daily devotional book "*Soar Above the Storm*" I found these gems of wisdom to enthuse and focus on *JOY*.

JOY is fabulous...It is deeper than happiness.

JOY is the realisation of hope.

It is delight in things that are extraordinarily right, enabling and good.

JOY is a key feature in the character of God.

JOY is one of the characteristics that develops within us as we surrender to the work of God's Spirit. (Gal. 5:22)

JOY gives us the power to look beyond our present circumstances to the future.

JOY is motivational.

Whatever your circumstances don't rob yourselves of God's *JOY*.

So let us, as a church, in an ever challenging environment, not forget to spread the *JOY* of living in the family of God, often giving a smile of encouragement, friendship and welcome, as we travel life's journey.

Rev Liz Sloane

THE OFFERTORY

The Parish Council in June 2026 received a request to consider the manner in which the monetary offerings of the people are collected in our worship services. To accommodate the general societal changes in the use of cash/efpos/direct debits to make payments it was accepted that there may be more appropriate ways to "take up the Collection" in future than is our current practice.

Many of our regular parishioners/givers have already arranged for Direct Debit payments, others use our weekly giving envelopes, some make periodic donations and yet others use the Eftpos terminal which is now operating near the Sidesmen's table at the entrance to the church. The Parish Council will continue to consider this matter and would welcome input from parishioners who have comments or preferences to be taken into account.

TUMUT COMMUNITY PANTRY REPORT

"It's like Christmas has come again" a customer commented as he wheeled his trolley full of groceries etc to the cashier and paid his \$10 contribution. Such is the joy and relief to the thirty (30) or so customers who come to our 10am-12nn Friday morning sessions at the former Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Wynyard and Simpson Streets in Tumut.

It is not only those who come to the Pantry, but their family members back home who are benefitting from this outreach. Each week well over 100 individuals of all ages are receiving this vital support which they helps them to cope with a variety of circumstances – large family, employment issues, low income, sickness, disability, accident, and cost of living generally.

The \$10 contribution from customers helps meet the costs we incur purchasing supplies, but the bulk of our expenses are met by donations from the public, local service groups such as Tumut Lions and Tumut Rotary, \$10 vouchers from Vinnies and the Neighbourhood Centre. Major support has been forthcoming over the years from the Community Services Foundation and also the Blakeney Millar Foundation to purchase fridges and freezers and shelving as well as to meet general expenses.

The Pantry is a 'no questions asked' service provided by the Christian Churches of Tumut and is run by about 20 volunteers from the churches and the general community who together undertake a variety of tasks on a roster basis. These tasks include setting up the Hall on Friday, assisting our customers each Friday, collecting donated goods weekly from Coles and Woolworths in Tumut (including fruit and vegetables, bread and assorted goods) collecting groceries and fruit and vegetables fortnightly in Wagga from FoodShare Wodonga, ordering groceries and fruit and vegetables from Foodbank and unloading the truck on arrival, packing over 30 boxes of essential groceries each week and shopping locally for specials to top up our stock of groceries and personal care items when needed.

We welcome donations of cash, food and vegetables and non-perishable items at the

Hall any time after 8.45am on Friday mornings – especially tinned soups, cup-o-soups, pasta, rice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tea bags, coffee, noodles, tinned meat (steak, tuna, salmon), long-life milk, breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, simmer sauces and sugar. Personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shavers, deodorant, sanitary items and bars of soap are also appreciated.

Donations can also be left with your local church or at Ray White or PRD Real Estate or at Tumut Public School.

Anyone is welcome to visit the Pantry on Friday, see the operation and have a chat. We would love to have a few more volunteers to add to our rosters, especially some men who could help with the pick-ups on Thursday and Friday mornings, or go to Wagga occasionally.

Enquiries:

Rev Liz Sloane 0427 633 981

Sue Fisher 0427 538 219

Winter Food

Appeal

TUMUT COMMUNITY PANTRY

is in need of **non-perishable food items** such as soup, pasta sauces, pasta, rice, cereal, biscuits, tinned fruit, tinned casseroles and meat, long life milk.

So, clear out your Pantry cupboard so we can keep on giving to those in need.



Drop off points: - Ray White Real Estate
PRD Real Estate
Local Churches
Tumut Public School

THE PANTRY IS OPEN FRIDAYS 10 - 12

Enquiries:

Judy 0477 078 282

Rod 0419 135 249

SEASON OF CREATION 2026: Living Waters

The World Council of Churches calls Christians worldwide to observe the **Season of Creation** from 1 September to 4 October 2026. This year's theme, "*Living Waters*", comes from Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 - a biblical vision of hope and ecological restoration. Creation Sunday will be observed on 6 September, beginning the season focused on prayer, action and ecological stewardship. Christians are invited to immerse themselves in God's life-giving water and actively work for environmental healing and human well-being.

Living Waters:

In the Ezekiel reading, life-giving water flows from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, calling us to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safe-guarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

The season runs through to St Francis' Day on 4 October. A note in our *Australian Lectionary 2026* reads thus:

"Prayers of thanksgiving for the whole created order and intercessions for the right use of the resources of the earth, its conservation and for the abundance of its fruits, are appropriate for the days around the commemoration of Francis of Assis (4 Oct). It is also appropriate that thanksgiving and intercession be offered at this time for all human wisdom, imagination, skill and labour."

We praise God as Creator and ponder the mystery that everything was created through Christ. This is what inspires us to care for the gift of the created world and celebrate the **Season of Creation**.



SEASON OF CREATION

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of the grounds surrounding All Saints' church and its Parish Hall and Community Hub are an ongoing challenge. There is the need to mow (when the grass is in growth mode), the need to trim the Agapanthus plants at the end of the flowering season, the need to prune, fertilise and generally cultivate the roses, to trim the camellias at the end of their flowering, keep the weeds under control, clean the concrete paths, etc - generally maintain the best presentation possible of our infrastructure. This all requires volunteer hours from members of our church community. **Can you offer to help out?** If your response is "yes" please contact a member of the Parish Council or Wendy in the Parish Office to discuss the possibilities. In the meantime, if you see something which needs to be done and you are comfortable doing it, do not hesitate to undertake the task. Your contribution will be welcomed and you will achieve a great sense of satisfaction in God's service.

BIBLE STUDIES AT ALL SAINTS'

There are three Bible Study groups ready to welcome you, not only to help you explore and deepen your understanding of our Christian faith and practice, but also to share a special time of informal social gathering and prayer together.

Monday - Growth Group at the Rectory at 4.00pm
(contact Rev David 0413 629 128)

Tuesday - at Murray Glen Village at 1.30pm
(contact Rev Liz Sloane 0427 633 981)

Thursday - KYB (Know Your Bible) afternoon study group
(contact Maureen Osborne 0409325309)



NEW2U

Partnering with **ANGLICARE**

Tumut Anglican Parish

40 Russell Street Tumut

Ph: (Bus Hrs) 0400 079 317 or 0412 676 681

Trading Hours:

Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Monday: Closed



Recycled clothing for all ages, plus bric-a-brac, shoes, handbags, jewellery, books, gifts, toys, travel luggage, manchester and more!

**ALWAYS A BARGAIN
BROWSE REGULARLY
SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY**

DONATIONS of good quality items delivered during opening hours are always appreciated

NEWS FROM NEW2U

As we brave the winter cold the shop is showcasing a great display of warm clothing, coats and shoes, alongside high-class bric-a-brac items, jewellery, books and DVDs. There is something there for everyone - at extraordinarily good prices. Indulge yourself - have a look to see if there is something special for you.

We are thankful for the opportunity that is provided through our shopfront to provide community connections - it is a good place for a chat, a quick debrief, a gathering of information. God's work amongst the clients is often very obvious to our enthusiastic volunteers. Would you like to join the team? Contact Kaye (0400 079 317) or Elizabeth (0412 676 681) or call into the shop to open a discussion about the possibilities for you.

Financially we continue to provide support to the ministry within the Parish and the community. It is very satisfying to know that our prices help the clients and their spending helps the Tumut community.

We look forward to continuing the good work.

The Management Committee

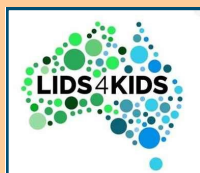
FIX THE JIGSAW

Jesus is the central piece of life's puzzle. If we fit him into place the rest of the puzzle, no matter how complex and enigmatic, will begin to make sense.



LIDS 4 KIDS

ref: www.lids4kids.org.au



Save your plastic bottle tops to create mobility aids for children, as well as other resources such as park benches, kitchen splashbacks, cubby roof tiles, etc. **Clean** lids from water bottles, soft drink bottles and milk bottles are all accepted. Please rinse the lids and remove any inserts.

Polymer types 2,4 and 5 are used (non-toxic).

Lids can be deposited at NEW2U in Russell Street

YOUR GIVING TO GOD'S WORK

If you are a pledged giver, thank you. If you wish to become a pledged giver, sets of Giving Envelopes are available from the Parish Office upon request.

If you wish to make your regular contribution to God's work through All Saints' via direct periodic payment from your account please use the following details:

Acct name: All Saints' General Account

BSB 032-766

Acct No.: 110007

Ref: [Offering] [your name]

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office (Thurs, Fri am) on 02 6947 1155



From our Registers

Funerals



Desmond Peter James West	28 Mar 2026
Daphne Ruth Clark	14 Apr 2026
John Roland Garner	24 Apr 2026
Nancy Isobel Fredericks	25 Apr 2026
Helen Hibbens	3 May 2026
Peter Cross	10 May 2026
Paul Kalinich (Pavel Kalinic)	30 May 2026
Jackeline Marie Brumby	31 May 2026
Geoffrey Francis Oddy	19 Jun 2026



Thurs 6 Aug	<i>Transfiguration</i>
Tues 29 Aug	<i>St Michael & All Angels</i> Police Remembrance Day
Sun 6 Sept	<i>Creation Sunday</i>
Fri 11-Sun 13 Sept	Diocesan Synod in Canberra
Sun 11 Oct	9.00am HC and Rite of Confirmation at All Saints' 4.00pm The well
Sun 1 Nov	<i>All Saints' Day</i> 9.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm The well
Sun 22 Nov	<i>Christ the King</i> 9.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm The well
Sun 29 Nov	<i>First Sunday Advent</i> 9.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm The well

Baptisms



Harry Walter Knox	11/07/2026
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ALL SAINTS' PARISH FACILITIES

We are blessed with a wonderful church building, beautiful grounds surrounding the church building itself, the Community Hub and our newly upgraded Parish Hall facilities and kitchen. It is encouraging to see them all being used both by members of the Parish and by others from the general community

There was recently a wedding conducted in the church for a couple from Wagga, there will be a catered meal for the *Kidney Kar Rally* participants early in August in the Hall, Kurrajong-Waratah continues to use the Community Hub, the Bridge Club and various exercise and community groups use the Hall on a regular basis, as does the Parish itself for meetings and Sunday morning tea.

If you are interested in using the facilities, or know of someone else who is, please contact Lorraine Wysman on 0427 471 722.

SUNDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Every Sunday there is a very social gathering of friends from All Saints' who meet at 12nn to share lunch and enjoy each others' company. The venue changes from week to week (check with someone at church on Sunday morning or in the Sunday *Newsletter*) but the joy is constant - come when you can and eat with and chat with friends.



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Used postage stamps, pre-stamped envelopes, envelopes with company, business and council logos. All these are collected for sale to stamp enthusiasts, raising needed funds for mission and outreach. Either leave them whole or cut across the top to include the logo and stamp (printed or otherwise). These can be left at the Parish Office or at the rear of the church. Thank you to all who save stamps regularly and pass them on to us to support the work of Missions.



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TAKE A MOMENT TO PONDER:

I wonder if there are some mountains He doesn't move in order to keep us humble?

Have you noticed that when you run out of places to turn, He's always there?

Ever notice that when we try to remake a person, we are seldom satisfied with the result?

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