



GUNNEDAH ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Mission Statement

Love God, Follow His Word, Seek the Lost,
Equip them for His Kingdom.

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WELCOME

Welcome to all who are visiting with us today!

VERSE FOR THE MONTH

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. James 4:6 – 8

What a wonderful promise this is! God promises to help those who admit they need help. And he promises that when we resist evil and turn to him, he will give us strength. Remember that God is there for you each day in this new year, whatever the year might bring!

LOOKING AHEAD IN JANUARY

DATE	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
3 January	1 John 4:7 – 21	Psalm 72	James 4:1 – 12
10 January	1 John 5:1 – 12	Psalm 29	James 4:13 – 5:6
17 January	1 John 5:13 – 21	Psalm 139	James 5:7 – 20
24 January	Jonah 1	Psalm 62	Jude 1:1 – 6
31 January	Jonah 2	Psalm 111	Jude 1:17 – 25

CHURCH ONLINE

The service is posted by Sunday evening. You can find it on the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/GunnyAnglican/videos> .

Please like the video. Note that the service will be automatically deleted after about 10 days. Over January, the sermon will only be available in print form on Wednesdays from the box outside the church.

THE LINK

The latest edition of the Link is now available. Follow the link to check it out:

<http://www.armidaleanglicandiocese.com/diocese/the-link>

SUMMERFEST

Summerfest will not be held in January 2021 due to ongoing Covid restrictions. But don't lose heart – they haven't forgotten us and are keen to be back in January 2022, God willing! We will keep you updated.

KID'S CHURCH

Kids will be in church during the holiday period, sitting with parents/guardians. There will be a kid's talk, and activity sheets available after that.

UPCOMING DATES

31 January	Year kick-off prayer meeting 11.30am and parish picnic lunch afterward (location TBA)
1 February	Growth Groups resume
3 February	Parish Council meeting
5 February	Youth Group resumes
7 February	Visit from CMS
13 February	Safe Ministry Training
20 February	Safe Ministry Training
24 February	Safe Ministry Training

COVID MATTERS

Covid changes mean the church community needs to navigate some changes. Essentially, we will keep service times as they until the end of January. This will allow us to assess the schedule and give people time to reflect and respond.

Changes:

1. Singing in all Services.

The Government recommends singing with a mask. We are suggesting that if you would like to sing you need to sing with a mask. Please provide your own. A mask is not necessary for the rest of the service.

2. Covid Seating Plan.

Numbers have been adjusted to fit in with a 2m² rule with 1.5m distance between households. This means - we now have a maximum capacity of 120 people in the church.

3. Morning tea / Supper.

We have decided to defer the decision about serving food until the end of January. We have a COVID safe plan for food distribution but felt implementing it in the January period may be problematic.

4. We can Mingle Outside

The usual social distancing rules are applicable.

5. 5:00 pm Service

We would like to know if there are people who would be committed to a 5:00 pm community. If this is the case it needs to be understood that you will commit to attend, and commit to establish it as a community / fellowship within the church family. If you are at any of the services and would like to indicate a commitment to 5pm please speak to Simon or David.

6. Cushions, Bibles, Prayer Bibles – when will they return?

These are all items that are more difficult to disinfect than the pews we sit on. "Not yet" is the answer, given the current outbreak. But you are welcome to bring your own cushions and we certainly encourage you to bring your own Bible!

OFFICE CLOSED IN JANUARY

The office will be closed until further notice. Printed copies of sermons will be available in the box outside the office.

SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING

Safe Ministry Training dates in the New Year have been set, please mark these dates in your diary now – Refresher Saturday 13 February and Wednesday 24 February; Essentials Saturday 20 February and Junior training date to be advised. Please note that if you are unable to attend these sessions, training will be required to be completed on-line before undertaking ministry within the church.

OFFERING AND BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Our church is financed by its members. To express your membership financially, you can give by the popular direct debit method from your bank into the church account or alternatively use the Offertory Box. Bank Details are: Gunnedah Anglican Church – BSB 082842, Account Number 676329471.

Parish Vision Prayer No 3

Heavenly Father,

Please be at work in our community opening many hearts to the gospel and using us to shine as a light for you, that many would be drawn to Jesus in repentance and faith, and become established among His people. Please compel us with Christ's love, strengthen us in our prayer and witness, give us courage to speak and faithfulness to persevere.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

Sickness – pray for Joan Eyeington, Brian & Lorna Thompson, Betty Brady, Bob Groth, Julie Gosper, Marj Holton, Geoff Swain, Joy Pearson, Kaye Morrison, Malcom White, Judy Baker, Barry Whillock, Monty Cleworth (Wayne & Helen Anderson's grandson) and Reena McIntosh (Phil & Tina's granddaughter)

Prayer Support available – please see Wayne Langdon, Robyn Sommerlad, Helen Anderson or Sandra Price.

For Prayer:

- For those travelling.
- For those affected by COVID
- For spiritual refreshment over January

Diocese: Pray regularly for our Diocese over this Christmas Season, particularly for our new Bishop and clergy who are moving.

SERMON NOTES