

What's on in the Parish

Weekly:

Sundays (except first Sundays)

8.00 am Communion, Swansea
10 am Communion, Gwandalan
4 pm Communion, Swansea

Tuesdays:

10-12 Friendship Group, Parish Hall

Thursdays:

10-11.30 Bible study, Parish Hall

Fridays:

9:30 Communion, Swansea

Monthly:

First Sunday:

9:30 Prayer & Praise, Swansea
10am Prayer & Praise, Gwandalan
(no 4pm service)

Second Friday:

10.15am Mothers Union (following
9.30 Communion Service)

Third Wednesday:

3:30 Ministry group
4:30 Parish Council (not in March)

Save these dates:

Sunday, 25 March: 11.30am
– **Parish AGM** following Palm
Sunday combined HC Service
with U.C. @ St Peter's, Swansea

Friday 14 September:

Parish road trip to Wollombi.

Contacts & Who's Who

The Rev'd Robyn Fry (on leave to 18/3)

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Caring for each other

If you or someone you know
is not well, in hospital, or
would like Home Communion,
contact: *Swansea* - Julie
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See Parish website for Pew Sheets,
photos, reports stpetersswansea.org.au

Readings for next week, 11/3/18,
Numbers 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3,
17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10;
John 3:14-21



Note: The Rev'd Robyn is on Leave from 19 Feb. to 18 March inclusive.

The Revd Jan Deaves will take the Communion services on Sunday
mornings; The Rev'd Janet the 4pm.

All enquiries to The Rev'd Janet, 4945 9993 or Bill Plumridge.



Welcome to the

PARISH OF SWANSEA **Anglican**
Church Newcastle

'A place to belong'

Caring for locals in Blacksmiths, Cams Wharf, Catherine Hill Bay, Caves
Beach, Chain Valley Bay, Gwandalan, Murrays Beach, Nords Wharf,
Pelican, Summerland Point & Swansea

**Our Mission: In faith and prayer, to show God's love to all
through our worship, witness and care.**

Services held at St Peter's Church, 28 Josephson Street, Swansea and
Gwandalan Community Hall, Cnr Koowong & Noamunga Crescent

11th March 2018: 4th week in Lent
(Mothering Sunday)

For so loved
GOD the world,
He GAVE H
only Son, that
begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth
in HIM should not
perish,
but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

Welcome

**A warm welcome to worship
today!**

You are invited to stay for Morning Tea
after the Service.



PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:-


THOSE IN NEED:- Rhys T, Faye, Olive, Helen, Babbette, Peg, Jeff, Nicholas, Ray, Shirley, Brian, Jackie, Helen & Vida.

GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIVELY OF: June Dickenson, Vanessa Jamroz & Valerie Stokes



MISSION: For our BCA link, The Revd Captain Ron & Christene Oldfield in Cloncurry; The ABM project in Zambia; Samaritans; Mercy Ships; The Mission to Seafarers; Swansea Women's Refuge; **ACES:** (*Assn for Christian Education for Swansea*) and the ministry of Religious Education teachers in our schools.

Our Diocese: Bishop Peter Stuart & Nicki; Adns Sonia Roulston & Charlie Murry

 **ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION** Psalm 107 recites how God has saved people from difficult situations. In the section selected for today, we are told that 'Fools were far gone in transgression: and because of their sins were afflicted'. Those fools, of course, are us, and because of God's intervention in our lives we should praise God's saving grace towards us.

- *Let us thank the Lord for his goodness: and for the wonders that he does for us; Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving: & tell what he has done with shouts of joy (cf. vv 21-22)*
- *Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.* Text: Robert McLean, Partnerships Coordinator © ABM, 2018

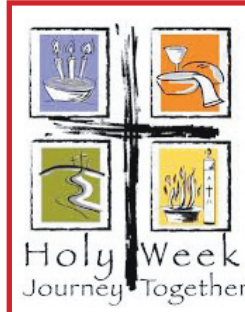
Today is Mothering Sunday.

The fourth Sunday of Lent was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church — the main church or cathedral of the area. This became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home.

Simnel cakes have become a Mothering Sunday tradition. At the end of the service, each person receives a piece of simnel cake, provided for you today by our **Mothers' Union** members. It is symbolic of the richness of God's love, and the giving of strength to continue the Lenten road of discipline.



	HOLY WEEK SERVICES:	
	25th March: PALM SUNDAY: 9am, One Combined Parish with Uniting Church U.C. at St Peter's, Swansea (+11.30 Parish AGM)	30th March, GOOD FRIDAY: Swansea: 8am Gwandalan: 10am
	29th March: Maundy Thursday - 6.00pm: Swansea	SUNDAY, 1st APRIL: EASTER DAY: Swansea - 8am Gwandalan - 10am

PNG EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL

ABM has launched an emergency appeal for the people of Papua New Guinea in response to the magnitude 7.5 earthquake which struck the Southern Highlands province on 26 February, causing landslides, destroying buildings and widespread damage. It is estimated that at least 67 people have been killed, and about 150,000 are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

Many highland villages, particularly in the area west of Mt Hagen, have been cut off by fallen power lines and blocked roads. This situation is hampering efforts to distribute emergency supplies to remote villages. There is a real concern of food shortages, as well as health and hygiene issues if aid cannot reach the victims of this disaster.

There have been reports of three strong aftershocks of more than magnitude 5, about 600kms north-west of Port Moresby, including another shallow quake early on Monday 5 March.

The PNG Government has declared a state of emergency for the affected regions of the Highlands in Hela, Southern Highlands, Western & Enga Provinces.

ABM seeks to raise \$50,000 for humanitarian aid so that vital supplies of food and water can be provided for the many people in need. We are in touch with the Anglican Church of PNG who are assessing and preparing their emergency response.

Please pray for all affected by this disaster and for those who are providing aid.

Note: Any funds raised in excess of the amount needed will be directed to ABM's Global Emergency Rapid Response Fund or ABM's Global Disaster Risk Reduction Fund.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Tuesday, 13th March, 10am: Friendship Group in Hall. All welcome!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Jesus' Final Week – Thursday, 15th March, 10 to 11.30.

Friday, 16 March: 9.30 Holy Communion, followed by M.Tea.



Saturday, 17th March: 11.30 for 12 noon - Parish Picnic at Cams Wharf (the one nearest to the boat ramp) enjoy a time of fellowship — BYO everything including chairs (there is a BBQ there). **However it will not be held if raining.**

RETIRING COLLECTION, 11 & 18th MARCH: Parishes & organisations have been invited to contribute to the substantial cost of their episcopal apparel as ordination gifts for The Ven. Sonia Roulston & The Ven. Charlie Murry, who will be consecrated as Assistant Bishops at the Cathedral on 10 May.