

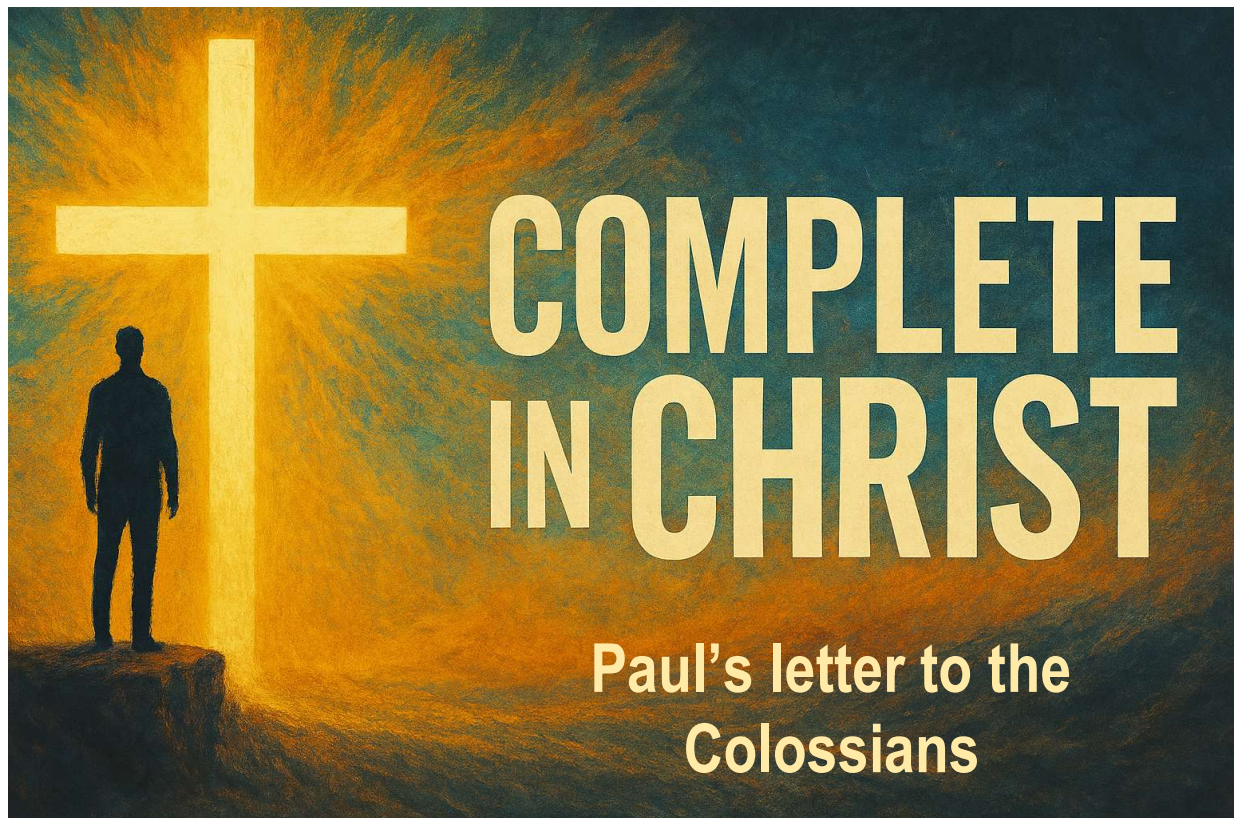


24TH AUGUST 2025  
2025 年 8 月 24 日

## Welcome to St Barnabas Church

*We're glad to have you with us as we join together in praising God, listening to his word, bringing our concerns to him in prayer, and encouraging each other in trusting and following Jesus.*

*This weekend we welcome Ben Mackay, the Senior Minister at St George's Anglican Church in Parkes. Ben was with us last night at our Winter Feast and shared a great message with us there. Today he will be preaching on our next section in Colossians, and particularly on the vital topic of being a praying church.*



BIBLE READINGS FOR TODAY  
(with page numbers in the church Bibles)

Psalm 诗篇 145:8-21 (page 508)

Colossians 歌罗西书 4:2-6 (pages 955-56)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (11th Sunday after Pentecost)

Everliving God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear the prayer we offer for all your faithful people;  
that in the ministry to which you have called them  
each one may serve you in holiness and truth;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

永生的神，  
借着他的灵整个教会都得到治理和圣化：  
聆听我们为所有忠实子民的祈祷；  
在你呼召他们所作的事工裡，  
每一位都可以本着圣洁和真理地事奉你；  
通过我们的主和救主耶稣基督。阿门。

## PRAYER NOTES FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 24 AUGUST

In your prayers this week please take time to pray for:

- ⇒ our hospitals and health systems and all who work in them, and for all those who work in emergency services and disaster recovery – for safety from infection or injury, for adequate times of rest and restoration, and for wisdom and compassion in all their dealing;
- ⇒ those who work in schools and the students they teach, especially for Orange Anglican Grammar School and Orange Christian School, that the love of Christ and the gospel of his grace will be evident in all they do;
- ⇒ High School SRE (Scripture classes) at Orange and Canobolas High Schools and at Molong Central School, and for Ian Gilbert who teaches classes at those schools; pray especially for the visit of Christian band, *Amber Lights*, to all three schools in September, that this will create opportunities for students to return to SRE classes in the following weeks;
- ⇒ our churchwardens, parish council, staff and others who hold positions of leadership at St Barney's, that they will continue to grow in godliness, fulfil their responsibilities with wisdom and grace, and always keep the gospel foremost in all they do;
- ⇒ pray especially for the parish council as they engage in renewed discussion about our future direction following the congregational forums that were completed last week;
- ⇒ the parish of Coonabarabran, currently without a pastor – that God will strengthen and encourage their leaders and all who serve in the church, that they may grow in love for Jesus and each other; that those who attend occasionally will come to know the hope that is found in Jesus; that lives will be changed and many hearts opened to hear the gospel;
- ⇒ ARDFA (Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia), Compassion Australia and IJM (International Justice Mission) – that the Lord will richly resource them through the generous giving of his people, so that they can assist the most vulnerable and disadvantaged, ministering to both body and spirit;
- ⇒ those who are ill, injured, lonely, sorrowing, recovering or in any other need, especially those known to us or for whom our prayers have been asked, including Cinda and Anni.

## COMING UP . . .

- Next Sunday (31 August) –  
9:30am Church with *kids@barneys*  
1-4pm Holiday Club team planning session (see below)
- 1030am Wednesday –Communion service (in the Rectory)
- 9:30am Thursday – Barnacles (play time for 0-5 year olds)
- Saturday 30th August – *Cursillo* 40th anniversary celebration  
(**Note:** change of venue; fliers on back table with full details)  
3:00pm – Service of Evening Prayer at St Philip's, March
- Sunday 7th September – Father's Day  
Bishop Mark Calder, *The Fatherhood of God*
- 8-10 October – Holiday Club for children in Kindy to Year 6 (9am – 12 noon each day)

### The Parents' Room Is Relocating

As our Sunday children's ministry grows we are working to find better ways to use the space available for ministry at St Barney's. The older children have been meeting at the Rectory as an interim solution, but from the beginning of September they will utilise the space just off the north side of the church, which is currently the Parents' room.

The **new** space for parents who need to settle little ones will be the small room just off the church entry foyer. We are looking to improve the sound-proofing between this room and the main meeting space. Please bear with us as we work out the best way to do this. Parents, your little ones are very welcome to be in church with us all; the parents' room is for you to use when you feel the need to do so.



## Full Team Planning Session

Sunday 31 August  
1-4pm  
in the church

Lunch provided

## Could you teach Primary School children about God?

Please read and prayerfully consider this message from Robyn Sommerlad who heads up the multi-denominational team which coordinates Primary SRE (Scripture) in Orange.

*We praise God that every SRE class in all 14 Public Schools in Orange has a teacher this year. About 1500 children are hearing of God's love for them, and the good news of Jesus, every week!*

*In 2026 we will be needing at least 5 more SRE teachers to cover all classes in our schools. Please consider becoming an SRE teacher, or consider how you can encourage or enable others to become SRE teachers. We also ask for prayer that our need will be met.*

*Amongst our present SRE teachers some work and teach SRE in their lunch hour; some teach SRE on their day or afternoon off; some have family babysit children so that they can teach; many others are retirees. Perhaps one of these options would work for you or someone you know.*

*Training is required to become a teacher and Term 3 or 4 is a good time to commence this training. It also gives you time to visit an SRE class. When rostering teachers we try to accommodate the preferences of teachers regarding the day, school and preferred age of students. All teaching materials are provided.*

For more information, please speak to Bob Cameron or email [robysommerlad@hotmail.com](mailto:robysommerlad@hotmail.com).

### Electronic Giving

**Thank you** to everyone who gives regularly via the electronic banking system. This is the way most of our offertories and donations are received. Parish Council encourages all of us to consider this means for regular giving if we are not already making use of it.

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