Anglican Parish of Bega
All Saints Day
01/11/2026

St John's Church St Bega, 10.00 am Sunday
Wambiri Anglican Centre Esther St, Tathra Meeting: 08.00 am, Sunday
Bemboka Sport and Recreation Club, Colombo Park, Snowy Mountains H'way, Bemboka
Service: 2pm, 3rd Sunday of each month.

If worshipping with us as a visitor or for the first time, welcome, and please join us for refreshments after the service



Facilitated Parish Meeting

On Sunday 25th October 28 members of the Parish worshipped together at St John's Church with a homily given by Mr Mark Maskell,

This was followed by a quick morning tea, prior to all in attendance gathering in a circle, for Mark Maskell to introduce himself and his role and the opportunity for the parishioners to discuss where the church family has been, is now at and hopes to go.

Mark Maskell has forwarded a draft report to Parish Council. He is keen to meet with Parish Council soon but needs to have a meeting with Bishop Mark and Vanessa first, and the earliest he can see them, due to their travel commitments is 16th of November. Below is cut and pasted from the Report sent to Parish Council '

*"**Purpose***

Mark Maskell was engaged by Bishop Mark Short and by the Parish Council of St John's Anglican Church Bega to facilitate a forum with parishioners to explore the history and priorities of the parish to assist in exploring future minister opportunities.
The forum was conducted on 25 October 2026 at St John's Church in Bega. This report is a summary of the activities and outcomes and recommendations for next steps.
The forum was open to all from the Parish to attend, about 27 attended the day.

- ***Summary of Activities and recommendations***
  I want to thank the church family for their welcome and willingness to participate and share in the activities. This report is based on those activities on the day.
  I note that there was no-one attending from Bemboka congregation but understand they were invited.
  The activities made no distinction between congregations. All individuals were invited to participate and share with no-one forced too.
  The key observations from the activities are as follows:

- *A strong history of individual connection to the parish mainly driven through location, family and common worship/beliefs. This is what most individuals value the most and keeps them attending*
- *Major issues around leadership, which have impacted the church since the passing of Rev Chris Short. These have included:*
- *o Lack of continuity in a Minister with high turnover in Rectors and locums*
- *o Significant issues and hurt around Parish Council, with conflict between individuals and conduct*
- *o Disappointment/frustration with Diocese over lack of direction and support for the above issues*
- *· A significant number of individuals are currently impacted. With a number of unresolved conflicts between individuals and groups. Mostly revolving around leadership*
  For the Parish to be ready for a new Rector the above issues around hurt and conflict should be resolved. In particular, further work is needed with the church family to help it better understand and work through the issues of previous turnover. It may be helpful to assist the parish to work through what it values and its future vision.
  The Parish needs continuity in ministry. An intentional interim minister should be considered who can work with the parish for 1-2 years to prepare it for a permanent Rector."

The day was completed with a very tasty lunch, catered for by a member of Ricky's Place and a unified clean up and furniture returned to original settings.

Diary dates-

17/11/26	5.00pm	Parish Council	St John's Office
29/11/26	10.00am	Combined Service (Rev Joy Harris' last service)	St John's
07/12/26	9.00 am	Montessori school visit	St John's Church
07/12/26	6.00pm	SCAC Christmas Carols	St John's Church Followed by BBQ
22/12/26	5.30pm	Community Carols	Wambiri

Further information will be given as each event approaches.

Readings for November

01/11/26: Revelation 7.9-17; Ps 34.1-10,22; 1John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12
05/11/26: Philippians 3.3-8a; Ps105.1-7; Luke 15.1-10
08/11/26: Joshua 24.1-3a,14-25; Ps 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13
15/11/26: Judges: 4.1-10; Ps 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30
22/11/26: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ps 100 or 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

November Services All are subject to Change

01/11/26	Tathra Bega	08.00 10.00	Rev Joy Rev Joy
05/11/26	Hillgrove House	2.00pm	Carol Newton

08/11/26	Tathra Bega	8.00 10.00	Lay Led
15/11/26	Tathra Bega Bemboka	8.00 10.00 10.00	TBA Rev Joy Rev Joy
22/11/26	Tathra Bega	08.00 10.00	TBA TBA
29/11/26	Tathra Bega	08.00 10.00	No Service Combined Parish service Rev Joy



Best wishes to those who celebrate a birthday in November

Shirley Griffin, Jill Short, Daphne Sweeney, Sherryn Burhop, Troy Burhop, Jennifer Elliot, Judy Carpenter

Offerings **Direct Debit Information**

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