

**Anglican Parish of Avon.  
1st Sunday After Christmas 27 Dec  
Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman  
Welcome to Services of Holy Communion  
8.30am St Mary's Munro  
10am Holy Trinity Church Stratford**

***We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.***

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

### **Opening Hymn: 'Angels from the realms' – MP 35**

1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight through all the earth;  
heralds of creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth!  
*Come and worship*  
*Christ, the new-born King;*  
*come and worship,*  
*worship Christ the new-born King.*

2 Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching by your flocks at night,  
God with man is now residing:  
see, there shines the infant light!  
*Come and worship*  
*Christ, the new-born King;*  
*come and worship,*  
*worship Christ the new-born King.*

3 Though an infant now we view Him,  
He will share His Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to Him;  
every knee shall then bow down:  
*Come and worship*  
*Christ, the new-born King;*  
*come and worship,*  
*worship Christ the new-born King.*

## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country**

### **Call to Worship**

Light of the world, shine in our lives this day.

**As we gather to worship you this day,  
give us the eyes of Simeon and the faith of Anna,  
that we may see the promise of our salvation.**

As we come before you with hope and expectation, give us the spirit of your Son,

**that we too may grow in strength and increase in wisdom.**

### **The Sentence**

“My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

*(Luke 2. 30–32)*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

## *Silence for self-reflection*

Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Holy God,  
we have disobeyed your commandments,  
we have resisted your call,  
we have failed to live by your generous love.  
We are sorry for all our sins,  
and ask you to forgive us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

God who has called us is faithful,  
and will not remember our sins.  
Our sins are forgiven,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Live by the Spirit's transforming power,  
and forgive as you have been forgiven. **Amen.**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

Saving God,  
whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple  
and was acclaimed the glory of Israel  
and the light of the nations:  
grant that in him we may be presented to you  
and in the world may reflect his glory;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

## **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. *Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 148** – *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
O praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all his angels:  
O praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.

**4 Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

**6 He established them for ever and ever:  
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

7 O praise the Lord from the earth:  
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

9 Mountains and all hills:  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
princes, and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens:  
old folk and children together.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is exalted.

**14 His glory is above earth and heaven:  
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:  
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.  
Praise the Lord.

## **The Second Reading**

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,

‘Abba! Father!’ <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Galatians 4. 4-7

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Early Talk**

### **Gospel Reading**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

#### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At

that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Luke 2. 22-40*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

**This is our faith, the faith of the Church:**

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.*

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayers.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks  
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
he took our nature upon him  
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,  
that being himself without sin,  
he might make us clean from all sin.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

**Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,**

**and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.**

**As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.**

**Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread and Communion**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

*For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

# The Sending Out of God's People

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father,  
**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## Announcements

### Final Hymn: 'Shout to the Lord' – MP 1003

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship You.

#### *Refrain:*

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing,  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
for ever I'll love You, for ever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

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# The Blessing

Go in peace, for we have seen the salvation of our God.

Go with joy, for Christ has clothed us with love.

Go in hope, for the Spirit shows us our glorious inheritance in the Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## **BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS**

Oh God, we thank You for the time that you have allowed us to spend with our loved ones over Christmas. During this first Sunday after Christmas, God we remember those who have not enjoyed the Christmas period for a variety of reasons and we ask that You comfort each individual in the Name of Jesus. We pray that You will continue to remind them of your unconditional love and that You will never leave or forsake them, Amen.

### **We pray:-**

\*For safety and protection of our beautiful world. Effective and safe management of climate change.

\*For peace in places of conflict and violence. Provision of safe-haven and new beginnings for refugees.

\*For an end to the racial, social and domestic violence and social injustices around the world and particularly in our own country

\*For those living with ill health, grief, social unrest and economic hardship especially in the wake of the world-wide pandemic, particularly those nations where Covid-19 is raging, the USA and England.

\*We give thanks for your miracle work through our world scientists who have developed vaccines against Covid-19. May they be safe and save 13

millions of lives.

For all our defence personnel who dedicate their lives to protecting us and others from aggression, may they receive the respect and appreciation due to them and not be tarnished by the actions of very few.

For a time of refreshment and safety for school teachers, students, our mainly music families and op shop volunteers and all who are travelling and on vacation this the holiday season.

\*For the worldwide church, our Diocese, and the churches in our local community.

\*For Bishop Richard and his family as he leads the faith life of the Diocese.

May the New Year 2021 be a time of healing and peace in our Diocese.

\*For Dave as he supports Bishop Richard from his role as Chaplain.

\*For guidance, inspiration, and energy for Dave as he leads the ministry, discipleship and pastoral caring in our parish and community.

\*For Emma and their 4 children.

\*For all who support the op shop. Coordinator Bev, volunteers, and all who donate to our ministry and mission.

\*For a fruitful resumption of mainly music in February.

\*For our Retiring Offertory – Act for Peace, Christmas Bowl.

\*Healing God, we lift to you those who are suffering in our parish. Those with physical, mental, or emotional illness, all carers and for those who are mourning.

*We pray especially for Marion, Cliff, Paul, Aubrey, Bev, Julie, Brenda, Liliias, Marj, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.*

*For all who are sad and grieving in this Christmas Season.*

*For Jill, her family and friends following the death of Robert.*

*For Sandra, Keith and families following the death of a loving and beloved Father.*

*May you enfold them all in your comfort and peace Lord, Amen.*

Emmanuel, God with us, you understood what it is to be human. Hear our prayers and use them, and us, to bring peace, joy, love and hope into the lives of those for whom we have prayed.

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

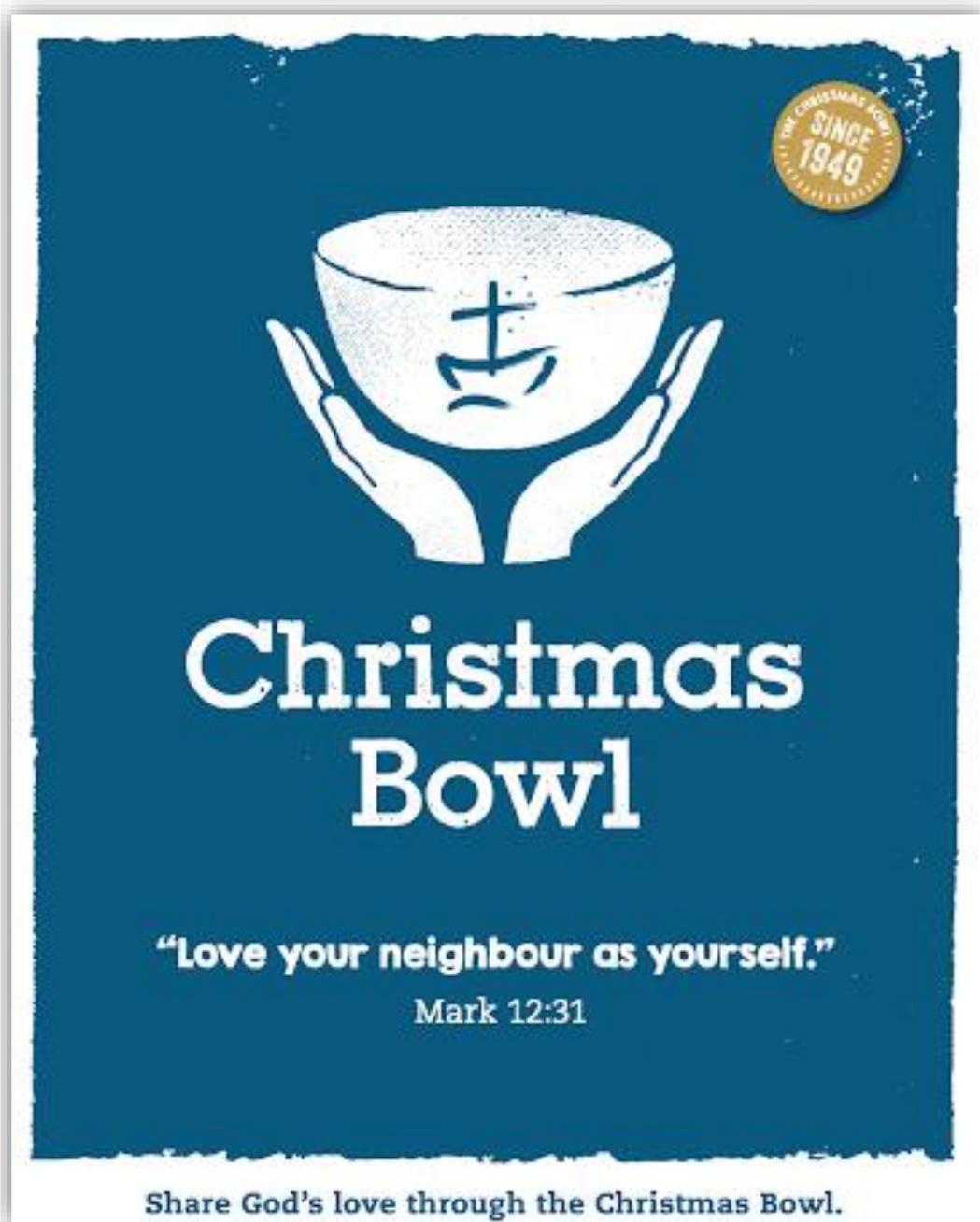
**Greetings friends,**

**Next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, will be an All-Age Family Worship occasion at Holy Trinity.**

We encourage families to come along and join in the music and fun.

**Dave will be on leave after Sunday 10 January for approximately 2½ weeks.**

**Please give generously to the Christmas Bowl via the envelopes or retiring offertory.**



## **WHATS ON IN THE PARISH**

### **JANUARY 2021**

*Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity*

*School resumes Thursday 28 January 2021*

**\*\*Dave & family will be on Annual Leave after Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> for approximately 2 ½ weeks.**

### **Retiring Offertory: CBM plus completion of Act for Peace Christmas Bowl**

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Fri 1</b>    | <b>New Year's Day. New Offertory Envelopes</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>Sun 3</b>    | <b>Second Sunday of Christmas.<br/>All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity</b>                                                             |
| <b>Wed 6</b>    | <b>The Epiphany of Our Lord.</b>                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sun 10</b>   | <b>1st Sunday after Epiphany. The Baptism of Jesus<br/>Healing Service</b>                                                                |
| <b>Sat 16</b>   | <b>8.30am Men's Breakfast</b>                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sun 17</b>   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>Tues 19</b>  | <b>Parish Council Report due</b>                                                                                                          |
| <b>Fri 22</b>   | <b>Family Movie Night</b>                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sun 24</b>   | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>Tues 26</b>  | <b>Australia Day.</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Thurs 28</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting <b>School resumes</b></b>                                                                                       |
| <b>Fri 29</b>   | <b>Summer Parish Dinner at Briagolong (1)</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>Sat 30</b>   | <b>10am to 3.30pm. Women's Craft in the Parish Hall.</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>Sun 31</b>   | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany<br/>Combined Avon Parish Churches Service at All Saints<br/>??Ecumenical Service ?St Patricks</b> |

### **Sunday 3 January, Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Jeremiah 31.7-14. Ps 147.12-20. Ephesians 1.3-14.**

**John1.(1-9) 10-18.**

**Priest: Dave. Lit Assist: Gail. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Wendy.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading TBA**

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