

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 19 January, 2nd After Epiphany

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.

A Very Warm Welcome to The Reverend Heather Toms, Presiding & Preaching in the Parish Today.



Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -

***A Service of Holy Communion - 8.30am at All Saints,
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.***

All are welcome

You are invited to light a 'Prayer Candle' and enjoy morning tea after the Services. Toilets are located at the rear of the Hall. Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop. Please note that the Holy Trinity Chancel floor slopes up from the front pews to the Lectern; please use the handrail as needed and take care, thank you.

We acknowledge the Gunai Kumai 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: 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus . . .'

Welcome and Introduction.

Greeting and Sentence

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Corinthians 1.9*

Prayer of Preparation. Gloria

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, ‘You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’

⁴ But I said, ‘I have laboured in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the Lord ,
 and my reward with my God.’

⁵ And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord ,
 and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
 ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

⁷ Thus says the Lord ,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 ‘Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the Lord , who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’ *Isaiah 49.1-7*

Hear the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

Psalm 40.1-14

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:
 and he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² **He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
 out of the mire and clay:
 and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.**

³ And he has put a new song in my mouth:
 even a song of thanksgiving to our God.

⁴ **Many shall see it and fear:
 and shall put their trust in the Lord.**

⁵ Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:

who have not turned to the proud,
or to those who wander in deceit.

**6 O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us:
there is none to be compared with you;**

7 Were I to declare them and speak of them:
they are more than I am able to express.

**8 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
but my ears you have marked for obedience;**

9 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:
then said I, Lo, I come.

**10 In the scroll of the book it is written of me,
that I should do your will:
O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.**

11 I have declared your righteousness
in the great congregation:
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
and that you know.

**12 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.**

13 I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:
from the great congregation.

**14 O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth
ever preserve me.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, **2** To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5** for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— **6** just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8** He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1Corinthians1.1-9*

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thanks be to God.

‘Early Talk’

**Gradual Hymn: TiS 210: ‘O for a thousand tongues
to sing . . .’**

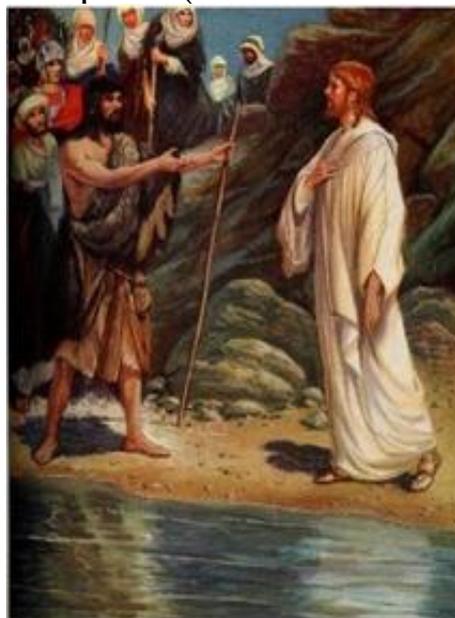
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.



²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’’ ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³² And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.’ ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter). people to live in service to God’s call.

John 1.29-42

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



“Behold!
The Lamb
of God
who takes
away
the sin
of the
world!”

Sermon

Creed

The Prayers of the People.

With John the Baptist we acclaim Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In the power of the Spirit let us pray for the salvation of the world.

We pray for:-

*Our fire-ravaged nation, especially for all who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods and for the suffering animals. May we face this crisis together with determination, courage and community spirit.

*We give thanks and pray for the heroic fire-fighters, emergency services personnel, defence forces and thousands of community volunteers. We give thanks for their brave and generous service in saving lives, limiting losses and alleviating human and animal suffering. May soaking rain soon fall upon our parched lands, end the droughts and give rest and refreshment to all who have toiled in such harsh conditions.

*For policy-makers in government, business and public life. May they put differences aside and work together to put effective fuel load reduction and climate change measures into action.

*For the leaders of every nation in the Middle East. That they will renounce destructive hostilities and commit themselves to negotiations for peace.

*We pray for church communities around the world, that they radiate the light of Christ and be an inspiring sign of God's saving love.

*For our Bishop, Richard, as he leads the ministry of the diocese.

*Our Minister Dave, giving thanks for his ministry among us. May the Holy Spirit guide us all in our ministry, mission and sharing of Christ in our community.

*May Dave, Emma and the boys return from their leave safely and much refreshed. For the Parish of Drouin: locum clergy and people. The Diocese of Bunbury: Bishop Ian Coutts.

*For the coordinators of our op shop and mainly music ministries and for all who volunteer to work with us.

*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them.

We pray especially at this time for *Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T., Brenda, Mark, Alice, Kerrie, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

Loving God of compassion, embrace the family and friends of the late Prec Jones in your comfort and peace.

Hold in your comforting arms Lord, those who mourn the death of Heather Snowden. Grant them your courage and peace.

Merciful God, you sent your beloved Son to be servant and saviour of all. Keep our hearts open to the gift of his grace and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Confession and Absolution.

Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: TiS 48 ‘You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord . . .’

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion.

Sending out of God’s people.

Announcements.

Final Hymn: TiS 670 ‘Jesus put this song into our hearts . . .’

Blessing. Dismissal and Recessional Music

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NEWS AND NOTES

A very warm welcome to Heather and Max Toms today.

We welcome Heather as she leads us in worship and look forward to sharing fellowship with her and Max after the service.

David, Emma and boys will return to the parish early this week.

As most know, Dave presided over 2 funerals in our parish this week.

We gave thanks for and reflected on the life of Prec. Jones. Ever an optimist, Prec was a long-time worshipper in our parish, essentially at St Mary’s where he was a much-loved member of the congregation. He was a vestry / parish council member for more than 3 decades, a synods-man, a nominator and was granted permission to administer the chalice during Holy Communion – to name but a few of his outstanding services to God’s church in Avon Parish.

We continue to hold Prec’s family, friends and the parishioners of St Mary’s in our deepest thoughts, love and prayers.

Yesterday we gave thanks for the life of Heather Snowden. Our caring thoughts and sympathy go out to Heather’s father Graeme, fiancée Ricky, her sisters, extended family and friends.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed cooking and or assisted with the catering for both funerals.

A very big thank you to Bev T and Wendy for their coordination of the catering and who worked so hard themselves. – thank you, ladies!

***The retiring offertory this week will again be in support of the Diocesan fund in aid of the victims of the terrible Bush Fire devastation in East Gippsland.** This is an opportunity to donate money via a pathway that will go to the coalface of where it is needed.

Speaking of retiring offertories, our parish is to be congratulated on the funds given to the very worthy Christmas Bowl: \$1224.25. Parish Council will add \$250 which brings the total \$1474, 25. – a great effort – thank you.

The donations to ABM via the ‘Beyond the Parish’ side of the envelope amounted to \$159.20 for 3 months. A separate donation for Anglicare = \$85.

***Parish Council Reports are due to the secretary tomorrow or no later than Tuesday – thank you.**

***Wednesday there will be a meeting of the Safe Church Ministry Committee in the Parish Hall at 11am**

***Thursday at 9.30am, in the parish hall, mainly music volunteers will meet to wash toys please - whilst leaders, May and Bev, and PPT person Denise, meet to plan the sessions for Term 1.**

***The Family Fun Day Planning Meeting will convene at 11am on the same day, i.e. Thursday 23.**

****This coming Friday (24) is the first of our Seasonal Parish Dinners . . . 6.30pm at the Briagolong Hotel – we’d love to see you there!!** Please book with Denise at your earliest convenience.

***Bishop Richard and Dean Susanna** warmly invite you / parishioners to attend the Service of the Ordination of Belinda Seabrook to the Diaconate, and the Collation of The Ven. Brenda Burney as Archdeacon of the Eastern Region, on **Saturday 1 February** at St Paul’s, Sale, at 11am.

Lay Readers are encouraged to robe and process with the clergy (ready to join the procession by 10.45am please).

The service will be followed by refreshments in Delbridge Hall.

Please RSVP to David Perryman at the Registry: davidp@gippsanglican.org.au

***Anna Esdaile, Administration Officer, The Abbey, Raymond Island (Phone:51566580) writes:-**

To celebrate The Season of Epiphany The Abbey invites you to the hanging of the ‘Ann Greenwood Embroideries’ with a Celebratory Eucharist.

On 30th January 2020 we will hang the embroideries in the chapel with reflection and blessing. ***Copies of a flyer are available in the Parish Hall.**

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH

JANUARY

Fridays: 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

School resumes Wednesday 29 January 2020. mainly music commences in Feb.

Retiring Offertory: Project 123

Wed 22 **11am. Safe Church Ministry Meeting.**

Thurs 23 **11am. Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting**

Fri 24 Summer Parish Dinner at Briagolong Hotel

Sun 26 Third Sunday after Epiphany. Australia Day.

Retiring Offertory for Victims of the Bush Fires

Mon 27 Public Holiday

Tues 28 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Wed. 29 *School Resumes.*

Thurs 30 12md (11.40am ferry) Hanging of the Anne Greenwood Embroideries, at the Abbey.

FEBRUARY

***Kid's Movie Nights to commence this month then monthly thereafter.*

Op shop Easter raffle commences. Lions Dinner this month

Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall

Fridays 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Retiring Offertory: MAF

Sun. 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiph. All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity
6pm Ecumenical BBQ at Holy Trinity Church Stratford

Thurs 6 mainly music commences for 2020.

Sun 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Rev Heather Toms. 4pm Healing Service

Thurs. 13 National Apology to the Stolen Generation

Sat 15 Men's Breakfast group

Sun 16 Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany. 7.30pm Carol's Meeting.
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Holy Trinity Roster – 26 January, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9.1-4 Ps.27.1-10. 1 Cor 1.10-18 Matthew 4.12-25

Priest: Dave. Lit Assist Denise, Judy T. Read: Gail, Bev H.

Intercess: Denise. Org: May. Sides: Wendy, Bev H. PPT: Paul

Flowers: Jillian. MT: Sandra, Gail. Sacristan: Denise

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