

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF AVON

*The Baptism of our Lord*



Priest in Charge - The Revd Dave Perryman

Welcome to services of:

**8.30am St Mary's Munro - Holy  
Communion**

**10am Holy Trinity Stratford - Holy  
Communion**

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

## **Opening Hymn: ‘We enter your Church, Lord’**

1 We enter your church, Lord, through welcoming doors.  
We enter it, too, where you claim us as yours.  
It's here at the font that you offer a sign:  
You tell us, "My children, you're baptized! You're mine!"

2 O God, you have called us, inviting us in;  
You've made us your household and freed us from sin.  
From youngest to oldest, we find in this place  
Your waters of welcome, your family, your grace.

3 We've heard here your welcome, and also your call;  
Your Spirit inspires us to share Christ with all.  
The life we receive here is life we can share;  
We'll carry your message of love everywhere.

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## **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**

God's strong voice calls us to worship,  
**calling us to sing and offer praise.**

God's creative voice calls us to worship,  
**calling us to life and light.**

God's loving voice calls us to worship,  
**calling us to love and be loved.**

## **The Sentence**

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by  
the devil, for God was with him.”

*(Acts 10. 38)*

## **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.

**Our heavenly Father  
thank you that you love us and care for us all the time.  
We know that this week we have not always lived  
the way you tell us.  
We have done wrong things  
and not done all the good things we should have done.  
Only you can save us,  
so please forgive us  
and help us to live as your friends.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. 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**

Spirit of energy and change,  
in whose power Jesus was anointed  
to be the hope of the nations:  
be poured out also upon us  
without reserve or distinction,  
that we may have confidence  
and strength to implant your justice on the earth;  
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

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

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Genesis 1. 1-5*

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

**Psalm 29** – *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:  
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

**2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord upon the great waters.

**4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**6 He makes them skip like a calf:  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry ‘Glory.’**

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:  
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

**10 The Lord will give strength to his people:  
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

## **The Second Reading**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’

They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’<sup>3</sup> Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’<sup>4</sup> Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’<sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Acts 19. 1-7*

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

## **Early Talk**

## **Gospel Reading**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

*Mark 1. 4-11*

For the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Time of discussion**

### **Renewal of Baptism Vows**

Minister: And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

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

Minister: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us again accept our place within this covenant which God has made with us and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples.

This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's purpose for us, and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done:  
some are easy, others are difficult;  
some bring honour, others bring reproach;  
some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests,  
others are contrary to both;  
in some we may please Christ and please ourselves;  
in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace:

**We are no longer our own but yours.  
Your will, not ours, be done in all things,  
wherever you may place us,  
in all that we do  
and in all that we may endure;  
when there is work for us  
and when there is none;  
when we are troubled  
and when we are at peace.  
Your will be done  
when we are valued  
and when we are disregarded;  
when we find fulfilment  
and when it is lacking;  
when we have all things,  
and when we have nothing.**

**We willingly offer  
all we have and are  
to serve you,  
as and where you choose.**

**Glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are ours and we are yours.  
May it be so for ever.  
Let this covenant now made on earth  
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.**

Minister: As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone, but as God's servants and witnesses, let us pray for the Church and the world.

## 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, in the incarnation of the Word,  
a new light has dawned upon the world,  
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness  
to see the radiance of your glory.

And so, with everyone who believes in you,  
with all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, saying:  
**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.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:**

**Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.  
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are 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,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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: 'Oceans'**

1 You call me out upon the waters,  
The great unknown where feet may fail,  
And there I find You in the mystery,  
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

*Chorus:*

*And I will call upon Your name,  
And keep my eyes above the waves,  
When oceans rise,  
My soul will rest in Your embrace,  
For I am Yours and You are mine.*

2 Your grace abounds in deepest waters,  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide,  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed and You won't start now.  
*And I will call upon Your name ...*

*Bridge:*

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,  
Let me walk upon the waters,  
Wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,  
And my faith will be made stronger,  
In the presence of my Saviour.*

*Chorus:*

*I will call upon Your name,  
Keep my eyes above the waves,  
My soul will rest in Your embrace,  
I am Yours and You are mine.*

# The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
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**

### **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 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.

\*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.*

*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.*

God of all, you reveal yourself to the world, and we share in the promise of your glory;

open our eyes to find you today that we may neither carelessly miss nor wilfully ignore your presence among us.

May we, like the sages of old, read the signs of our coming, follow your light and be drawn to adoration in your presence.

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**Dave will be on leave after today and will be back on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January.**

**The Revds Heather Toms and Laurie Baker will be leading services whilst Dave is on leave. For any other matters please contact Denise.**

**Orders for the 'Disciplines' daily devotionals need to be finalised today. If you want a copy, please let Dave know by today so these can be ordered. Cost is \$28.50.**

## **WHATS ON IN THE PARISH**

### **JANUARY 2021**

*Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity (resumes 29 Jan)*

*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**

<b>Sun 3</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Christmas. 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 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>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 Combined Avon Parish Churches Service at All Saints ??Ecumenical Service ?St Patricks</b>

### **Sunday 17 January, Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**1 Samuel 3. 1-10. Ps 139. 1-5, 12-18. 1 Cor 6. 12-20.  
John 1. 43-51.**

**Priest: Heather. Lit Assist: May.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wendy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gail.**

**Intercessions: May. Org: Vic. Camera: Bev. PP: Denise.**

**Flowers: Judy K. Morning Teas: Nola, Kerrie S. Sac: Denise.**

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