

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 24 January, Epiphany 3. 2021

Priest in Charge, The Rev'd Dave Perryman



Aboriginal Sunday

THE TRUTH WILL SET US FREE

**Welcome to services of Holy Communion
at**

**8.30am Saint Mary's Church 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: 'Let us sing to the God of Salvation . . . ' Tis 52

1 Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock;
let us come to his house with thanksgiving,
let us come before the Lord and sing!

*Praise our Maker,
praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King:
every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*

2 In his hand are the earth's deepest places,
and the strength of the hills is his;
all the sea is the Lord's, for he made it
by his hand the solid rock was formed.

*Praise our Maker,
praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King:
every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*

3 Let us worship the Lord our maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of his pasture
he will guide us by his powerful hand.

*Praise our Maker,
praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King:*

*every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*

4 Let today be the time when you hear him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion
as his people did in time of old.

*Praise our Maker,
praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord our everlasting King:
every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*

Richard Thomas Bewes 1934 -

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.

Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome and Introduction.

The Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. *Mark 1.15*

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 Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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

Bountiful God,
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,
to believe the good news,
and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:
teach us, like Christ's first apostles,
to hear the call to discipleship,
and, forsaking old ways,
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from The Book of Jonah

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’ ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’ ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: ‘By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.’

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. *Jonah 3.1-10*

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

Psalm 62.5-12 — *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

⁵ Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God:
for from him comes my hope.

⁶ **He only is my rock and my salvation:
my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.**

⁷ In God is my deliverance and my glory:
God is my strong rock and my shelter.

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, O my people:
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

⁹ The children of Adam are but breath,
the children of earth are a lie:

place them in the scales and they fly upward,
they are as light as air.

**¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion,
do not grow worthless by robbery:
if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.**

¹¹ God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say:
that power belongs to God,

**¹² That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness:
for you reward each one of us according to our works.**

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

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

Early Talk

Hymn to Welcome the Gospel : 'Come as you are' TiS 693

1 Come as you are:
That's how I want you.
Come as you are;
feel quite at home,
close to my heart,
loved and forgiven.
Come as you are;
Why stand alone?

2 No need to fear,
love sets no limits;

no need to fear,
Love never ends;
don't run away
shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love,
trust me again.

3 I came to call sinners,
not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace,
not to condemn.
Each time you fail
to live by my promise,
why do you think
I'd love you the less?

4 Come as you are:
that's how I love you;
come as you are,
trust me again.
Nothing can change
the love that I bear you;
All will be well,
just come as you are.

Deidre Brown 1936 -

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news* of God,*¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;* repent, and believe in the good news.*'

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. *Mark 1.14-20*

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.

A thanksgiving for Australia

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation you have given your children
the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and dense forest,
and in cities at the water's edge,
creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures
as the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree

you heard the cries of all your people
and became one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other and to your whole creation.
Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and 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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The memorial acclamation

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending 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

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

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: To God be the glory . . .' TiS 147

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he hath done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice! ^[L]_[SEP]
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he hath done!*

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he hath done!* Frances Jane van Alostyne

The Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world;
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

Almighty God, you made us to be one body and of one spirit, and so we pray that we will be at one with our First Nations brothers and sisters and tear down the walls of indifference and racism thus making our unity visible and bringing healing to our country.

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 all who are returning to places of learning after the holidays.
For teachers and students commencing the new school year.
For all the little ones who will commence their new school life later this week. Enfold them in your care Lord!

*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.

*May Dave, Emma and their children return safely to the parish this week feeling rested and refreshed.

*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 – **CBM**

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

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

Faithful God, as we prepare for the weeks ahead help us to remember that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us overcome our conflicts, our divisions, and our self-seeking, and to be united to one another by the power the Holy Spirit.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

A very warm welcome to The Reverend Laurie Baker and Heather.

Laurie is well known in our parish . . . it is always a joy to ‘catch up’ with him and Heather.

Dave Emma and children return this week after having a wonderful family time away.

A meeting of the Family Fun Day Planning Group will convene this Thursday 28 January at 10am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Council will convene on Thursday evening 28 January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

This coming Friday 29 at 6pm, is the Summer Parish Dinner at Briagolong (1). We hope everyone will come along! The booking has been made. Please book with Bev or Denise

The first Women’s Fellowship and Craft Day for 2021 will meet this Saturday 30 January at 10am. Do come along! BYO lunch and craft or just come for a chat!!

Please pass the flyers on to friends and neighbours!!

For further information contact: Sandra 0406 983 503.

Email: dorrieinstratford@gmail.com

The first Combined Avon Parish Church Service for 2021 will be at Holy Trinity this Sunday 31 January. We hope that as many folks as possible from each of our 3 church centres will come along.

Parishioners birthdays and other special celebrations. Distribution of cards will commence in February.

If you wish to participate and receive a greeting card, please advise Gail of your birthday date and month (not your age) ASAP. Apologies to those whose birthday is in January this year.

Please speak to Gail or contact her on 0429 051 587 email

jetblack5390@gmail.com

Please note that if anyone in the parish is travelling to Melbourne this week or next, could you please assist with returning the 2 church chairs that we have on loan for parishioners to inspect, it would be so very much appreciated. Please speak to Denise for further details if you can assist in this way.

This is the last week of the St Paul's Giant Book Fair which will conclude this Saturday.

Vicar General, The Venerable Graham Knott writes:-

Dear Colleagues,

We are all aware of the deep sensitivities and pain surrounding the next few days especially for our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

Common Grace, a movement of people seeking Jesus and Justice, are supporting Aunty Jean Phillips who regularly calls the Australian nation to prayer in the lead up to January 26th.

On behalf of Aunty Jean we have been invited to participate in a national time of prayer on 25 January 2021

<https://www.commongrace.org.au/tunein>

This 2021#ChangeThe Heart Prayer Service – Tuning in Together will be broadcast nationally on Monday from 7.30-8.30 pm AEDT.

Common Grace also have other relevant material including the history of Aboriginal Sunday, 24 January 2021, and liturgy that you may like to tune in to.

https://www.commongrace.org.au/aboriginal_sunday?utm

I commend these offerings for your prayerful support.

Together we can act as peacemakers whilst calling for justice for all people in this wonderful country.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

JANUARY 2021

Retiring Offertory CBM

- Thurs 28** 10am Family Fun Fair Meeting.
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting. **School resumes**
- Fri 29** Summer Parish Dinner at Briagolong (1)
- Sat 30** 10am to 3.30pm. Women's Craft in the Parish Hall.
- Sun 31** 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Combined Avon Parish Churches Service at **Holy Trinity**

FEBRUARY

Op shop Easter raffle commences.

*Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall
**mainly music term commences 11 February if permitted.*

Fridays ??9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Retiring Offertory: MAF

- Sun. 7** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity
6pm Ecumenical BBQ at Holy Trinity Church Stratford.
Not confirmed
- Thurs 11** mainly music MAY commence, not definite.
- Sun 14** Last Sunday after The Epiphany
Healing Service
- Tues 16** Shrove Tuesday. Sharing of Pancakes with those in the Business Houses in the Community and Parish Supporters. Prepared in the Parish Hall.
Parish Council Reports due
- Wed 17** Ash Wednesday.
7pm Service in Holy Trinity

Sunday 31 January, Fourth Sunday After Epiphany.

Holy Trinity Ministry Roster

Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Ps 111. 1 Corinthians 8.1-13

Mark 1.21-28

**Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: Gail. 1st Read. Kerrie S.
2nd Read. Nola. Intercess: Gail. Org: Vic. Sides: Judy T.
Camera/ PPT: Bev H/Denise. Flowers Judy T.**

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