



# *St Paul's Anglican Church*

*A caring community of Christ worshipping God,  
engaging the community and building connections  
between people of all ages and cultures.*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2017

### *Epiphany*



Living presence of glory,  
your star rising in splendour,  
your radiance in the eyes of the Child  
piercing the darkness of our slumber,  
signalling the dawn of a new commonwealth  
of peace and justice,  
enlighten us when we are tempted  
to fall back into gloom,  
beckon the nations to your light,  
and guide all humanity to your glory.  
We pray this in the spirit of Jesus,  
Word made flesh,  
Dream incarnate,  
Hope of the world. **Amen.**

*Prayer: Unfolding the Living Word. Image: Unknown.*

**Hymns:** 268    453    314    315  
**Setting:** TBA

## NOTICES OF THE DAY

Welcome to worship and to our St Paul's faith community.

**Prayer Corner:** "Great Spirit, we remember the land and its First People with respect and dignity. May we live in harmony with all those who share this sacred earth and be thankful. Amen."

### **We pray for the World:**

- For those who mourn loved ones, for the injured and distressed, and for all those committed to the work of peace.

### **We pray for the worldwide Church:**

- Diocese of Kolhapur;
- Ministry to the Defence Force (Bp Ian Lambert, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces);
- Archdeaconry of Williamstown;
- Holy Trinity Hampton Park;
- St Aidan's Parkdale – New Year's Day service;
- St James' Point Lonsdale – pastoral visit (Bp Philip Huggins); and
- Canterbury Presbyterian —Rev'd Grant Lawry.

### **We pray for those in need:**

- Joan Harrington-Johnson;
- Anne Shaw (Helen's mum);
- Bob Thompson;
- Margaret Clausen;
- Annabel;
- Iris Mather;
- Cecelia Irvine-So;
- Tricia Cain;
- +John and Anne Bayton;
- Gwen Towart;
- Hilary Chapman (Sue Chapman's daughter); and
- Iddin.



### **We pray for ourselves & Community:**

Ever-present God, take care of all who travel by land, water or air; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them safely back home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Parish Prayer for St Paul's:**

Renew in us, O God, the zeal of your love. Let our parish come alive with the power of your Spirit. Where we have failed, forgive us. Where we have persevered, encourage us. When we are in doubt, direct us. Help us to see new opportunities for witness and service. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Parish Council Members for 2017:**

Please keep our parish councillors in your prayers:

Andrew Flint (warden), Jeremy Bishop (warden), Liz Olie (warden), Todd Reichmann (treasurer), Caroline Cox, Rose O'Shea, Rosemary Miller, Alex Murray, John De Araugo and Nick Scott.

### **We give thanks for the lives of:**

Adah Dymond	4 January 1978
Lady April Hamer	7 January 2015

Please remember to return, when convenient, any Advent resources that you have borrowed

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Now available in the narthex.

**ST PAUL'S DIRECT DEBIT:** St Paul's Anglican Church Canterbury - BSB 633 000 A/C 1191 99941.

**Notice** Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### January

#### 9am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

The Baptism of our Lord  
9am Baptism of Sadie

#### 9am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday after Epiphany

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Cassandra back in the office

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**

4pm Wedding

#### 9am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Third Sunday after Epiphany

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10am Wednesday Eucharist recommences

#### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Australia Day

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Council away to Toolangi for strategic planning

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8am and 10am: Rev'd Jonathan Chambers preacher and president

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Back to school

### February

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

START UP SUNDAY (Choir and Sunday school recommence)

## **Readings and Psalm**

### **Isaiah 60.1-6**

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
2 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
3 Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
4 Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Psalm: 72.1-7, 10-14**

### **Ephesians 3.1-12**

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

#### **Next Week's Readings:**

Isaiah 42.1-9 Psalm 29

Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 3.13-17

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **Matthew 2.1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
<sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:

### This Week's Ministry Team 1<sup>st</sup> of January: Epiphany

#### 9am

<b>Flowers</b>	Val Sayers and Christine Ruggles-Brise
<b>Brass</b>	Sandra Beamish
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Gail White and Liz Olie
<b>Children's Talk</b>	N/A
<b>Sunday School</b>	N/A
<b>J2A</b>	N/A
<b>Reader</b>	Gail White
<b>Intercessor</b>	Alistair Tweeddale
<b>Welcomer</b>	All
<b>Liturgical Asst</b>	Bert Lillywhite
<b>Server</b>	Edward Sheen
<b>Refreshments</b>	Ruth Hudnott
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Chris Hudnott and Diana Coultas

### Next Week's Ministry Team 8<sup>th</sup> of January: The Baptism of Our Lord 9am

<b>Flowers</b>	Julie Wagner
<b>Brass</b>	Sue Taylor and Ann Phillips
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Jill and Stuart Bales
<b>Children's Talk</b>	N/A
<b>Sunday School</b>	N/A
<b>J2A</b>	N/A
<b>Reader</b>	Gillian Jensen
<b>Intercessor</b>	Debbie Riley
<b>Welcomer</b>	All
<b>Liturgical Asst</b>	Mark Lamb
<b>Server</b>	Debbie Riley
<b>Refreshments</b>	Gwenda Harding and Lee Rough
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Helen Bartholomew and Jenifer McKenzie

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	<b>Reverend Susanne Chambers</b>	<b>9830 0729</b>
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	<b>Sue Flint</b>	<b>0419 316 931</b>
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