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DIOCESE OF BALLARAT
ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31)

Second Sunday of Advent–9th December 2018
Living our Faith and Witnessing to Christ's Love

Welcome to St Paul's Church! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. Visitors are asked to make themselves known to the Welcomers. You are invited to wear a St Paul's name tag. Communicant members of all Christian traditions are invited to receive communion; anyone is welcome to receive a blessing. Please join us for refreshments after the Parish Eucharist.



8am Holy Eucharist 10am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our Eucharist.

INTROIT HYMN: Lo! He comes with clouds descending: **TIS: 273**

“Helmsley”

Charles Wesley 1707-88

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1.78-79

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Advent 2 – Peace

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. (Light Candle). Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

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 Penitential Rite

The Kyrie is sung:

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

The celebrant introduces the Prayer of General Confession:

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant says the Prayer of Absolution:

COLLECT OF THE DAY: *(pause for silent prayer)* God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they

present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

PSALM Song of Zechariah (*We respond with the **bold** verses*).

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel: you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear: holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
an**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 1.3–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry: **TIS 270**
"Winchester New"

John Chandler 1806-76

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3:4,6 **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 3.1–6

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

THE SERMON: Fr Graham

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church: *[stand]*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became
truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and
his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the world and the Church...

After the prayers:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The following Prayer of Humble Access may follow here:

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE *All stand.*

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: What shall we offer our good Lord: **TIS 439** "Duke Street"

John Wesley 1703-91

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer (remain standing throughout)

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.

The preface continues...forever praising you and singing:

**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.**

The Eucharistic prayer continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes with ...in songs of never ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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
forever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body in Christ,

for we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us;**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your
peace.**

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word, and I
shall be healed.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: Author of life divine: **TIS 506** "Rhosymedre"
Charles Wesley 1707-88

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, Amen.**

Parish Notices...

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 the peace of Christ, **Thanks be to God!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: O Jesus, I have promised: **TIS 595** "Day of Rest"
John Ernest Bode 1816-74

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Worship & Diary this week **(10th –15th December)**

Tues – 10.00 am Christian Meditation

Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist followed by Morning Tea

Readings for next Sunday Zephaniah 3.14-20, Song of Isaiah, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18



For the Church in every time and place and especially for:

- Falkland Islands (Parish of) - (Canterbury, Falkland Islands)
The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton
- Grafton: Murray Harvey
- Ararat: Daryl Couch (Locum), Adriaan Siersema (deacon) and Cheryl Haines (deacon)
(Anglicare) Ararat Parish Partnership and Community Development Project: David Law.
- Jinim, PNG
- Our Prime Minister and Federal Parliament.
- *16 Days - For those in government in the ministry of health.*

For those with Special Needs: among the sick Hazel, Heather, Eileen, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Emily, Ruth, Julie, Sue, Mylene, Vera, Bennita, Tamsin, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Michele, Gillian, Pauline, Margaret. We pray for patients suffering from serious diseases and those who care for them.

For the departed: Recently departed Peter Reynolds

Alice Todd, Valerie Holness, Rose Osbourne, Sarah Morriss, Douglas Groves (9) Henry Smith (10) Jessie Pearson, William Atkinson, William Coles (11) Thomas Haymes, John Walther, Stella Flade, Olive Doepel, Elsiné Foo, Albert Cos, Florence Eveleigh, Margery Heath, Lillian Millard (12) Percival Allen, Dustin Blackman (13) John Gladman, Hilary Bilston, Isaac Hellard (14) James Fishwick (15)



Come and join the fun
Wednesdays during school term
10.30am- 12.30 pm
The Cathedral Function Room
49 Lvdiard Street South.

Playgroup will finish for the year in the last week of the school term.



Waiting

Splendour of Rome and local authority,
Working on policy with furrowed head,
Joined to locate Messiah's nativity,
Just where the prophets had already said.
Sing all you tax-men, dance the commissioners,
Sing civil servants and police men too,
God in his purposes uses the governments
God on his birthday had a need of you. Michael Hewlett TIS 281;
AHB 214

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul
waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning. Psalm 130: 5-6*

In the Solomon Islands Mothers' Union runs outreach and empowerment programmes for women. As they wait on the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those they care for, prayer is central. They with us are waiting and praying during this Advent season, preparing for the Coming of the Messiah.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

REMINDER Raffle tickets and money need to be returned **TODAY**

BALLARAT ECUMENICAL CHOIR

Presents "The Gift of Christmas" **TOMORROW**

Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm, at St Paul's Bakery Hill
Offertory for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal



Dates for
the Diary:

DECEMBER

Sun 9th- 5.00pm Eucharist at the Cathedral to give thanks for the ministry of ordained women in the Diocese

Mon 10th- 7.30pm Ballarat Ecumenical Choir performance at St Paul's

Sun 16th – 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral

Mon 24th – 6.00pm Christmas Eve family and children's service

Mon 24th- 11.00pm Midnight Mass at the Cathedral

Tues 25th – Christmas Day 7.00am Eucharist
9.00am Eucharist

ANGLICARE

Anglicare is offering family and single food hampers, toy hampers for children, gift packs for teenagers and care packs for those who may just need a small gift. If anyone knows of someone who would like a hamper, please let Fr Graham know.

Assistance is also requested with delivery of hampers to families within our parish boundaries. If you are able to help, please contact Kim at Anglicare on 5338 8651.

ST PAUL'S INDIGENOUS PLANTS SITE _ NERRINA WETLANDS

Since September 2016, of 220 plants that we've planted, 90% are still alive, most thriving and many flowering – see Elaine's marvellous photos!

Such a success rate is unprecedented! We started tentatively, planting 40 plants at our first effort in 2016 but hit 100 at our September planting this year.

We're seeing our earlier plantings, such as the suckering bidgee widgee (see Elaine's photo) starting to spread, with the indigenous tussock grasses starting to seed. This means one new job will be to scrape back and remove the exotic plants (otherwise known as 'weeds') that are in the way of our regeneration efforts.

We might even manage to arrange for a little bit of fuel reduction/plant regeneration burning.....

What's more, we're the only group concentrating on putting back these ground layer plants that used to grow in our native woodlands & along our waterways. Thanks to Roger Thomas & the volunteers at the Ballarat Community Indigenous Plants Nursery for the supply of plants.

Thanks, too, to our volunteers; amongst others: Avis Mason & grandchildren, Elaine, Pauline & Barrie, Mark & Deirdre, John & Lyn, Mary, Fr Graham and Graham & Julie.

Due to the success of our venture so far, based on 2 to 3 'bees' each year, here's what's planned for next year (2019):

- Extension of area planted to accommodate our expansionary mood.
- **Four** 'bees': April – clean up & planting prep; July (sorry) – planting; September – planting; November – maintenance & review.
- Throw in short walks/tours of inspection to check how the Wetlands and nearby Yarrowee River are progressing.

- Involvement with the Friends of the Yarrowee Inc – we'll be covered by insurance, become part of the wider Yarrowee community & be able to add our weight to calls for more Council involvement with the 'greening' of the Yarrowee Valley. Plus, we might gain some more volunteers (Friends Coordinator, Neil Heyburts, was at our November 'bee').

Hedley Thomson
21st November 2018



BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 2018

5th Corrie Eveleigh
6th Valerie Groves
10th Lyn Eldridge

12th Dot Angow
24th Meg Mason



CHRISTMAS AT ST PAUL'S

Our family service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm
Christmas Day services will be at 7.00am and 9.00am.

READINGS

In the interests of the environment, weekly readings will no longer be handed out in plastic envelopes.

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