

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
DIOCESE OF BALLARAT
ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



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

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany–
2nd February 2020**
***A Year to challenge violence, injustice & oppression, and
work for peace and reconciliation***

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: I come with joy
to meet my Lord: **TIS 533**

Brian Arthur Wren 1936-

In the name of God; Father Son
& Holy Spirit:

**As in the beginning, so now and
for ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Commissioning of Bert Muysers
as parish deacon.*

*Renewal of Bert's ordination
vows.*

To the congregation

You have heard Bert respond to
God's call to be a licenced
deacon here at St Paul's, will
you accept and encourage
him in this ministry.

We will by God's grace.

Prayer and blessing

Hymn TIS 650: Bert will sing first
verse solo and then the
congregation to join in.

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The Gloria

COLLECT OF THE DAY: (*pause for
silent prayer*) Living God, in Christ
you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our
nature by the riches of your

grace, and in the renewal of our
lives make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah
6.1-8**

A reading from the book of the
prophet Micah.

Hear what the LORD says: Rise,
plead your case before the
mountains, and let the hills hear
your voice. Hear, you
mountains, the controversy of
the LORD, and you enduring
foundations of the earth; for the
LORD has a controversy with his
people, and he will contend
with Israel. 'O my people, what
have I done to you? In what
have I wearied you? Answer
me! For I brought you up from
the land of Egypt, and
redeemed you from the house
of slavery; and I sent before you
Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O
my people, remember now
what King Balak of Moab
devised, what Balaam son of
Beor answered him, and what
happened from Shittim to
Gilgal, that you may know the
saving acts of the LORD.' 'With
what shall I come before the

LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

PSALM 15 (*We respond with the **bold** verses*).

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

In his sight the wicked are rejected, but he honours those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 **Corinthians 1.18-31**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than

human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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

GRADUAL HYMN: In the cross of Christ I glory: **TIS 349**

John Bowring 1792-1872

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 5.1-12

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

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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

THE SERMON: Sr Elisa

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OFFERTORY HYMN: Come, Holy Spirit, come: **TIS 422**

Verses 1-3, 6

Michael Lindsay Forster 1946-

Green book page 9,

COMMUNION HYMN: Now let us from this table rise: **TIS 530**

Frederick Herman Kaan 1929-

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Praise with joy the world's Creator: **TIS 179**

John L. Bell 1949-
And Graham Maule 1958-

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Worship & Diary this week 20th-25th January)

Mon – Sr Elisa's day off

Tues – 8.45am Morning Prayer

Wed – 8.45am Morning Prayer
11.00am Mercy Place

Thurs – 8.45am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Holy Eucharist
and Morning Tea

Fri – 8.45am Morning Prayer
9.15am – 12pm Cuppa and chat
in the church

Sun- 8am & 10am Holy
Communion

Readings for next Sunday Isaiah

58.1-9a, Psalm 112,

1 Corinthians 2.1-16, Matthew
5.13-20



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

- The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba
- Adelaide: Geoff Smith, Tim Harris, Chris McLeod and Denise Ferguson.
- Australian Defence Forces.
- The Cathedral: The Bishop (Acting-Dean) & Assisting clergy: Wayne Dorning, Martin Nadarajan (Hon. Assistant Curate, priest), Christine Angus, (SSM Priest), Grace Reynolds (deacon).
- Those suffering through the abuse of gambling.

For those with Special Needs:

among the sick Ken, Fr Ellis, Mandy, Joyce, David, Jean, Carmel, Hazel, Heather, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Sue, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Michele, Gillian, Pauline. We pray for patients suffering from serious diseases and those who care for them.

For the departed: Mary Bunting, Avis Rosenow, Katie Straughan, Hilda Cockerill, Maisie Rawlings, Elsie Foord, Stanley Ewert, Elizabeth Calwell, William Cobbe (2), Frances Smith, Edna Coffield, George Young, James Wrathall (4) Graeme Barclay, Bertus Verhagan, Arthur Johns, Hilda Shaw (5) Oliver Weston, John Govan, Lorna Chamberlain, Pamela Thacker(6) William Harley, Frederick Gruvian, Hazel Stevens, Nancy Hollioake (7) Patrick White, Dorothy Cameron, John Mc Donald (8)



FEBRUARY

Tues 25th – Shrove Tuesday

6.00pm Pancake tea at Wilkinson Hall

Sat 22nd- 10.30am – 3.00pm

Mothers Union Quiet Day at St Mark's Abbey, Camperdown

Wed 26th- Ash Wednesday

MARCH

Sat 7th – 4.30pm Children's Church

Living by
faith



Insurance for house, boat, jewels, money in the bank: what does this all mean if we say we are living by faith? If I do (or don't do) something, will that guarantee happiness or God's favour, riches, a loving family. Certainly the Hebrew Scriptures (for the most part) tell us God will reward the righteous. But Jesus tells us to consider the lilies, the birds of the air. His life and death show us there are NO guarantees, except that God loves us no matter what. In the face of that love how can we but not go forward in faith and hope and love?

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Romans 4:20-21

In Melanesia the Parenting Programme has contributed to restoring a relationship between an adolescent boy and his family. He returned home after two years of refusing to associate with them. There are no rules that were obeyed but there was a willingness of all involved and LOVE. Let us thank God for the opportunities that members bring to their communities.



BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 2020

- 3rd Lloyd Linsdell
4th Courtney Nash
11th Daniel Koplick, Jenny
Koplick
12th Leon Nash
17th Carmel Robins
19th Philippa Meadows
27th David Polson

GFS

The GFS Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 17th February 2020 In St. John's Parish Centre at 1.30pm.

Afternoon tea to follow. New members welcome.

BOOK STALL

We are seeking donations of books to be sold at the plant sale on 2nd May. Please place books in the box at the back of the church.

LENTEN STUDY

The Lenten study this year will be "Beholding the Cross".

The cost of the book is \$11. A list is available at the back of the church for those who wish to attend.

The deadline for book orders is Sunday 9th February.

RECTOR'S ABSENCE

Sr Elisa will be away from 11th-14th February

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Will be conducted on the following dates:

10 Feb / 17 Feb Diocesan Centre

Monday night sessions starting at 7pm (finishing at 9.30pm) and BOTH have to be attended.

14 March Diocesan Centre
[day only] 10am to 3pm. Please BYO lunch

DIOCESAN PRAYER Jesus, living Word of God, your promise of good news is timeless, and you offer it to renew our world today: you offer release for those imprisoned by sin, debt and poverty, life for those who know only death and despair. Provoke us by your Spirit, so we no longer linger and delay, quicken us with the vision of a world transformed, challenge us to make hope, peace and justice real for all, so that God's kingdom may be celebrated in our time, and poverty be turned to history. Amen.

Parish Directory

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