#### ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

#### **ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL**



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

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany– 9<sup>th</sup> 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: Holy, holy, holy!: TIS 132

Reginald Heber 1783-1826

In the name of God; Father Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:** Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Green book page 4 for Kyries and Confession

The Gloria

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** (pause for silent prayer) Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world; let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone you love about Jesus Christ the Lord, 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 Isaiah 58.1–9a, (9b–12)** A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God: they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and

ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear-guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, here I am.

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

**PSALM 112.1–10** (We respond with the **bold** verses).

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

## Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 2.1–16** A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived. what God has prepared for those who love him' - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

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

GRADUAL HYMN: May the mind of Christ my Saviour: TIS 609 Katie Barclay Wilkinson 1859-1928

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!** The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Alleluia, alleluia!** 

GOSPEL Matthew 5.13–20 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. + Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

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

THE SERMON: Sr Elisa Green book page 7

OFFERTORY HYMN: Filled with the Spirit's power: TIS 411 J. R. Peacey 1896-1971 Green book page 9, with Seasonal Great Thanksgiving Prayer

# **COMMUNION HYMN**: We sing the praise of him who died: **TIS**

347 Thomas Kelly 1769-1855

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**: Forth in

your name: TIS 571 Charles Wesley 1707-88

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# Worship & Diary this week (10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February)

Mon – Sr Elisa's day off Wed – 11.00am Eureka Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist and Morning Tea 1.30pm Mothers Union (roster Val G and Julie W) Fri – 10am – 12pm Cuppa and chat in the church Sun-8am & 10am Holy Communion

#### Readings for next Sunday Deuter-

onomy 10.12-22, Psalm 119.1-8, 1 Corinthians 3.1-15, Matthew 5.21-37



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

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Linda Nicholls -Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
- Grafton: Murray Harvey
- Ararat: Daryl Couch (Locum), Adriaan Siersema (deacon) and Cheryl Haines (OLM Priest) (Anglicare) Ararat Parish Partnership and Community Development Project: David Law.
- Jinim, PNG
- Our Prime Minister and Federal Parliament.

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: Herbert Moyle, Walter Sharp (9) Eric Morton, Herbert Ingram, Henry Foss, Philip Lay, Anita Brown (10), Violet Ryan, Constance England, Mary Inglefinger, Shirley Fisher (11), William Hutchins, Jock McKenzie, Catherine Bell (12), Darren Matthews, Thomas Scott (13) Petronella Sternberg, Lilian Paul, Doris Armstrong, Violet Foon, Allan Bradby, George Bremner, Barbara O'Connor, Alan Ferres(14) Colin Campbell, Valda Johnson, Annette Parker, Matilda Brooks, Sarah Allen, Eileen Blacker, Isabella Tarbet, Gwen Dobbin (15)



#### FEBRUARY

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday 6.00pm Pancake tea at Wilkinson Hall Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>- 10.30am – 3.00pm Mothers Union Quiet Day at St Mark's Abbey, Camperdown. All welcome

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>- Ash Wednesday

#### MARCH

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>- World Day of Prayer – see noticeboard for service details Sat 7<sup>th</sup>- 4.30pm Children's service Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am Theatre Luncheon at the Regent

Friends and family



We often feel a failure if we don't get 20 birthday cards or have a group of school friends which has met every week for 60 years. And even more of a failure if our family implodes. Whatever we feel about family and friends we know that Jesus held them in short regard to those who were his TRUE family. Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matt 12:48a-50. And his friends all deserted him. Let us thank God for friends and family and be true members of Christ.

Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin. Proverbs 18:24

An Australian priest said the Mothers' Union brought him up. When his mother was ill, members tended the children for months. Thus the seeds were laid for his faith. He experienced family and friendship in the church and he subsequently spent his life in service and friendship of God's church and his people.

#### GFS

The GFS Annual General Meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup>.February 2020 In St.John's Parish Centre at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome.

#### **BOOK STALL**

We are seeking donations of books to be sold at the plant sale on  $2^{nd}$  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 today.

#### **RECTOR'S ABSENCE**

Sr Elisa will be away from 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **FILM LUNCHEON**

The St Paul's Social Group has organised a film luncheon to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Regent Cinema. The film is "Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears". Please arrive at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. The cost is \$23 per person. Please write your name on the list at the back of the church.

As it is St Patrick's Day you are requested to wear something green.

## **Parish Directory**

**Bishop** The Rt. Rev'd Garry Weatherill

Parish Priest Sr Elisa Helen, CSC Tel. 5332 6479 [leave a message]

#### Associate Clergy

The Rev'd Canon Geoffrey Tisdall The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas The Rev'd Deacon Bert Muysers

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