

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-**  
**2<sup>nd</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:** 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 Muyzers  
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.

*Green book page 4 for Confession*

*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-

**RECESSATIONAL 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 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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 Dornin, 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)



## 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.

## 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

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

## MARCH

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>** – 4.30pm Children's  
Church



## BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 2020

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

## GFS

The GFS Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## 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

**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

### Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Garry Weatherill

**Parish Priest** Sr Elisa Helen, CSC Tel. 5332 6479 [leave a message if not there]

### Associate Clergy

The Rev'd Canon Geoffrey Tisdall

The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas

### Parish Secretary:

Lisa Smith

### Organist:

Ken Turner

### Priest's Warden:

Bryan Crebbin

### Churchwarden:

Mark Stewart

### People's Churchwarden:

Heather Clinton

### Treasurer:

Mark Stewart

### Parish Council Secretary:

Lisa Smith

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