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**ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL**



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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent–20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

***A Year to challenge violence, injustice & oppression, and work for peace  
and reconciliation***

*Welcome to St Paul's! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. We gather in prayer where-ever we are. If you have found this order of service and are using it, please feel free to make yourself known. Contact Sister Elisa to be included via St Paul's email or phone number. See back page.*



**8am Holy Eucharist      10am Parish Eucharist**

## **Welcome to our Eucharist**

*When all are gathered, the presider begins:*

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

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

## **ADVENT WREATH LITURGY:**

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23

*The third candle is lit.*

### **Prayer:**

O Lord, raise up your power and come to save us, because; by our sin we are hindered in running the race that is set before us, but with your grace and mercy, we can know your help and deliverance through Jesus, your Son and our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

### **Hymn TIS 265**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
who mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God draws near:  
Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

3 O come, O Key of David come.  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery  
Rejoice, rejoice...

6 O come, bright Daystar, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb:  
Rejoice, rejoice!...

Tr John Mason Neale 1818-66

## **Invitation to Confession**

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

*Silence to reflect.*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** *(pause for silent prayer)*

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16**

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

### **PSALM Song of Mary**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**For you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant:  
From this day all generations will call me blessed.**

You, the Almighty, have done great things for me:  
and holy is your name.

**You have mercy on those who fear you:  
from generation to generation.**

You have shown strength with your arm:  
And scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:  
and lifting up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry with good things:  
and sent the rich away empty.

**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel:  
to remember the promise of mercy.**

The promise made to our forebears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.47-55

## **SECOND READING Romans 16.25-27**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

<sup>25</sup> Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

## **Hymn to greet the Gospel: TIS 268**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL Luke 1.26-38**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

### **+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

For the Gospel of the Lord

### **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **Sermon – Sr Elisa**

Today's Gospel story is one of the most theologically rich stories in the Gospels. It tells us a lot about who Jesus is and what he will accomplish. The story reflects the early church's understanding that the fulfillment of the promises made to King David which we heard in the Old Testament is completed in the person of Jesus. That promise was that God would build a house for David, meaning a

dynasty which will last forever. This is the origin of the Jewish Messianic expectation.

The line of David, in terms of Israel's Kings, came to an abrupt halt at the time of the Exile, which is why there was a mystery around 'The Messiah' which means 'the anointed one'. Every king was anointed, but when there was no Davidic King the idea of 'The Messiah' was a promise longed for and to be fulfilled. One of the things we can take from all of this is the sense that trusting in God's promises is not a guarantee that we will see all our hopes fulfilled in this life but may take generations to reach fruition. This is what happened with the Jewish expectation of a Messiah.

What I want to focus on today though, captures something of this, but also touches us in other ways. We live in a world and a culture which likes to think we are in control of what happens and that we can and should control things. One thing about that is that when things are not in our control but still impact us, we often feel traumatised. We are the same way when we can't understand life and the things which happen in life.

Both are gifts because, feeling out of control, and not understanding lead to wonder and curiosity, which drives the scientific endeavour, and also, when accepted leads us to the wonder and contemplation of the mystery of life. Therefore both lack of control and understanding can help us grow in our relationship with God.

I wonder how you go with not understanding things which happen to you in your life? Most of us struggle with it in some ways. Some responses I am aware of from both within myself but also listening to and observing others are:

- Blaming parents: 'I'm like this because mum or dad always...'
- Creating stories about life to answer the questions about ourselves our woundedness and other things that we can

understand. This is the role of myth- and we all do it- it often sounds like truth but is a truth which creatively fills the knowledge gaps.

- Fear in the face of powerlessness and being without control.
- Such powerlessness can lead to a few different but connected manifestations.
  - Humility: which is an acceptance of one's place in the reality of the Creation.
  - Loss of confidence or self-esteem: which comes from the false belief one ought to have understanding.
  - Anger: which comes from the false belief that one has a right to know what is impossible to know.

There are many things over which we have little control, for example; life and death. It is hard to stop bush fires when we've had long droughts and things are dry and then we have storms with lightning. We can control the space around properties so there isn't a lot of fuel for the fire near a home, but it is hard to stop a fire. It is the same with a disease like Covid19. We either take refuge until we are rescued by a vaccine or we succumb to the consequences of the disease, which means sickness and death and loss of industry.

We know that people are currently speaking of the third wave of Corona Virus. They are saying it will be the mental fall out of the disease. People have been confronted by their lack of personal power and knowledge.

In our society these are big issues because most of the time we feel we have the knowledge and control of our lives that we need, but then we are forced to recognise that we don't. So, this story of the annunciation I think is important for us in our world today.

Some might want to view the story as an interaction between Mary, a young girl, and an Angel, the spokesperson of God, as a meeting of unequals and so reflects an injustice. And if it were a purely



human interaction that would be entirely true, because where there is inequality of power and pressure applied on the weaker person, that equates in many ways to abuse, especially if it is to the benefit of the person of power and not to the other.

But we are speaking of God here. God is always more powerful than we are so there is always an inequality in our relationship with God. God is one who does have all knowledge and all control and knows and understands us and our needs. God is also a God who is all love, whose motive is not about himself but about fulfilling promises for the wellbeing and restoration of Creation.

When we look at the annunciation story, we can see that there are some powerful things in Mary's reaction to the angel that suggests that she is not totally powerless. First, the angel tells her not to be afraid, but there is no evidence that she is afraid. We are told in the story that she was 'confused and wondering' according to the Common English Bible translation or in the NRSV she was 'perplexed'. Neither particularly mean afraid. So, one thing this tells us is that even if she was young, she was strong in her character and this is supported by her other recorded responses.

When told she was to conceive a child, she wondered: "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

A perfectly appropriate question given the situation.

The angel's response to her question is not really an answer we'd find easy, and the proof given which is Elizabeth's pregnancy is interesting too.

35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most-High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

37 For nothing will be impossible with God."

And then we hear Mary's ultimate and life response.

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

This response is what makes Mary a true hero of the faith. Firstly, she gives herself over to God by acknowledging the truth of her relationship to God, and then submits to God's call on her life.

Her only point of control in all of this is her response. She recognises that God is working out God's purposes in her life and in faith she surrenders to it. It would not have been in any way expected as it came, even though it fulfills all the prophecies. Mary, through her engagement to Joseph, was of the house of David, so what happened was entirely consistent with Jewish expectations on one level, but it's not Jerusalem, it's not in a place of power, it's basically happening with ordinary peasant people.

She would have faced a lot of negative judgement about her unexplained pregnancy. There was a deep risk of her even being put to death because of it, but she still co-operated, and later rejoiced with Elizabeth at the wonder of God's work through her. The Magnificat which we will sing later in the service reveals her understanding of how God is working through her.

So, what can we learn from this:

First of all, there is a big plan and a big picture of which we are simply a small but significant part. Regardless of us, God's purposes are being worked out in our lives and we can choose or not to accept those purposes.

This does not mean we need to be unthinking or to allow ourselves to be walked over, what it means is using our minds to discern between the limits of our relationship to God and what we do with our lives.

This is not necessarily an easy task and much of it is tied into our vocation, our calling. If you are a scientist, you may be called to question and interrogate reality more so than a shop keeper or a parent for example.

In the end in faith though, every one of us is called to reflect Mary's response in our lives. For some of us, the journey to that place may be more difficult than for others, because it is a journey which teaches us that we are not the centre of the world. Yes, we are deeply loved, but so is everyone. Yes, we are a part of God's creation, but God is THE Creator.

We have been given power over God's Creation to care for and nurture it, but the way we use our power is, in so many ways not ours but God's and does little but damage and corrupt the world. One could say that the fall happened because we chose to try to take power from God and the whole of Creation has suffered the consequences of it.

So then how do we respond.

We focus our hearts and minds on God. We pray, we discern God's will and purpose. We choose to not only seek it, but to say yes to it. And when we do this, like Mary, the life of Christ begins to grow and gestate within us and he is made present through us in our world and the healing of the world happens.

This is the deepest and most profound truth about the incarnation, and part of our call is to be witnessing to its reality in these days when climate change, Covid, bushfires, conflicts between nations, and religion,s and cancer, and dementia, and so much else seems to rage through our world.

Instead of feeling hopeless and powerless, we can to say to God in the midst of it all; "I am your servant, let it be to me according to your word'. And then we need to live out the grace of God through

Jesus Christ as our lives unfold. We then become channels of faith, of hope, of love, and of salvation.

We cannot do any of this without hope. Our hope is not in ourselves, that's where things are hopeless. Our hope is through being part of a community that believes and trusts that God is in control and is working out a plan for our redemption through our lives, today. That's what makes Mary such a wonderful model of faith.

Very few of us are gifted as she was, for most of us we need to grow into a faith like hers, and growth more than anything simply takes time and patience. I pray that this year as we reflect on the nativity, we can each have a sense of God's faithfulness to us, despite the madness of our world, and so entrust ourselves to his call upon our lives to enable his truth to grow in all of us and so through us into our world. Amen.

*Silence for reflection.*

*Let us together affirm the faith of the church.*

**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**

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, let your will be done with us according to your word, that we might be vessels of your Presence, and eager to pray:

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the worldwide church, its leaders, and its people and especially for St Paul's, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus: **and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations of the earth, especially in these days of Covid19, giving thanks for those who are caring for the sick and vulnerable and those who are researching vaccines, that your peace, justice and healing would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus: **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind especially Ivor, Daniel, Vicki, David & Vera, Margaret, Bert, Mandy, Joyce, Jean, Carmel, Heather, Ann, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Gillian,

Pauline & Barrie, Hilary. All who are sick with Covid19, all who care for them and any others we carry in our hearts this day

*Pause*

that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus: **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and other important events, that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

Come Lord Jesus: **and hear our prayer.**

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God with Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

Come Lord Jesus: **and hear our prayer.**

O Christ, come upon us and anoint us; have mercy upon those who stand in awe of you in every generation, and hear our prayers; Come Lord Jesus. Amen. *Based on prayers written by Rick Morely*

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**

### **GREETING OF PEACE**

We are the body of Christ!

**His Spirit is with us!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you. Amen.** *[We wave to each other as a sign of peace]*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: TIS 161**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
His holy Name- the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-

*Offertory Prayer*

*Response: Blessed be God forever. Amen.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **POST COMMUNION HYMN: TIS 276 V1 & 4**

There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring,  
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;  
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,  
but His triumph-day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.

Hark! we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell-  
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King Emmanuel:  
Zion, go you forth to meet Him; and my soul, be swift to bring  
all your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

Henry Burton 1840-1930



## *Post Communion Prayer*

**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**

## **THE BLESSING**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8am and 10am:** Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.22-40

## **Diary for the next week**

11.15am Monday. Prep for Christmas Eve. Rectory.

11am Tuesday. Holy Communion Mercy Place

10.30am Communion Kiralee

10.30am **No Eucharist this morning**

6.00pm Thursday Christmas Eve

8.00am and 10.00am Friday Christmas Day

8.00 am and 10 am Sunday Eucharist



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## **Nativity**

From virgin's womb this Christmas day did spring The precious seed that only saved man: This day let man rejoice and sweetly sing Since on this day salvation first began. This day did Christ man's soul from death remove, With glorious saints to dwell in heav'n above. This day to man

came pledge of perfect peace: This day to man came love and unity: This day man's grief began for to cease, This day did man receive a remedy For each offence and ev'ry deadly sin That he, with guilty heart, has wandered in. 'A Carol for Christmas Day' by Francis Kindlemarsh (fl. C. 1570) Verses 1-2 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2: 6-7

### **YEAR'S MIND**

Henry Cassidy, Jean Drever, Richard Giles, David Strickland (20) William Spratling, Minnie Roberts, Elizabeth Edsall, Thomas Barnett (21) Arthur Bradly, Bernado Contessa, Arthur Johnson. Lesley Bradley, Anne Dark, Sarah Tunbridge, Martha Elsworth, Beverley Bowes (22) Ruby Kirsopp, Lynette Steele, Verrie Tunstall, William Holland (23) Urban Brawn, Alice Groves, William White, Ella Storey, John Holmes, Mrs Luarrel, Thomas Tuddenham, Enid Barnett, Ida Dwyer, Alice Evans (24) John Gilbert, Eva Bunting, William Jane, Michael McQuade, Roy Rowlands (25) Ivy Rattray, Harriett Luke, Florence Kydd, Ella Storey (26)

### **Christmas Services at St Paul's 2020.**



#### **Christmas Eve.**

6pm in the Deanery garden-

Children's Service with Holy Communion.

Bring chairs and rugs to sit on.

Children please come dressed as angels, shepherds and wise people.

#### **Christmas Day.**

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion.

### **MORNING COFFEE AT "A POT OF COURAGE"**

Our first meet-up again will be on Friday 15th January. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Sue Lanyon: mob 0429 092 205

## **ST PAUL'S CALENDAR 2021**

Orders are now being taken for the St Paul's calendar. The cost is \$10 per copy. If you would like to order one please write your name on the list in the church or contact the office. Money may be placed in a marked envelope in the collection plate.

## **ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

A huge thank you to all winners, prize contributors and ticket buyers for another terrific Christmas Raffle.

The winners are:

- 1st - Merna Gration - Hamper
- 2nd - Bert Muysers - Christmas Cake
- 3rd - Marg Groves - \$20 voucher
- 4th - Faye Pywell (Beat Clayton's daughter)
- 5th - Ruth Kneeshaw (bottle of wine donated by Bryan Crebbin)
- 6th - Bert Muysers
- 7th - Phoebe Schneider (c/- Avis)
- 8th - Heather Clinton
- 9th - R Neilson (c/- the Linsdells)
- 10th - Max Clark
- 11th - Ken Turner
- 12th - Noelene Gration (this was the rose bush)

Thanks also to Mark Stewart who assisted me in the drawing of the winners and some photos.

Heather

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