

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTICES: All notices are subject to approval and must be received by 12 noon Wed for publication Sunday.

Sunday Services:

All services in January:

There will be one service only, at 8.30am.

Hymns for Sun 26th December 2021:

8.30 service:

TiS 312 Once In Royal David's City
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
TiS 268 Joy to the World.

Readings for 2nd January 2022:

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

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Office hours – the office is currently open Wed & Fri from 9am to 12noon.

It is Not open at other times.

Farewell to Father Melusi: There will be a special morning tea for Father Melusi after the 8.30 service on the 9th January. If you will be attending please put your name on the sheet in the narthex. Also, if you can supply food, help with setting up beforehand or with clearing up after please put the details onto the sheet in the narthex.

ABM digital donation cards are available on the table in the narthex

Covid vaccination – could everyone who is on the rosters please provide the wardens or the office with a copy of your double vaccination certificate as soon as possible. This includes 7.30am service, 9.30am service musicians, choir and morning tea. These sheets will be stored confidentially with the Diocesan Registrar. Seating arrangements will remain the same until further notice.

Mowing Roster: a roster is being compiled for the mowing of the cathedral grounds and beside the hall. **Week 2 will be done by the Cathedral Chapter.** Please see Bev for weeks 1,3,4, or 5.

Pew Reflection:

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" – *Bob Hope*



Sunday Smile:



Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

26th December – First Sunday after Christmas.



It is lovely to share in worship this morning. A very warm welcome to any newcomers or visitors. Please join us for morning tea after the service.

THOSE KNOWN TO US:

In Need: Brian and Jacqueline, Ray, Amy and family, Margaret, Roger, Des.

Sentence: Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and be thankful. Colossians 3.14–15

Collect: God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

The Church in Australia: The Diocese of Wangaratta

CQ Diocese: Special Ministry District of Winton

People in the Parish and Beyond: The Independent Churches of Africa
The newly confirmed and those preparing for confirmation or reception into the Anglican Church, The Church's ministry to people in isolated places, Refugees, Asylum seekers and those who seek to assist them

Partner Diocese- Popondota, PNG: Youths Ministry, Children's Ministry, Clergy wives

In Memoriam: John Gilmore, Douglas Turner, James Pawley, Leonard Hegvold, Ellen Johnson.

We care about you, so please let Dean Melusi or the Wardens know if you, a family member or someone you know, needs pastoral care or wants to be included in our prayers for healing.

26 December – First Sunday after Christmas

In today's Gospel the Son of God came to teach people about God's kingdom. The birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, on that first day of Christmas, was greeted with joy as the good news spread across the region of Judea. God's holy angel spoke to a group of shepherds, living in the countryside. The shepherds left everything behind as they visited the stable where they found the Christ child lying in a manger. This shows that focusing on God requires our attention and that it comes with a calling to create space and time to celebrate Christ's birth. He is the King of heaven and earth and thus the embodiment of true hope and peace. (Dean Melusi).

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 2.26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

⁶ He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, mist and snow:

and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

⁹ Mountains and all hills:

fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

princes, and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens:

old folk and children together.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

¹⁴ His glory is above earth and heaven:

and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

2nd Reading – Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 2, verses 41 to 52

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel – Luke 2.41-52

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfilment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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2 January - The Epiphany of Our Lord

Sentence: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1

or

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2.11

Collect:: Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

or

Eternal God,

who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

or

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising:

fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading – Isaiah 60.1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,

² That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.

³ Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

⁴ May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:

the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him:

and all nations do him service.

¹² He will deliver the needy when they cry:

and the poor that have no helper.

¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy:

and save the lives of the poor.

¹⁴ He will redeem them from oppression and violence:

and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 3.1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel – Matthew 2.1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

