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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

Bishop Keith Dalby (Alice) ; Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley);
Fr Des Ackland (Raelene) and Fr Peter Carlsson

and In the Limestone Coast

Fr David Patterson; Fr Wayne; Fr David Withers (Ann); Fr Neil (Nalini)

Parish Counsellors Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Rick Fisher, Brian Smith,
Jeff Bowman, Sandy Coulson, Maree Lynch, Lynn Fisher

Diocesan Prayer

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples and friend; help us
to journey with you on the way of life toward the Father. Enable
us by the Spirit to discover not only the fullness of who you are,
but also the fullness of life you offer to each one of us.

Amen

The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier

Christ Church
Mount Gambier

St Luke's
Mount Schank

St Thomas
Port MacDonnell

Epiphany 1 : 12th January 2020



The spirit of the Lord is upon me



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to
our services today and invite you to share in
fellowship and a cuppa in the Ashworth Room
after the service

If you are new to the Parish, please make yourself
known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

Baptism of Jesus

Our Gospel account today of Jesus' baptism reminds us of our own baptism. Why did Jesus ask John for baptism? Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and Jesus did not need forgiveness. No wonder that in Matthew's account John objects to giving Jesus baptism, "It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me." But Jesus insisted on being baptized showing us his humility. All of Jesus' followers would be baptized and so Jesus too wanted to be baptized to show his unity with all of us. A new family was formed at Pentecost, the Church, and baptism was the means of entering the Church. Jewish children were not baptized, Jewish boys were circumcised 8 days after birth and girls had a naming ceremony but the followers of Jesus would be distinguished by baptism.

What difference does baptism make to us? When Jesus was baptized the Father spoke and said, "You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you." When we are baptized the Father says over each of us, "You are my son/daughter, my beloved; my favour rests on you." Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized in the Jordan and we are anointed with the oil of chrism during our baptism and like Jesus we receive the Holy Spirit also. These are some of the instructions for the newly baptized in Jerusalem in the early Church.

"Now that you have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ, you have become conformed to the Son of God...since you share in Christ, it is right to call you 'Christs' or anointed ones... You have become 'Christs' by receiving the sign of Holy Spirit...When you emerged from the pool of sacred waters you were anointed in a manner corresponding to Christ's anointing. That anointing is the Holy Spirit... Christ was anointed with...the Holy Spirit...and you have been anointed with chrism because you have become fellows and sharers of Christ...But be sure not to regard the chrism merely as ointment...When the Holy Spirit has been invoked on the holy chrism it is no longer mere or ordinary ointment; it is the gift of Christ...It is applied to your forehead and organs of sense with a symbolic meaning; the body is anointed with visible ointment, and the soul is sanctified by the holy, hidden Spirit."

During baptism when the child is anointed with the oil of chrism part of the prayer for the anointing is, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." Because of our baptism we are all united in Jesus. That is why Paul in his letters makes statements like, "there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, you are all one in Christ." (Gal 3:28). So what is your vocation since baptism? Your vocation is to witness Jesus to the world.

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Services & Events this coming week in the Parish

Monday, 13th January

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 14th January

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm

No Morning Prayer today
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

Wednesday, 15th January

10.00am—3.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

Thursday, 16th January

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

No Morning Prayer today
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation
CMG practice

Friday, 17th January

10.00am—3.00pm
11.00am

Bell Tower Op Shop
No Communion service today

Saturday, 18th January

9.30am—12.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 19th January

8.00am
9.30am

Holy Eucharist
Sung Eucharist

Commencing February

On the 1st Tuesday of each month, there will be a service at St Mary's Boandik at 10.00am and 1st and 3rd Fridays at Boandik Lodge Lake Tce. at 1.30pm and on the 1st Friday of each month, a healing service will be held at 10.30am prior to the 11.00am Holy Eucharist.

NB : Our church has an audio loop to assist those with hearing aids

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR JANUARY
Anne Ashworth Larnka Foran

Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.



Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Bishop David McCall; Pam Judge; Val Linder; Fr Peter Carlsson;
Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sallyann Geddes (daughter of Neil & Judy)
Wendy Monger & Don Currie; June Willcourt; Shirley Stacpoole

Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance is this week.

If you wish for your name (or the name of someone you know) to be placed on the prayer list, please submit the request in writing (including your Name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required). Forms for this purpose can be found at the back of the church.



At this time, please pray especially for all the victims of the bushfires burning in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia — these people have lost loved ones, possessions and livelihood amidst the devastation—and now face the mammoth task of rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.

Please also remember in your prayers all the personnel who are continuing to desperately fighting these fires to bring them under control.

There is a vacancy in the gardening roster at present. If you think you could take on these duties—approx. 3 times a year for a month each time—please either speak to the office staff or Robyn Sweetnam for further info.

Thank you

Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation

Please see Vestry noticeboard for 2019 review.

Diocesan Prayer Diary

Copies available at the back of the Church.



READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 12th January 2020 Epiphany 1			
Isa 42: 1-7	Ps 29	Acts 10: 34-38	Matthew 3: 13-17
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT	Anne Ashworth		
SERVER	Darren Schunke		
INTERCESSIONS	Rick Fisher		
WELCOMER	David Glover		
ELEMENTS	Jenny Tilby		
SIDESPERSIONS	Kathy MacIntosh and Graham Savage		
FOOD BASKET	Beryl Heard		
READERS	Bill Hudd and Robyn Ashby		
MORNING TEA	Raylene Milligan and Beryl Heard		
FLOWERS	Robyn Sweetnam		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Dick Hamson		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	David and Ginny Glover		
GARDENING	—		
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher		
** January Update **			
* Usual weekday services will resume from Tuesday, 28th January *			
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 19th January 2020 Epiphany 2			
Isa 49: 1-6	Ps 40: 8-13	1 Cor 1: 1-9	John 1: 29-34
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT	Kathy MacIntosh		
SERVER	Sue Christopher		
INTERCESSIONS	Sue Christopher		
WELCOMER	Anne Ashworth		
ELEMENTS	Denise McDonald		
SIDESPERSIONS	Raylene Milligan & Faye Hill		
FOOD BASKET	Judy Geddes		
READERS	David Glover and Anne Ashworth		
MORNING TEA	Denise McDonald and Judy Geddes		
FLOWERS	Margaret Boardman		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Robyn Ashby		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Alice Gladigau		
GARDENING	—		
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher		