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Pew Sheet

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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 4 : 2nd February 2020



For my eyes have seen your salvation



**We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to
our services today**

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or
Wardens — and please join us for a cuppa and chat
in the Ashworth Room after the 9.30am service

My eyes have seen the salvation

Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the Lord who enters the Temple and comes to encounter his people. In the Christian East, this feast is called the “Feast of Encounter”: it is the encounter between God, who became a child to bring newness to our world, and an expectant humanity, represented by the elderly man and woman in the Temple.

The presentation of Jesus in the temple served two purposes; the first is the redemption of the first-born and the second is the purification of Mary. The first-born belonged to the Lord according to the Book of Exodus 13:1-2 but Numbers 18:15-16 tells us the first-born could be redeemed or bought back by paying five shekels. The purification of the mother in Jewish Law (Lev 12) was purification from ritual uncleanness after childbirth.

This is Jesus’ first visit of many to the temple. It is the fulfilment of the prophecy of Malachi in the first reading, “suddenly there will come to the temple, the Lord whom you seek...” (Mal 3:1). The text in Malachi goes on to say that when the Lord enters the temple he will purify and refine the Levites so that they will offer a pure sacrifice to the Lord and then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the Lord (Mal 3:3-4). Malachi is saying that in the future when the Lord enters his temple the sacrifice of the Levites, the sacrifice of the Old Testament priests, will be purified so that a pure sacrifice will be offered that can please God.

Today we hear the story of Simeon and Anna. And the Gospel tells us that both Simeon and Anna went to the Temple every day, because both of them believed that one day, they would see the Messiah there. They went every day! The Gospel says, in a nice way, that they were both older. So this is something that Simeon and Anna had done for a long time. And of course, as we just heard, they are both rewarded for their Faith and their perseverance, by the fact that they do get to see Jesus on the day that He is presented to God in the Temple. God fulfills His promises to Simeon and Anna. All those days, all those trips, all that time they spent at the Temple, they get to see the Messiah that will save them and us. It must have been quite a day. Simeon even says, “Lord, now I can go in peace, my eyes have seen the salvation.”

This Feast Day and this story has got to make all of us think, how much is God a part of our lives every single day? We don’t all have to come to the Temple every day, like Simeon and Anna did. And yet shouldn’t there be some acknowledgment of God every day in our lives? God has also made promises to us, and we have made promises to Him. How can we remember those promises if we go on day after day without even thinking about God? This is why we’ve got to find some time for God every in our lives. God wants us in communion with Him all the time. What if Simeon and Anna decided NOT to go to the Temple that day when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to the Temple? They would have missed out! Are we missing out on a lot of great things, all because we’re NOT there for God?

How good it is for us to hold the Lord “in our arms” (Lk 2:28), like Simeon. Not only in our heads and in our hearts but also “in our hands”, in all that we do: in prayer, at work, at the table, on the telephone, at school, with the poor, everywhere.

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READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 2nd February 2020 Epiphany 4			
Mal 3: 1-4	Ps 24	Heb 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	Trevor Christopher		
SERVER	Faye Hill		
INTERCESSIONS	Anne Ashworth		
WELCOMER	Jeff Bowman		
ELEMENTS	Otfried Linder and Anne Ashworth		
SIDESPERSIONS	Denise McDonald & Judy Geddes		
FOOD BASKET	Beryl Heard		
READERS	Margaret Boardman & Rita Johnston		
MORNING TEA	Tara McCracken and Helen Douglass		
FLOWERS	Jan Hunt		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Bill Hudd		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Office		
GARDENING	Richard Strickland		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 9th February 2020 Epiphany 5			
Isa 58: 6-10	Ps. 112	1 Cor 2: 1-5	Matthew 5: 13-16
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	Anne Ashworth		
SERVER	Darren Schunke		
INTERCESSIONS	Rick Fisher		
WELCOMER	David Glover		
ELEMENTS	Jenny Tilby		
SIDESPERSIONS	Kathy MacIntosh & Graham Savage		
FOOD BASKET	Beryl Heard		
READERS	Jeff Bowman		
MORNING TEA	Raelene Milligan & Beryl Heard		
FLOWERS	Elizabeth Hodges		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Dick Hamson		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	David & Ginny Glover		
GARDENING	Richard Strickland		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		



The Garden Roster is full again

Many thanks to Helen and Vivienne for offering their time and energy.
Robyn

(Could all participants please check the revised roster in vestry to ensure they know when they are required).

Men Do Breakfast

It's on again next Wednesday morning—5th February at 8.30am at Metro.
All men welcome!

Excess church furniture items

There is an excess of church furniture—such as prayer desks, altar rails and the old reredos from St Paul's Church, Glencoe that need to be 'decommissioned'.

If you or your family has any connection to the donation of any of these items, could you please advise the Parish Office asap. If no-one is forthcoming by **Friday, 7th February**, further steps will then be taken to appropriately dispose of these items.

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

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.

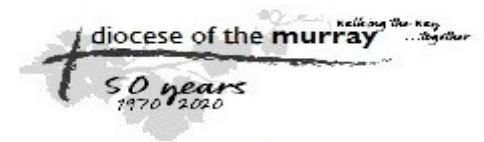
Let us thank God for the opportunities that members bring to their communities.



Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

Wednesday, 5 Feb	8.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Metro
Wednesday, 19 Feb	5.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Vestry
Sunday, 22 March	Annual Vestry Meeting following 9.30am service	

Correspondence from Bishop Keith



1. Clergy Announcements

Bishop Keith has made a number of clergy announcements:

- Fr Lyndon Sulzberger—Priest in Charge of Millicent/Penola from 1st Feb.
- Fr Chris Talbot—Priest in Charge of Port Elliot-Goolwa from 23rd Feb
- Fr Scott Mudd—Assistant Curate in Murraylands from 2nd February
- Fr David Patterson—Director of Formation commencing immediately
- Dr Robert Tong will continue as Chancellor

Please pray for these families as they undertake/continue in their roles in the Diocese.

2. Complaints/Grievance procedure

See details of procedures as outlined in Bishop Keith's letter.

Please refer to Vestry noticeboard for further details—together with the latest News from Diocesan Council

2020 Diocese of The Murray calendars & National Calendar

These calendars are now available for collection from the Parish Office. If you ordered one, could you please ensure that you pay for it on collection. Thank you.



Australia Day celebrations

We give thanks for a very successful Australia Day service and BBQ that followed last Sunday, 26th January.

To view more photos, please see notice board in Vestry.

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Anne England Elizabeth Hodges
Jenny Bowman Rhonda Strickland

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); June Willcourt; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Shirley Stacpoole; John & Phillis Beaven (Brother & Sister-in-law of Alice); Alice Gladigau (and also Derek Gladigau who is currently in India on ministry work)

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.

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Hazard/Incident Report form

At the last meeting of Parish Council (22nd January), they approved and adopted a new hazard/incident report form. Copies of this form can be found at the back of the church, with copies also available in the Op Shop. These forms are to be filled in and lodged with the Priest, WHS Committee or Parish Office if any hazard is identified and/or an incident with potential to cause harm occurs.

Christ Church Craft Group

Commencing this coming week in the Ashworth Room.

Please contact Kathy for information on 0447 255 790.



Stage curtains

Once again, the stage curtains have been damaged, and are again in need of repair. Parish Council have decided that—under the Work, Health & Safety Act SA — children **are not** allowed on the stage unless under adult supervision. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Services this coming week in the Parish

Monday, 3rd February

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 4th February

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
3.15pm

Holy Communion St.Mary's Boandik Tce.
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Fundraising team meeting

Wednesday, 5th February

8.30am
10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm

Men Do Breakfast at Metro
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group Ashworth Room

Thursday, 6th February

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation
CMG practice

Friday, 7th February

10.30am

10.00am—3.00pm
1.30pm

Healing Service
followed by Holy Eucharist 2 11.00am
Bell Tower Op Shop
Holy Communion Boandik Lodge Lake Tce.

Saturday, 8th February

9.30am—12.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 9th February

8.00am
9.30am

11.30am

Holy Communion
Pathways Service 'Salt & Light'
CMGs : No Holy Communion
Holy Communion, St.Luke's, Mount Schank

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

On the 1st Friday of each month, a healing service will be held at 10.30am prior to the 11.00am Holy Eucharist.

On the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, Prison Visiting at 6.00pm

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