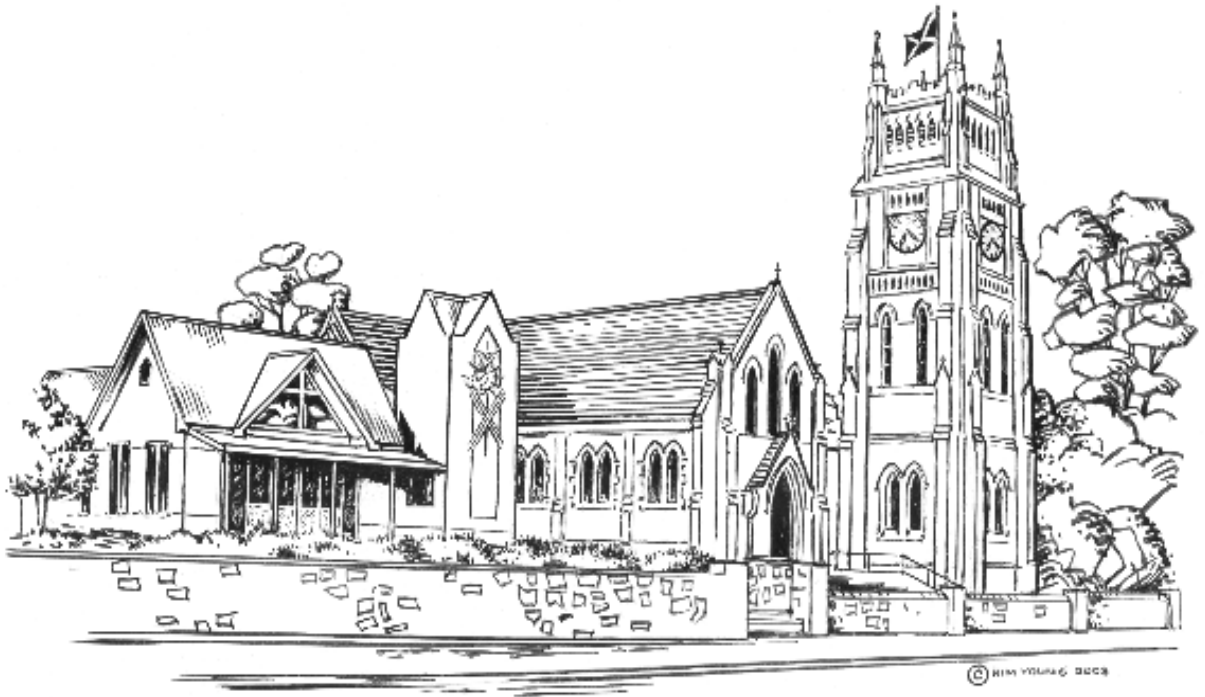


The Epiphany of our Lord

7th January 2024

9.00am



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Today's Service

9.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rev'd Gethzi Devasagayam

Processional Hymn (please stand)

- 1. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**
- 2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**
- 3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou would'st reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**
- 4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**
- 5. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

J.S.B. Monsell (1811-75)

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

May Christ, the true, the only light
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Visit us with your salvation
and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.

Sentence of the Day

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

Isaiah 60: 1

Prayer of Preparation

(Let us Pray)

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy,**
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy,**
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

(Let us pray)

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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

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.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (please stand)

- 1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore your glory see.**

- 2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
one whom heaven and earth adore:
so may we with willing feet
ever seek your mercy seat.**

- 3. As they offered gifts most rare
at your cradle rough and bare:
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

- 4. Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.**

**5. In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
you its light, its joy, its crown,
you its sun which goes not down.
There for ever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.**

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter two, beginning at the first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says...

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Celebrant

Affirmation of Faith (please stand)

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.**

Intercessions (please sit or kneel) – refer to Cycle of Prayer on page 19

Let us pray for the Spirit's guidance in the world and for the church

The response to each petition is:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Prayer for a new incumbent:

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Parish prayer:

God our Father, you have made us members of Christ and of his church in this parish. May our worship be offering of our hearts and lives to you. Help us to reach out in welcome to newcomers and visitors, to encourage and care for each other in friendship and fellowship, and to grow in grace, love and unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After the intercessions:

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.

Confession & Absolution:

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

A pause for reflection.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sin, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Approach

Let us pray

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. 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.

Offertory Hymn

1. **Hail to the Lord's Anointed!**
Great David's greater Son;
hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. **He comes with succour speedy**
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3. **He shall come down like showers**
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4. **Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**
5. **O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.**

James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray
that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers
of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sin of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour, 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:
for we all share in the one bread.

The congregation joins in the Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).

Communion Hymn

- 1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do or say.**
- 2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.**
- 3. May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**
- 4. May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing -
this is victory.**
- 5. May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

God of heaven, dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful
to your Word made flesh
that as his body in the world
we may bring his presence to all people.

**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.**

Notices

Final Hymn

- 1. Christ is our light! the bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.**
- 2. Christ is our love! baptized that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see you in the light of heaven's embrace.**
- 3. Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.**

Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

Blessing & Dismissal

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty;
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Postlude – we sit in reflection

If you are new today, welcome!

Contact cards are available for you to complete today.

We would love to get your contact details so that we can keep you
up to date with the life of the parish.

Please ask one of our friendly welcomers for a card, and return it to
them (or place it in the offertory bowl) when you have completed it.

Many thanks.

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For your Prayers this week

The Nations and People of the Earth:

Pray that humanity, common sense and compassion may prevail in all the negotiations between Israel and Hamas, between Israel and Hezbollah, between Israel and Iran. Pray that the tensions between peoples and nations may ease.

Pray for the recovery and rebuilding efforts in far north Australia to proceed speedily and safely.

Pray that those affected by the earthquake in Japan may find relief and help as the government and private agencies work to restore as much normality as possible.

The Church and its Mission:

The Scottish Episcopal Church. Primus: ++Mark Strange.

Belair: Steve Daughtry (Vanessa), Brenton Daulby (Sue)

Brisbane: ++Jeremy Greaves (Josie)

Give thanks for the work and witness of WontulpBi-Buya College in Cairns and Nungalinya College in Darwin.

At St Andrew's we pray:

For great wisdom for our Patronage Committee – Lyn Dow, Jenny Harris, Ian Gray, Brian Wheatley and Sandy Facy; and for the reserves, Ray Newell and Mel McElroy.

Pray for parishioners on holiday – for safety and refreshment.

Pray for parishioners and others in residential care facilities and in hospital, giving thanks for the work of doctors and nurses, therapists and carers.

Ourselves and our Community:

Remember in prayer all who are standing at the ready to bring help to those in crisis: the Country Fire Service, Emergency Fire Service, paramedics and counsellors.

Special Prayer Requests: *See page 22*

The Departed

Thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith:

William Laud (d. 1645), <i>archbishop of Canterbury, martyr</i>	10 January
Hilary of Poitiers (d. 367), <i>bishop and teacher</i>	13 January

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Notices

In the Parish

- ❖ **9am service during January.** Please note that there will be one service only on the Sundays of January - starting at 9 am. Our usual pattern of worship, two services at 8 and 9.30am, will resume on Sunday 4th February.
- ❖ **Key amnesty:** We are undertaking a review of church keys. If you have one and have not already been identified as a keyholder recently by the office, please contact the Wardens or the office.
- ❖ **Weekly envelopes:** are available on the table at the back of the church for parishioners who wish to make a regular voluntary financial offering each week. Other parishioners choose to make their regular voluntary financial offering monthly, bi-monthly or at another time convenient to them through electronic banking. If you wish give electronically, please donate to this account:
St Andrew's, Walkerville; BSB 633-000; account 144 103 314. Include as a reference: "Offering" + your name, if different from the name on your account.

❖ **Special Prayer Requests.** If parishioners have special requests for prayers for people, please mention them to the clergy or to the Wardens. Of course, people's Christian names only are used. Also, we would need to know the briefest outline of the reason that a special request has been asked for prayer - *eg* "facing surgery this month."

It is also envisaged that people's names will appear for Special Prayer Request only for a month, and then will be removed - but, of course, their names can be renewed with another special request for prayer. This list of names for prayer requests is not envisaged as a perpetual request - but only as need arises in people's lives. Details of people's needs will be kept confidential by the clergy and Wardens.

As a "prayerful" church (see the front cover of the pew Sheet) we wish to exercise a ministry of intercessory prayer for people, but as a prayerful church, our prayers need to have some context, rather than a perpetual list of names.

It may be that we shall begin another list of names of people who can be regarded as having "long-term" needs.

Diary Dates

Sunday 7 January Epiphany	9.00am Said Eucharist with hymns (The Rev'd Gethzi Devasagayam)
Sunday 14 January Baptism of our Lord	9.00am Said Eucharist with hymns
Friday 19 January	10.00am Tai Chi (Parish Centre)
Sunday 21 January Epiphany 3	9.00am Said Eucharist with hymns (The Rev'd Paula Bullock presiding)
Sunday 28 January Epiphany 4	9.00am Said Eucharist with hymns (The Rev'd Paula Bullock presiding) (Blessing of the backpacks as the children prepare to return to school)

Readings for next Sunday (The Baptism of our Lord)

1st Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29

2nd Reading: Acts 19: 1-7

Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11

Rosters for today, Sunday 7th January (Epiphany)

Celebrant & Preacher: 9.00am The Rev'd Gethzi Devasagayam

Readers: 9.00am Liz Owen

Prayer Leader: 9.00am Lyn Dow

Lay Assistants: 9.00am Wayne Butcher

Server: 9.00am Liz Owen

Sidespersons: 9.00am Brian and Heather Wheatley

Morning Tea 9.00am Needra Silva, Sally Zimmerman

Rosters for Sunday 14th January (The Baptism of our Lord)

Celebrant & Preacher: 9.00am The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw

Readers: 9.00am Wayne Butcher

Prayer Leader: 9.00am Wayne Butcher

Lay Assistants: 9.00am Mel Dow

Server: 9.00am Michael Thomas

Sidespersons: 9.00am Jan de Wit, Sally Zimmerman, Roy Ingram

Morning Tea 9.00am Val Ingram, Suzanne Sexton

Rosters for Sunday 21st January (3rd Sunday after Epiphany)

Celebrant & Preacher: 9.00am The Rev'd Paula Bullock

Readers: 9.00am Sally Zimmerman

Prayer Leader: 9.00am TBC

Lay Assistants: 9.00am Biffy Ormsby

Server: 9.00am John Beer

Sidespersons: 9.00am Brian Zwar, Michael Thomas, Robin
Coleman

Morning Tea 9.00am Frances Wilson, Molly Radakovitch