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Diocese of Gippsland

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Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

***St. George's,
McBride Ave., Wonthaggi***

***The Church of the Ascension
4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch***

Bunurong Country

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Third Sunday after Epiphany – 22nd January
Prayer, Praise & Proclamation



The Word Epiphany has that wonderful meaning of being enlightened, having that 'Aha' moment when you understand what is going on.

But understanding is only part of the story, there needs to be a response.

The response shows everyone that you do actually understand.

So, when James, John, Andrew & Peter understood that Jesus of Nazareth was the saviour of the world, they showed they understood by responding to Jesus' call to follow him.

Now, they may not have understood all facets of what it meant to be the saviour of the world, but they did understand enough to follow and take that risk.

Likewise, if we understand then we too need to respond. Have you?

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4.23

Collect

Loving God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9.1-4

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan – ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27.1-10

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; **whom then shall I fear?: the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

² When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.

³ If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid: **and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.**

⁴ One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

⁵ To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

⁶ For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble: **and conceal me
in the shadow of his tent, and set me
high upon a rock.**

⁷ And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.

⁸ And I will offer sacrifices in his
sanctuary with exultation: **I will sing, I
will sing praises to the Lord.**

⁹ O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
**have mercy upon me and answer
me.**

¹⁰ My heart has said of you, 'Seek his
face': **your face, Lord, I will seek.**

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 10.-18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.' ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 4.12-25

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.' ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net

into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

*For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

CMS Vic & the Vinicombe family

As you all should be aware, CMS Missionaries, Matt, Kate and their children; Bethany, Chloe and Amos, were involved in a serious car accident with a Kangaroo near Keith on Christmas Night. Over the weekend Kate was transferred to the Austin Hospital in Melbourne's north where she is in the Intensive Care Unit.

Matt, Bethany, Chloe and Amos have moved back to the CMS missionary flat in Mont Albert. Matt is unable to drive and is dealing with ongoing effects from his injuries. Please continue to pray for Matt, Kate and their 3 children.

Matt was also due to speak at this week's CMS SUTS in Melbourne and as such has had to withdraw. Please pray for him as he works through the disappointment and their changed circumstances.

INFORMATION

Readings Jan 29th 4th Epiphany	Isaiah 9.1-4 1 Corinthians 1.10-18	Psalm 27.1-10 Matthew 4.12-25
Tuesday 24th Jan	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C – Rev Amy 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Wonthaggi 1:30 pm - Wardens' Meeting - Inverloch	
Wednesday 25th Jan	10:00 am – St George's- H.C. Rev. John 11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges	
Friday 27th Jan	11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges	

Rosters 29th January, Epiphany 4, Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Jennifer Boer	X
Sides Person	Alan Price	X
Prayers	David Beischer	X
Service Leader	Jenny Rivers	X
Eucharistic Asst	Janette Elder	X
Musician	Jan Kershaw	X
Children's Ministry	X	X

If you are unable to fulfil your roster position would you please organise for someone else to take your place.

Bible Discovery Groups: Most Groups will resume in the first week of February.

Special Prayer Request!

MAF



On the 6th January it was reported that Ryan and 2 of his colleagues were still being held captive without charge in Mozambique's Machava Maximum Security Prison near Maputo.

They were detained on the 4th November by police who seized them on suspicion of supporting insurgents.

Please continue to pray for their immediate release and for Ryan's family; Annabel, Elias and Hezekiah Koher

On This Day: John Dykes Composer of "Holy, Holy, Holy"



"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," read Reginald Heber's widow. Among her dead husband's papers, she found the words of one of the most powerful and beautiful hymns ever written. But years would pass before the lines took their place in worship services around the world.

In 1861, a publisher rediscovered the words. He asked John Bacchus Dykes to furnish him with a tune. John had been a church organist since he was ten-years-old and was co-founder and president of the Cambridge University Musical Society.

John accepted the words. Within thirty minutes he wrote the tune "Nicea," which carried the praise of the **Trinity** to Christians everywhere.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty!

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

The year after he composed this famous tune, John was appointed vicar of St. Oswald. This put him in charge of a parish. He was thirty-nine and had already held several lesser church posts. John's people came to love him. His bishop, however, did not care for John's views. John was "high-church." This meant that he stressed the continuity of the Church of England with the Roman **Catholic church** from which it had sprung.

Charles Baring, his bishop, refused to give John any help with his large parish unless he would agree to conduct his services in a more "low-church" style. John wouldn't agree and so he had to handle the whole parish himself, a job which exhausted him.

Nonetheless, in addition to his regular duties, he managed to write over 300 hymn tunes. These included some for our favorite hymns, such as "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" and less familiar songs such as "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" and "Lead, Kindly Light."

Worn out with his labors and constant friction with his bishop, John died on this day, January 22, 1876. He was just fifty-three years old. Those who loved and admired him, raised £10,000 to support his widow and children.

Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/john-dykes

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Rosedale Lyndon Phillips, Harry

Aboriginal Clergy Phyllis Andy, Kathy Dalton

Aboriginal Ministry Support Group: Edie Ashley

The Abbey Raymond Island: Edie Ashley, Anna Esdaile

Abbey Chapter

The Australian Church

Aboriginal Ministry: Nungalinga College & Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop - Kanishka Raffel

Bishops: Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Michael Stead, Chris Edwards, Gary Koo

Special Focus: Nursing, Medical and Paramedical staff and all who minister to the sick, Hospital Chaplains. Hospices and Aged Care Facilities & those suffering mental illness.

Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body, especially those affected by COVID 19 and other viruses. Please give people the courage to face their illness head on and to be assured of their salvation in Jesus Christ.

Please bring healing and strength to those we have been asked to pray for:

Matt Fletcher, Amy Davis, Chris Peters, Denise, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jeffer, Beth & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Cecily, Robin, Barb Bickley, Trish, Ross Smith, Tania, Russell, Hayley, Barbara Manns, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Luke M, Terry, Emily, Ian M^cBurnie, Graeme Peters, Elisabeth H, Portia, Suzie, Vivienne, Benjamine, Robert P, Jessica, Kirk & Susannah (*Give thanks for the safe delivery of their son*), Pam D, June R, John G & Albert, Rob Atkin.

We give thanks for the faithful departed.

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Thank you to all who have already set up this means to support the Parish!

SAFE CHURCH REFRESHER WORKSHOP - **CREATING SAFE SPACES**



The Next Upcoming In-person Workshop is at Wonthaggi Baptist Church on Saturday 25th February 2023 from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. To register for yourself or for a group on this date visit this link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/css-sat-feb-25-2-2023>