



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

(Committed in Christ, Connecting in Service & Creative in Spirit.)

Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

St. George's,

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The Church of the Ascension

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Baptism of our Lord – 8th January **Holy Communion**



Baptism!

Did Jesus need to be baptised?

According to John and some scripture He didn't, but according to other scriptures and God the Father He did. Why?

The answer is quite simple - Jesus needed to experience what we experience in everyway, but it was more than that. Jesus was baptised into a new cause, a new movement.

People were generally baptised into a cause, John's was one of repentance which Jesus had nothing to repent of, but he was also baptised with the Spirit in the name of God the Father, who spoke.

This was a new way, a holy way.

Are you willing to give up all to be part of this way?

Jesus leads from the front so let's follow Him.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3.17

Collect

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that all who are baptised into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42.1-9

¹ 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.' ⁵ This is what God the Lord says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ 'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ 'I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.'

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

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: **ascribe to the Lord glory and might.**

² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: **O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: **the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.**

⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: **the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: **the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

⁶ He makes them skip like a calf: **Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: **the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**

⁸ The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: **in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**

⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: **the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.**

¹⁰ The Lord will give strength to his people: **the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

New Testament Reading:

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Gospel

Matthew 3.13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

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

INFORMATION

Readings Jan 15th 2nd Epiphany	Isaiah 49.1-7 1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Psalm 40.1-14 John 1.29-42
Tuesday 9th Jan	10:00 am – Ascension – No service (SUFM) 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – resumes 17 th Jan'	
Wednesday 11th Jan	10:00 am – St George's- H.C. Rev. Graeme 11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges	
Friday 13th Jan	11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges	

Rosters 15th January, Epiphany 2, Holy Communion

<i>Activity</i>	<i>St George's</i>	<i>Church of the Ascension</i>
Bible Reader	Geoff Boer	Mal Fletcher
Sides Person	Ron Osborne	Ted/Ray
Prayers	Jennifer Boer	Liz Watkins
Service Leader	Rev. Graeme	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Asst	Janette Elder	Liz Watkins
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Sue Lester/Elise
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: All in recess during Christmas/New Year period

On This Day: Severinus' Heroic Evangelism in Austria



What a remarkable man Severinus must have been. He so impressed the Huns that they stopped their march when he stood in their way. On another occasion, violent, ruthless Odoacer sought the saint out to ask his blessing.

Severinus is one of the patron saints of Austria. Yet he was not Austrian: he was born in North Africa. Hungry for God, he gave away his wealth and became a hermit. But conscience would not let him live a life of seclusion. People needed the Gospel.

And so one day, after the death of Attila the Hun, he appeared in Noricum (near Vienna). With the death of their leader, the barbarians had broken into lawless bands who inflicted much misery on middle Europe. Despite this desperate situation, Severinus sought to turn men to Christ. By and large, his message was rejected. However, he put backbone into the demoralized Christian community and they founded monasteries along the Danube.

Through self-discipline, prophecy and useful service, Severinus slowly won the respect of local Christians and of their barbarian enemies. His austerity was notable. Summer and winter he walked barefoot, even when ice frosted the Danube. He refused to own a second tunic. At sunset he ate his one meal of the day. During the weeks of Lent, he cut back even more, to one meal a week. His tight reign on his appetites amazed the heathen hordes who lacked such self-control.

Severinus prophesied that Vienna would be captured. Trusting their walls and martial ardor, the Viennese scoffed. Nonetheless, Vienna was taken. Severinus set about providing relief for the starving city. He coaxed a rich widow to release her hoard of food. He called the people to repentance. When they listened, the ice on the Danube broke and ships were able to bring in supplies. He heartened the city to strengthen its defenses and negotiated with the barbarians so that they turned away from their evil behavior.

Even after the force of the invasion had diminished, Severinus continued his relief efforts, which were now directed at redeeming captives, providing poor relief and building churches.

Severinus stayed simple. He refused to become bishop, preferring the life style of a hermit. Suffering from pleurisy, he died on this day, January 8, 482. It was remarked that on his deathbed, he sang the words of a psalm, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/301-600/severinus

Special Prayer Requests!

MAF



I haven't received an update on the plight of Ryan, however would you please keep him and his family Annabel, Elias, Hezekiah, Koher and the MAF US team in your prayers.

Ryan, an MAF Pilot in Mozambique, has been wrongfully detained since the 4th of November, while preparing to fly supplies to orphanages.

Please continue to pray for his immediate release.

CMS Vic & the Vinicombe family

By now many of you will be aware the Matt, Kate and their children, Bethany, Chloe and Amos, were involved in a serious car accident with a Kangaroo near Keith on Christmas Night. The Kangaroo didn't survive, but Matt & Kate suffered injuries that required evacuation to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Matt is improving and can now walk about a bit, however Kate has received significant injuries, remains in intensive care but is improving. All 3 children survived relatively unscathed and are now in the care of family in Adelaide where they are able to visit their parents. Please pray for Matt & Kate's full recovery and that the family will suffer no enduring trauma.

Free Holiday Program for Families

This will be run at Rainbow Park, (Wyeth-McNamara Reserve) Inverloch by the **Scripture Union Family Mission (SUFM)** till tomorrow from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. There will be bible stories, events, crafts, and so much more. Contact Anna McLean on 0411 047 768 for further information.

Over the past 10 days the SUFM team have been camping in the Church of the Ascension, Inverloch, and we thank them for coming to our region to spread the word of God to the many children and their families.

Please pray for the team as they conclude this year's mission and return to their normal spheres of work and study, (that is to say: "Come down from their mountain top experience.")

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Corner Inlet: Tim Fletcher, Elizabeth

Diocese of Brisbane: Archbishop: Phillip Aspinall

Bishops: John Roundhill, Cameron Venables, Jeremy Greaves

Special Focus: All Licensed Lay Persons, Lay Readers, Pastoral Assistants
Liturgical Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants
Other Lay ministers in the Diocese
Study Group Leaders, Parish Musicians,
Lay Reader Chaplains

Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body, especially those affected by the 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.

We give thanks for the faithful departed.

Lord please comfort families & friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this special time of the year.

CMS SUTS - Summer Under The Sun

19 - 21 January 2023

Syndal Baptist Church, Glen Waverley

Book on line at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=930207&>

Tomorrow, the 9th, is the last day to register for SUTS 2023

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Parish Council +

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Our Bank Details: Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

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