

**THIS MONTH, JANUARY, SUNDAY 10AM WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN AT ST JAMES'
POINT LONSDALE**



Lovers of the Place*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans
Sunday 2nd January 2022
(by hand to those without email)

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



“Newborn King, you show no partiality in your love for us. Young or old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, you could not love us any more in the next moment than you do in this moment. But my witness wavers at times, Lord. I lose track of the real Star, caught up in becoming one myself. Help me to once again kneel before you like a little child and open up my treasures of time and talent on behalf of the work which I was sent.”

Fra Angelico was a monk who used his creative gifts to speak truth to power. In Florence there are two famous frescoes of the ‘The Adoration of the Magi’, in different settings, but both put before the gaze of the powerful ruling Medici family.

FROM FR PETER,

At the beginning of a new year please be assured of my best wishes and my prayers for you, your household, and your circle of family and friends for a happy and peaceful 2022.

We begin another year without the degree of predictability we are accustomed to and would wish for. Such circumstances invite us to deepen our faith and to find ways to nourish faith.

In these circumstances we are invited learn afresh that our peace of heart, our joy and our hope are grounded in Jesus. Staying close to him is indeed the way the truth and the life. To drift away, is to lose our way: to seek substitutes, is build our existence on a foundation of sand.

We need to stick together in this unfolding future. It looks to me that now is the time to make an extra effort to gather regularly for worship and to do things together, whether that be Sunday morning tea, working bees, visiting each other’s homes or coming together for our fundraisers.



Image of the infant Jesus by Fra Angelico (1387 – 1455).

**We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: ‘kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung’ (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).*

As it happens, this is the best strategy for growth because, as you can easily imagine, the spiritual belonging people are looking for is a belonging in community: In the words of Jesus, *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*" John 13.35.

A glimpse into the future: There is a new dimension to our parish life which we need to take account of as we *'Re-imagine the Future'*. While maintaining the centrality of face-to-face gatherings, it is clear that the new technologies of Zoom and video streaming are with us to stay. Not least because we have households and individuals, both local and further afield, whose participation in our parish life rely on these. Generally speaking, digital technologies are now essential if we are to communicate and function in today's world.

MEDITATION

Christian Meditation is simply praying the way Jesus prayed and taught. (*Matthew 6*).

**BUT WHEN YOU PRAY,
GO INTO YOUR ROOM,
CLOSE THE DOOR AND
PRAY TO YOUR FATHER,
WHO IS UNSEEN.
THEN YOUR FATHER,
WHO SEES WHAT IS DONE
IN SECRET,
WILL REWARD YOU.**

MATTHEW 6:6

During the days of COP26 we had a 30 minute daily meditation at 12noon in St George's church for the UN climate meeting being held in Glasgow. At the same time the Queenscliff Primary School were using the buildings and grounds of St George's to make a video film of Beauty and the Beast. Serendipitously, one day when the children were in the church, I invited those who wanted to, to stay for the meditation. About 15 primary school children took up the offer. And there they were; with a little bit of instruction and in the presence of 4 or 5 meditating adults (and several on Zoom), entering into 20 minutes of silent meditation. Unfortunately, so much religion in the church has concentrated on giving out information, making sure the the information is correct (or else!) then giving God lots of words and information via what we call prayer. Is it any wonder that people look in directions other

than the church to nourish their souls? Jesus' emphasis was on loving relationships – whether it be with God or others: it's two sides of the one coin says Jesus.

So, *'Go into your room and close the door'* Jesus said; *'don't take many words'*; and in that intimate place you will find personal intimacy with the divine mystery, so profoundly personal that you may call this mystery, *'Abba'* (trans. *'Father'*). It is here that *your Father, who sees in secret, will reward* – and the reward is love in its many dimensions.

Have you a desire for a deeper and more real and loving connection with God? Christian meditation, offered three times a week at St James, is such a pathway-tried and true. When it comes to prayer we are all beginners, carrying in our heart and on our lips the request uttered by Jesus' first followers: *'Lord, teach us to pray'*.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

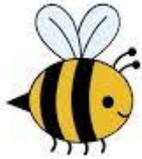
At 8.30am in St James' church Point Lonsdale

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

And on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09>



Church Working Bee



WORKING BEE AT ST JAMES
SATURDAY 15th January 9.00AM TO 11.00AM followed by Morning Tea.

This month's working bee is rescheduled due to Christmas and 'Stalls in the Garden'.



Garden litter: The job: to be chopped up and taken to the tip



Tree root raising the pavers on the St James' driveway and creating a trip hazard. The job: Root removed and pavers re-laid

STALLS IN THE GARDEN

Donations of Cakes, Preserves, Bric –A-Brac etc can be delivered to Gill Hall on Friday 7th Jan between 11am and 3pm or by contacting **Fiona Lindsay 0428 322 208** or **Sally Hawkins on 0427 651 038** to arrange an alternate time.



A scene from last January's 'Stalls in the Garden'.

St Georges & St James
Annual Stalls
in the Garden at St James
1 Albert Street, Point Lonsdale

Saturday January 8th from 8.30am

- Cakes ■ Books
- Jams & Preserves
- Devonshire Tea
- Toys & Bric-A-Brac

Contact Jenni 0418 581 725

EPIPHANY READING - GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the

child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

ORDER OF SERVICE INCL. READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 2nd January 2022: [CLICK HERE](#)
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 9th January 2022: [CLICK HERE](#)

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the week

O God, by the leading of a star
you manifested your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith,
may after this life be led to the vision of your glorious
Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church

Our Parish: PARISH Councillors and helpers as they plan and operate the Stalls in the Garden next Saturday, 8th Jan
Oodthenong Episcopate: Siosifa Tongia and Maria, Fergus King – St Alban the Martyr, St Alban's & Juvenile Justice Chaplain; Stephen Pollard – All Saints', Newtown; (Bp Kate Prowd)

Melbourne Diocese: Camberwell Girls' Grammar School (Debbie Dunwoody, Principal; Helen Creed, Chaplain); St Thomas', Winchelsea w. Holy Trinity, Barrabool and St Paul's, Deans Marsh (Wendy Gravalin); St Mary's Camberwell South – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St James' Dandenong – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker)

National Church: The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People)

Global: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo (Abp Masimango Katanda, Primate)

For your prayers this week please use the schedule of prayers found in current copy of [The Melbourne Anglican](#).

Mission: The Diocese of Adelaide – Archbishop Geoffrey Smith; Bishops Chris McLeod, Denise Ferguson and Tim Harris, the clergy and people; The Anglican Church of

Melanesia; The ACOM Board of Mission

To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican Board of Mission](#)

Our Common Home – The Earth

Hospitality: Our guests staying in House of Prayer

Requests: Andrew; Mary-Anne; Jean; Rosemary; John; Pippa; Carol; Thataw Kunoo; Zion and Doni Htoo; Greg; Mike & Heather; Richard; Peter; Jenny; Ken; Pam; Mary-Anne; Zoe, Mary; Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Ron: Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi: Pixie, Julie and Bill; Angela; Jennifer; Terry; Trish; Ros

Communion of Saints

Recently died: Kirsten Mowlem d. 15.2.2021; Margaret Jean Spring d. 14.12.2021; Greg James Mitchell d. 11.12.2021

Anniversaries: Alan Stuart Marshall 02.01.1965 Stanley Stewart Marshall 02.01.1965 Marjorie Susan McNaught 02.01.2011 John David Feltham 03.01.2004 Florence Clara Sanders 04.01.1983 Dorothy Nellie Montgomery 04.01.1990 Bruce Hollick 05.01.2009 Monica Napier 05.01.2009 Roy Ernest Unsworth Burgess 05.01.2020 Herbert James Bennett 06.01.1968 Cyril Robert Yorston* 06.01.1989 Marjorie R Laurey 07.01.1969 Leonard Charles Butler 07.01.1984 Marieetta Millicent Zula 7.01.1999 Joyce Muriel Mousley 07.01.2014 Ena Maggie Kathleen Ray 08.01.1972

WHAT'S IN A WORD - JENNI'S GOOGLE WANDERINGS AND WONDERINGS

Epiphany (/əˈpɪfəni/ ə-PIF-ə-nee), also known as Theophany in the east, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas.

The traditional date for the feast is January 6. However, since 1970, the celebration is held in some countries on the Sunday after January 1. Those Eastern Churches which are still following the Julian calendar observe the feast on what, according to the internationally used Gregorian calendar, is January 19, because of the current 13-day difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

In many Western Christian Churches, the eve of the feast is celebrated as Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve). It is customary for Christians in many localities to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve (Twelfth Night), although those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas, the conclusion of Epiphanytide. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_\(holiday\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday))

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