



Lovers of the Place*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans
Sunday 6TH February 2022
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Transferred from Feb 2)
(by hand to those without email)

CLIMATE ACTION

Last week representatives from Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), of which our parish is a member, were among other community groups who met with Chris Bowen, Shadow minister for Climate Change and Energy, and local Federal Member for Corangamite Libby Coker, to discuss the Labor party's policy around these issues. We are currently arranging a similar meeting with the new Liberal Party candidate for Corangamite, Stephanie Asher.

We are motivated to have these conversations because the current carbon reduction targets of both parties does not line up with the overwhelming scientific consensus of what Australia needs to do, and realistically could do, if we are to play our part in achieving a sustainable future for the planet. Time is short! I believe that, at his moment in human history, climate justice is 'the only game in town'. I have asked Parish Council members to reflect on the question; 'how is our working for climate justice proclaiming the gospel of Jesus? What do you think? As Christians we need to be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us (1Peter 3.15). Our hope should be a reflection of God's purposes for the whole of God's creation; that it flourishes!



1 Libby Coker; Chris Bowen; Peter Martin; Hannah Mayer, Drol Kar monastery; Adrian Evans, All Saints Geelong

WORKING BEE AT ST GEORGE'S QUEENSLIFF - SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY 9.00AM TO 11.00AM



followed by Morning Tea.

At St George's there is green rubbish that won't fit in the council green recycle bin. A ute trip to the tip would do the trick! It would be great if somebody would organise this! 'Lovers of the Place'

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

While infection rates are still high, and the spike in infections that may come with return to school has yet to be assessed, we will continue livestreaming our Sunday 10am worship with the church doors closed. This month we are at St George's in Queenscliff.

Arcare Point Lonsdale has another COVID outbreak. On Wednesday morning, as I was preparing for my Eucharist there, Sara Furness, the wonderful Lifestyle Co-ordinator at Arcare, phoned to tell me of the lockdown and that our service was cancelled. Disappointing all round.

Home Communion: A reminder – I do a regular round of Home Holy Communion. Such a visit is less than 30 minutes. While attendance at Sunday worship is restricted, please let me know if you would like to be included in this regular round of visits

LENTEN STUDIES 2022 'FORGIVENESS'

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH if you are connecting with us via Sunday livestreaming or on Zoom and would like to participate in these studies as part of an on-line group.

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*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).

Study Booklet (left) \$20 from the Parish Office or available as a PDF on line: [CLICK HERE](#)

Seven Sessions 3.45pm - 5pm Tuesdays in Lent.

Beginning with an Introductory session on Tuesday 22nd February.

St George's Old School Hall, cnr Hobson and Learmonth Sts..

FROM THE HISTORY ROOM

The church that disappeared – part 1

How many of us are aware that our parish once included another church? You may be surprised to know there was 27 years of early Anglican history in the Point Lonsdale area before 'our' St James' opened in 1915. Our Parish History Project researcher Carole Barwick documented its existence in an issue of *Scallop Shells and Dragon Slayers. Telling the Story of Anglicans in the Borough* in 2015, the centenary year of the building of St James. Lot 5 of Block 42 in the first subdivision at what was known as The Springs was reserved for the Church of England way back in 1857 and a Crown Grant was made in 1869. According to historian Ray Raison, there was an area of wetland where the Point Lonsdale Medical Group now exists and this, and the farming community around, it became known by this name. Diocesan Archives confirm that St James' the Less, a small stone, brick and plaster coated church was built and that our well known famous local - Thomas Fellows - was a major contributor to its cost. In those early days some folk living at The Springs felt St George's was too far for them to travel, thus it was started as a daughter church.

The Geelong Advertiser of Monday 14 October 1878, announced: *'Queenscliffe is progressing in a religious as well as in a political and social point of view.'* The paper reported a tea meeting and concert held at The Springs, on the Point Lonsdale Road, to open the recently built 'neat little church, very appropriately called a school-church'. The building was intended to serve as a church and Sunday school; it could not have been known that twenty years later it would also accommodate the local primary school. Rev Wilkinson was congratulated and it was noted that the erection of the building was 'due to his 'indefatigable exertions'.

The vicar's wife, Mrs Wilkinson, supervised the decoration of the interior and the marquee with wreaths and flowers, a 'sumptuous' table was spread by 'the local ladies.' Afterwards a concert was mounted by performers from Geelong and the local area. 'Rev. Wilkinson sang a duet with Miss Dod' and 'Miss Jordan contributed a number of songs.' The exact location of the building is a little uncertain, but perhaps not on the Point Lonsdale Road as we know it today. The best this writer can estimate, based on the research of others, is that it was on the sea side of Bowen Road between Point Lonsdale Primary School and Golightly Park. This means it was either on the site of number 16 Bowen Road (where a large house was recently constructed) or the Telstra building next door.

How sad to think that congregations worshipped there for almost 3 decades and it just disappeared – even photographs of it don't seem to exist. However, one very important piece of furniture somehow found its way from this church to the 'new' St James. The altar where Peter celebrates the eucharist is the same table used all those years ago. How special is that! More on what happened at the old church will be revealed in 'Lovers of the Place' in the next instalment of 'FROM THE HISTORY ROOM'.



Bowen Street, looking south towards Golightly Park



The altar at St James, originally from The Springs church

INTRODUCING Bodil Wright – Parish Councillor

I was born and grew up in East Malvern. My father served in WW2 and after the war met my Danish mother, Kirsten, in London where she was working. They married in Denmark and then travelled to Australia in 1950.

I completed all of my school years at Korowa Anglican School not far from our home and enjoyed my time there, in particular the daily hymns!

I studied English, French and Linguistics at Monash University and then completed my Diploma in Education. I had a Teaching Studentship and so was required to teach in Government schools for 3 years. Very fortunately, I was sent to Queenscliff High School in 1973 and have lived in Point Lonsdale since then, one of 4 first-year-out teachers in a small school that was about to become much larger. My husband, Tony, was another one of those new teachers – we married in 1977 and taught at Queenscliff High School until it became Bellarine Secondary College.



After I retired from teaching I worked with adults who were keen on improving their English skills so they could find more employment opportunities. This was challenging work at times but also very rewarding.

Another volunteer job was working as an actor patient at the hospital in Geelong. You were given a scenario to prepare and then played the role of the patient who needed to be diagnosed. This was not only an enjoyable task but one which was of value to our trainee doctors. Unfortunately Covid has put an end to this for the time being. Tony and I have two daughters and two grandchildren - all of whom have been baptised at St James . My father-in- law, John Wright, was very involved in St.George's and took pride in working on the grounds and helping out where he could. My mother came to live in Point Lonsdale in 2010 and she was also a member of the parish. There is such a strong family connection and St James and St. Georges have played a significant role in my family's lives.

GOSPEL OF THE DAY -Luke 2.22-40

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**ORDER OF SERVICE INCL. READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2022: [CLICK HERE](#)
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2022: [CLICK HERE](#)**

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the week

Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Nations and Peoples: Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

The Church

Our Parish: Maintain and build connection between us.

Oodthenong Episcopate: Hospital Chaplains - Sheridan Hannah (Geelong Hospital), Joanne Hall (Western Health Hospital), Melanie Moore (Northern Hospital); Duncan Reid- Chaplain Camberwell Girls Grammar School (Bp. Kate Prowd)

Melbourne Diocese: Korowa Anglican Girls' School (Helen Carmody, Principal; Kirsten Winkett, Chaplain); St John's Camberwell (John Baldock, Helen Creed); Confirmation Service – St John's Highton (Abp Philip Freier); St Paul's Caulfield North – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell)

National: Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director)

Global: The Church of Ireland

To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican Mission](#): For each of us in the parish (see Jenni's 'WHAT'S IN A WORD' below

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

Baptism Jaimie Ella Joy Simpson and Hope Ella Joy Simpson

Confirmation: Jaimie Ella Joy Simpson

Our Common Home-Earth Farmers adapting to climate change.

Hospitality: House of Prayer Guests

Community: implementation of the local Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP)

Thanksgiving: All things bright and beautiful

Requests Lisa; 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: Johnstone Askin Thwaites 17/1/2022

Anniversaries: Betty Adelaide Gilmour 06.02.2004; Noreen Floris Webb 07.02.1990; Olivia Kathryn Howden 08.02.2003; Belinda Anne Phillips 08.02.2003; Hilda Beatrice Taylor 09.02.1974; Phyllis Irene Pattison 10.02.1985; Hugh McBean Stewart 10.02.1993; Charles Herbert Gilder 10.02.2003; Eva Elanor Imrie 12.02.1987

An asterisk* signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James' Memorial Garden

A hash sign # signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St George's Memorial Garden

WHAT'S IN A WORD - JENNI'S GOOGLE WANDERINGS AND WONDERINGS - What is Confirmation in relation to Baptism in the Anglican Church? – Part 2

Clearing Up Confusion: Confirmation as Maturity and Mission

At its most basic, Confirmation refers to the rite in which, after a believer has been baptized, they make a mature commitment to the faith, and receive an increased gifting of the Holy Spirit through the bishop's prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing. Once again, the Catechism puts it beautifully. When asked, "What grace does God give you in confirmation?" the response is, "In confirmation, God strengthens the work of the Holy Spirit in me for his daily increase in my Christian life and ministry." By thinking about Confirmation in terms of two key emphases, MATURITY AND MISSION, some confusion that is generated around confirmation can be cleared up.

Growing Up: Confirmation as the Sacrament of Maturity

First, Confirmation is the sacrament of maturity in that it represents a deepening or strengthening in the Christian life. In this, it is closely connected with Baptism. But whereas Baptism highlights one's *birth* into the body of Christ, Confirmation stresses *growth*. In both Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit is present. (It's a standard rule of Trinitarian theology that wherever there's one person of the Trinity, all three are present.) But in Baptism, the Spirit washes away our sin, cleanses our guilt, and regenerates us into new life. In Confirmation, on the other hand, the Spirit deepens and strengthens that life, so that we grow up into more mature Christians. The great medieval theologian Peter Lombard put it nicely in relating the Spirit's presence in Baptism and Confirmation: "The virtue ... of the sacrament [of Confirmation] is the gift of the Holy Spirit for strength, who is given in baptism for remission." In other words, the Holy Spirit's gift of forgiveness in Baptism is but the beginning of a work that is strengthened and enriched in Confirmation. Some Anglicans have debated whether Baptism is "complete sacramental initiation." The logic being: if Baptism does the trick, why bother with Confirmation? This is a slippery question. For if someone means by this that Baptism is somehow insufficient for salvation, then no: Baptism *is sufficient*. Baptism makes Christians. Full stop! But if by "initiation" one means that we are always ever being initiated deeper into life with God, then yes, we can say that Baptism is "incomplete," if only because *all* of life is incomplete until we see God face to face.

Confirmation, then, is a sacramental practice uniquely related to the Holy Spirit's ministry of maturity and strengthening—literally, *with-firming*, being made firm *with* (Latin, *con-*) the power of the Spirit. In this, we seek to live out what St. Paul writes in Ephesians about growing up into the full measure of Christ (Eph. 4:13).

Part 3 Continued next week: Growing Out: Confirmation as the Sacrament of Mission

MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09					

EVENING PRAYER on Zoom

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUddMQT09					

MEDITATION on Zoom

8.30AM	8.30AM	8.30AM
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09		



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