

THIS MONTH, JANUARY, SUNDAY 10AM WORSHIP AT ST JAMES' POINT LONSDALE
NEXT MONTH, FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 10AM WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S QUEENSCLIFF



Lovers of the Place^{*}

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans
Sunday 29TH January 2023
4TH Sunday in Ordinary Time
(by hand to those without email)



The 2nd February is the 40th day after the celebration of Christ's birth, and is observed as the "**Presentation of Christ in the Temple**".

The gospel reading for the day tells the story of the child Jesus being brought to the Jerusalem Temple and being recognised as a "light that will bring revelation to the Gentiles". This reference has led to "Candlemas" customs on this day.

But note who it is who recognises the significance of Jesus: an elderly man, Simeon. And later in the story another elderly person, Anna, plays an important part in spreading the message of the meaning of this child.

Our society today tends to downgrade elderly people -- and yet the proportion of them in our nation is increasing! There is a "cult of youth", promoted by the advertising and sporting industries, and the power that this cult wields is demonstrated when people say -- and perhaps even believe -- that "young people won't come to church because it is full of old people". Racism may be on the wane, but "ageism" is with us with a vengeance!



We may get to the stage where the church is the only "institution" left which gives the older person a real sense of purpose and dignity.

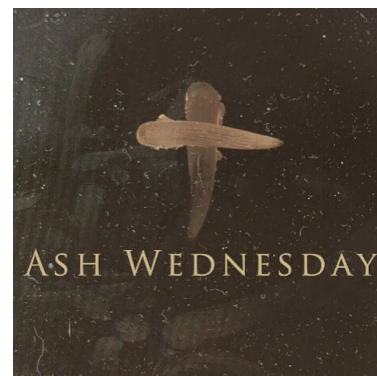
Let us value the older members of our community, and of our church community. Let us expect that they, like Simeon and Anna, will sometimes (often!) surprise us with what they can discern about God's purposes for us all.

Tim Gibson

^{*}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).

LENTEN STUDIES

The season of Lent begins on 22nd February, Ash Wednesday. Please return palm crosses which you might have to me, or to the parish office, by Sunday 19th so that they can be burned to make the ashes. I am happy to explore the idea of having a weekly Lenten study/discussion -- details to be arranged -- beginning Tuesday 28th February. It would have to be on Tuesdays 11.45am to 1pm, given my Arcare and other commitments. Please, in the next few weeks, let me have expressions of interest in this idea (to me on 0412191971 or email tgibson.1@bigpond.com)



FROM PARISH COUNCIL and PARISH SNAPSHOT

Concert at St George's

A special "Thank you" must go to Val Lawrence and Wendy Watson - and their families and friends - for organising such a successful chamber music concert last Sunday evening at St George's. It seems all tickets were sold and the church was full to overflowing.

The parish received a donation of \$500 from the orchestra and donations from the audience raised a further \$200+.



Cake Stall: 28 January **TOMORROW**



For those of you who read the newsletter before tomorrow's cake stall, can you please note it is relocated to Gill Hall. There is a forecast of hot weather for Saturday, so Parish Council decided this week to move it indoors. A-frame signs down the street will redirect people to the church for the cake stall and garage book shop. Please tell your family and friends.



Parish Council planning workshops

Neville Barwick is generously working with Parish Council through a process to define and refine our priorities and how to address these through the year ahead. Our first gathering was productive and very positive, so we look forward to the next sessions. We will certainly share any outcomes with parishioners.

St George's Restoration Project Appeal

A working group has taken on the task to raise funds to advance the progress of the restoration appeal. We really appreciate community involvement in this work and welcome the participation so far of Ross Ebbels, Ant Heath, Donnie Grigau, Karen Heinz and Di Rule. Parish members are Sally Hawkins, Val Lawrence, Fiona Lindsay and Jenny Price. Again, plans and progress will be shared with parishioners.

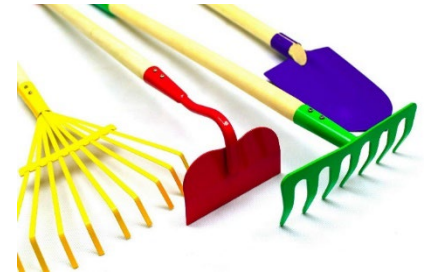
February Worship

Working Bee



about jobs you can help with.

Services will transfer to St George's on Sunday, 5 February. This means the bi-monthly working bee will happen on Saturday, 4 February from 9.00am. Bodil will confirm when we do the brass cleaning and Andrew Behan and Jenny Price usually manage the grounds work, so check with them



MUSIC

We all love to have a real person playing the Organ in Church but the reality is that there is not too many people these days around to do so AND THE St James Organ is in need of repair. Thankyou to Brian Simpson who does play at least once a month and also at weddings and funerals. Here is an interesting article from the TMA ging some insight into the lack of adequate organists.

<https://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/2023/01/organs-are-beautiful-instruments-why-arent-people-playing-them/>



GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 5.1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 29th January 2023 : [CLICK HERE](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 5th February 2023 : [CLICK HERE](#)

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the week O Lord,
you have taught us
that all our doings without love are worth nothing:
send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you;
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Nations and Peoples

The Church

Melbourne Diocese: St John's Camberwell (John Baldock, Helen Creed); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Bruce Bickerdike); St Mark's Dromana – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); The Church of Pakistan (United)
National Church: The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee)
To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican](#)
Mission: Theological Colleges and Church Schools of

the Anglican Church of Australia; Anglican Discipleship – Jesus-Shaped Life

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

Communion of Saints

Sanctoral cycle this week: Charles, king of England (d. 1649)

Month's mind: David Leigh Craven 25.12.2022

Anniversaries: Susanna Risby 29.1.1884; Joan Gough 29.01.1998; Ann Thelma Peacock 30.01.1988; Ethel May Eggleton 31.01.2008; Susanne Gaye Rodgers ? .01.1970; George Pigdon ? .1.2001; Ruth Lavinia Houghton* 02.02.2002

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

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MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09					

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

CONTEMPLATIVE TUESDAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE on Zoom

11.00AM	
Tuesday	
ZOOM LINK: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2c1J1THZiYTRGS041bCtwdz09	



'Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans' are members of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). [Click here](#) to learn more about ARRCC and what's happening.

Parish members participate in Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#)) in partnership with the Borough in

implementing the Climate Emergency Response Plan ([CERP](#))

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