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Anglican Church Southern Queensland

Parish of Bundaberg

Christ Church Bundaberg,

St Peter Bargara, St John the Divine Burnett Heads, St

Mark Gooburrum, St Benedict Meilene, Christ Church

Childers and St Francis Woodgate



Our Parish Mission is to meet people in the journey of life and draw them into a relationship with God and one another.

Sunday 6th January 2019—The Epiphany of our Lord

Before the beginning of the Mass pray in silence

A Prayer Book for Australia

The Second Order of The Holy Communion

Hymn: TIS 314

Please stand

Gathering of God's People

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Confession

Please kneel

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The priest prays the absolution.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy
 Christ, have mercy
 Lord, have mercy

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 Christ, have mercy
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Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
 who brought the nations to your light
 and kings to the brightness of your rising:
 fill the world with your glory,
 and show yourself to all the nations;
 and through him who is the true light and the bright morning star,
 Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

(Isaiah 60.1)

This Week in the Parish**Sunday 6th January 2019****The Epiphany of our Lord**

7:00 am Sung Eucharist (CC)
 9:00 am Sung Eucharist (St Peter)
 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (St Mark)
 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (CC)

Monday 7th January 2019

8:30 am Holy Eucharist (CC)

Tuesday 8th January 2019

8.30 am Holy Eucharist (St Peter)

Wednesday 9th January 2019

9.30 am Holy Eucharist (CC)

Thursday 10th January 2019

7.30 am Holy Eucharist (CC)
 10.00 am Holy Communion (Meilene)

Friday 11th January 2019

7.30 am Holy Eucharist (CC)

Saturday 12th January 2019

8:30am LA Service (Childers)
 6.00 pm Holy Eucharist (St John the Divine)

Sunday 13th January 2019**The Baptism of our Lord**

7:00 am Sung Eucharist (CC)
 9:00 am Sung Eucharist (St Peter)
 9.30 am LA Service (St Mark)
 9.30 am Holy Eucharist (CC)
 11.00am Holy Eucharist (Woodgate)

LEGEND:

CC Christ Church
 PH Parish Hall
 SR Supper Room

Regular Group Meetings

Bible Study @ 8 Hodgetts Court:
 Every Monday at 2pm

Anglican Men's Society (AMS):
 Recommences: 25th January

St Peter's Barga: Every Tuesday
 9.30am. Craft, coffee & a chat.

Mothers' Union (MU): 9.30am
commences with Eucharist
 Second Wednesday of Month.

Dorcas Soup Kitchen: 12.00 Noon
 Recommences Thursday
 17th January

Christ Church Women's Guild
Cards: 12noon –4.00pm First Fri-
 day of month, February to December

Bible Study: 2pm Fridays in the
 Supper Room/Parish Hall at Christ
 Church

**Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Confession
 & Unction**
by appointment with Father Keith

Baptisms in January: at Christ Church Bundaberg

Benjamin Thomas **STEVENS** and Matilda Rose **STEVENS** (13th January 2019)

First, that it is to non-Jewish people that the Messiah is revealed. The prophet Isaiah predicts that the people of God will be a "light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49.6). Jesus is the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2.32), and the tradition that one of the magi is represented with a black face suggests the universality of Jesus' saving work. In Old Testament times Jewish people struggled with the tension of universalism and particularism, but the deeper tradition embedded in the Hebrew scriptures is that, as God's chosen people, they are responsible for all humanity, and not merely the biological descendants of Abraham and Sarah. In his ministry, Jesus broke out of the confines of particularism, and in the Parable of the Good Samaritan the true son of Abraham is an outsider (Luke 10.29-37).

Secondly, the magi offered worship (Matthew 2.11). Jesus invites us to worship God so that we may be set free. We live in a culture that is imprisoned in the worship of the false gods of money, status, materialism and selfishness. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul refers to 'idols' and then uses the term 'demons' (1 Corinthians 10.20). I think that he is making an important point. We all need to be liberated from the idolatry that drags us down and imprisons us with fear, despair and self loathing. God wants us to be happy, to be men and women who experience peace and who recognise that life can be filled with purpose and joy. This goal is achieved when we offer our worship to him.

Thirdly, the magi were overwhelmed with joy. Our deepest desire is union with God, and the cry of the psalmist, "As a deer longs for the flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God" (Psalm 42.1), is the cry of all men and women. St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) expressed it in these words; "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you" (*Confessions* 1). The second of the nine gifts of the Spirit is joy (Galatians 5.22), a quality that many Christians seem to lack. Frederick Nietzsche (1844-1900), a critic of Christianity, once observed; "I might believe in the Redeemer if his followers looked more redeemed". Life is often difficult, but as Christians we recognise that "there lives the dearest freshness deep down things ... because the Holy Ghost over the bent world broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings" (Gerard Manley Hopkins *God's Grandeur* 1844-1889).

Father Keith.

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PARISH NOTICES:

Saturday 26th January 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by AMS Australia Day Breakfast (Christ Church Supper Room).

The Feasts of St Stephen and St John will be observed on the 3rd August and the 6th May and the Commemoration of the Holy Innocents on the 17th February.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

(Isaiah 60.1-6)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Give the king your judgement, O God:

and your righteousness to the son of a king,

That he may judge your people rightly:

and the poor of the land with equity.

Let the mountains be laden with peace

because of his righteousness:

and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

May he give justice to the poor among the people:

and rescue the children of the needy,

and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures:

and while the moon gives light,

throughout all generations.

May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:

and as showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish:

and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:

the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him:

and all nations do him service.

He will deliver the needy when they cry:

and the poor that have no helper.

He will pity the helpless and the needy:

and save the lives of the poor.

He will redeem them from oppression and violence:

and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

(Psalm 72, 1-7, 10-14)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's

grace that was given me for you,

and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I

wrote above in a few words,

a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to

humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and

prophets by the Spirit:

that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given

to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of

Christ,

and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;

so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety

might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has

carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

(Ephesians 3.1-12)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for those who are sick: Edith Gayton, Charlotte Wragge, Gordon Reynolds, Tracey Reynolds, Layne Auer, Joy Learmonth, Maddison, Betty Christensen, Matthew Johnson, Betty, Frank Hyde, Noel Brookes, Jenny Hetherington, Melinda Glover, Barb Pashen, Kathy, Will Holder, Beris Gaal, Betty Chambers, Beth Wilson and Hugh Reed.

Prayer for those whom we remember this week: Jean Stone, William Stockwell, Finn Dittman, Clement Walker, Carl Neilson, Ruby Mitchell, Nakia Welker, Mavis O'Sullivan, Alan Shaw-Binns, Alice Salter, Mary Farthing, Constance Marner, Mildred Whittred, Dennis Hoy, Stan Hills, Beverley Royle, Lillian Lunde, Esma Algie, Vera Manderson, Earl Strube, Beryl Hill, Joyce Croker, Lorna Avenell, Vivienne Waterworth, Tyson Cooper and Donald Nunn.

Michael Moreny and Kenneth Mason, Bishop.

Please remember: If you know of anyone at home, in hospital or a nursing home who is in need or would appreciate a visit by a Pastoral Care Team Member, please phone Linda at the Parish Office on 4151-3128.

Dear people,

In Australia Christmas celebrations begin in November and, as a result, it is often difficult to observe 'Christmastide', the twelve days between Christmas and the Epiphany. We do the same with Easter, and I suspect that chocolate eggs will appear in shops before the end of January!

The term 'epiphany' is Greek, and in the Book of Common Prayer the Feast is subtitled 'the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles'. It is older than Christmas (established as a universal observance by the fourth century), and in the early Church it was observed as a celebration of the baptism of Jesus. Eastern Orthodox Christians maintain this emphasis, but in the west it is observed as a celebration of the visitation of the magi (the wise men). Before the establishment of the Feast of Christmas, Epiphany ranked in importance after Easter and Pentecost.

The only biblical reference to the magi is in the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (2.1-12). Matthew links the good news of Jesus with Old Testament prophecy, and he states that King Herod the Great directed the magi to Bethlehem, the place predicted by Micah as the location of the Messiah's birth (Micah 5.2). Their number, three, is suggested by three gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, and the belief that they were kings is suggested by both prophecy in the Book of Psalms, "may the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!" (Psalm 72.10) and the prophecy of Isaiah, "nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn ... they shall bring gold and frankincense" (Isaiah 60.3 and 6). It is very unlikely that the magi were rulers. There are three important aspects of the story.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, Grant us your peace.
 Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
 Happy are those who are called to His supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion of the People**Communion Hymn: 506****The Sending Out of God's People***Please stand*

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Blessing of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.*The priest prays God's blessing on the people.*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.****Hymn: TIS 268**

Readings for Sunday—13th January 2019
The Baptism of our Lord
Isaiah 43. 1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-22

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Hymn: TIS 319*Please stand*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. **Alleluia!**
 The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

(Matthew 2.1-12)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Homily***Please sit*

The Nicene Creed*Please stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People*Please stand***Notices***Please sit***LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Please stand

His Spirit is with us.
And also with you.

Hymn: TIS 592
Offertory*Please stand***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.*The priest continues with the preface:**.....praising you, and saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.***.....in remembrance of me.'*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

.....never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer*Please kneel*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven,**hallowed be your name,****your kingdom come,****your will be done,****on earth as in heaven.****Give us today our daily bread.****Forgive us our sins****as we forgive those who sin against us.****Save us from the time of trial****and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.