

**Proclaiming Christ in word and action;
Growing in care, love and service**



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Next Wednesday: 9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret:

Next Saturday 5.30 pm Holy Eucharist: St Stephen

Next Sunday: Epiphany of Our Lord

9.00 am Family Service: St Ann

9 00 am Holy Eucharist: Christ Church

10.30 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret :

10.30 am Holy Eucharist: St Nicholas

No Service: St James

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Acknowledgement of Country: We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nation Peoples & are thankful for the community we share together. We pay our respects to the Kaurna People.

Christmas 1 December 26 2021

Sentence

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule your hearts, and be thankful.

Colossians 3:14-15

Collect

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Thought for the Week:

Jesus showed us, how, at the age of 12 years, he recognised his role as God's son, but he also obeyed his earthly parents' request to return to Nazareth with them after he had stayed behind in Jerusalem with the temple leaders. Jesus was growing into the role God had prepared for him on earth. God calls us to grow in our relationship with Him and reflect our love for God in our relationships with family and the wider community, loving and caring for one another and forgiving as we are forgiven.

- Give thanks every day for God's unfailing love for us and pray that we can show God's love to all who love and care for us, and all those we interact with in our daily life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

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1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

*Hear the word of the Lord;
thanks be to God.*



Psalm 148

1Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

2Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

3Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

4Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

5Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

6He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

7Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

8fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

10Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

11Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

12Young men and women alike, old and young together!

13Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

14He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!



Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;
Now he speaks to us through his Son.,

Alleluia!

Luke 2:41-52

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



In the Parish This Week

All items for Church Chatter should be either e-mailed (sanderwt@bigpond.com) or texted (0410 548 040) to the Editor by Wednesday evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

Today: 5.30 pm St Stephen Patronal, Willunga

Monday: John Apostle and Marty

Tuesday: Holy Innocents

Wednesday: Thomas Becket, ABp of Canterbury, Martyr (d. 1170)

NO Scripture Study S. Margaret

Thursday: Josephine Butler, Social Reformer (d. 1905)

Friday: John Wyclif, Teacher and Reformer (d. 1384)

Saturday: Naming and Circumcision of Jesus: New Years Day



Prayer of the week

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word: may this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Church Chatter:

Christian Care and Support Centre— needs supplies for January 2021. Place staple items in the outside basket or deliver to the Centre. Forget? Make a donation!

Those we pray for this week:

Pray for ABM & care for the lonely and homeless; and for Anglican Mothers' Union Australia and Christmastide. We give thanks for the India Commentary on the New Testament. We pray for the Diocese of Wangaratta – Bishop Clarence Bester, the clergy and people. We give thanks for the BCA staff, Mike & Sandra Upton and Craig Buchanan, Upper Mt Gravatt, Queensland. We pray for RAAF Special Reserve Chaplains & Defence Social workers.

We pray for our own Diocese, for Bishop Keith Dalby and his wife Alice and family. We pray for all Parishes and Pastoral Districts. For all involved in Mission and Evangelism. We commend the ministry of Pastoral Care worker, Gina Hunt, Myponga and Rapid Bay Primary School s. We pray for the work of CMS (Australia) and Anglican Aid Abroad.

Those we continue to pray for:

Izabelle; Peta; Mariette; Joanne; Peter G, Peter C; Samantha; Fiona; Brenton; Sue; Pat; Brendon; Bill; David H; Diane; Jean; Carolyn; Allison; Angela; Carol; Shirley; Lucy Ann; Margaret, Lyn; Irene; Linda; Tina; Wendy; Chris; Trevor; Liz; Tristan & Trish S; Carole and family; Peter, Eleni and Nicholas; Jac Bishop, Joanie; Andrew; Kerrie; David Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Fr Graham & Catherine; & Blair; Aileen; Ann; Tom & Nick; Stephen, Bill, Eileen Cook; Tessa; Yvonne Scrutton; Sylvia; Gabrielle, Brenda; Judith; Ted & Joyce and Miriam; Fr Graham Cooling & Catherine; and *any others we wish to remember.*