



Daily Readings for the Week

These are readings set for each day in our Lectionary

Monday 1 John 3.7-10; Psalm 98.1-7; John 1.35-42

Tuesday 1 John 3.11-12; Psalm 100; John 1.43-51

Wednesday 1 John 4.11-18; Psalm 72.8-14; Mark 6.45-52

Thursday 1 John 4.19-5.4; Psalm 72.15-19; Luke 4.14-22

Friday 1 John 5.5-13; Psalm 147.12-20; Luke 5.12-16

Saturday 1 John 5.14-21; Psalm 149.1-5; John 3.22-30

Sunday Baptism of Our Lord Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

Next Week's Reader is Geoff



The Journal



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Wellington

(incorporating the centres of Curra Creek, Geurie, Mumbil, Spicer's Creek,
Stuart Town & Wellington)

Sunday, 3rd January, 2021

The Epiphany of our Lord

Welcome

*Welcome to worship,
We're glad you decided to join with us as we give
all praise and glory to our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

We acknowledge the original custodians of the land on which we gather—the Binjang tribe of the Wiradjuri nation—and pay our respect to elders, both past and present.

*May God's love light your way and lead you into a
new year that shines with His special joy*

Happy New Year

Sentence: God has destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1.15–16

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you have filled us with the light of the Word,
who became flesh and lived among us:
let the light of faith shine in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



In the Australian Church
Diocese of Adelaide

In our own Diocese
Parish of Orange

Within our own Community
Uniting Church

Those who have asked for prayer
Dorothy Smith, Neveah Roberts,
Gavin & Lola Dickson, Di Thatcher,
Daniel Palmer, Ingrid Jeffery,
Ned Giddings, Anne Hyde,
Patrick Norris, Danny Keogh,
Meredith

Reading Roster

The new reading roster is out.

If you do not receive your roster, please ask Karen for it.



Readings—This Week's Reader is Ray

Isaiah 60.1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
² 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.
³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴ 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.
⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH

Minister in Charge

The Revd Carl Palmer

Church Wardens

Danny Hawke, Sue Owens, Michael Reid (Stuart Town),

Synod Representatives

Linda Lyons, Jennie Palmer (Parish Treasurer).

Members of Parish Council

Karen Melhuish (Parish Secretary)

Members of Parish Appointment Board

Sue Owens, Danny Hawke, Jennie Palmer, Linda Lyons

Bookings

Karen Melhuish 0417 430 256

Friendship Dinners

Lynne Beggs, Karen Melhuish

Pew Sheet

Karen Melhuish 0417 430 256

(Ring before Thursday night, use box in small hall or email)

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Church Booking

If you wish to attend our Service of Worship in person, please call Karen on 0417 430 256 to book in.

With the easing of Covid restrictions, we are now able to allow 58 people in St John's.

With the increase in numbers allowed, there will no longer be permanent bookings.

Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be served after Sunday services.

Everyone is welcome.

Morning tea will be served in a covid safe way.

No-one will be allowed to serve themselves and everyone must be seated—no mingling is allowed. There is, however, no restriction on how much we talk!!



Sunday Evening Service

Is in recess at the moment—recommences Sunday 10th January

Friendship Dinners

Our Friday night dinners will re-commence on Friday 15th January.

The meal will no longer be “help yourself” but you will be served.

Seating will be covid spaced. You will be required to remain seated and not mingle.

Bookings are encouraged for ease of organisation (0417 430 256).

You will be required to sign in using the Services NSW app. If you do not have this app—we can help you sign in.

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ 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 .

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,

² That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.

³ Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

⁴ May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.

⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:

the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.

¹² He will deliver the needy when they cry:

and the poor that have no helper.

¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.

¹⁴ He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

Ephesians 3.1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ 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: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Matthew 2.1-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

² 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.'

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;

⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "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." '

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

⁸ 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.'

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ 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.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ