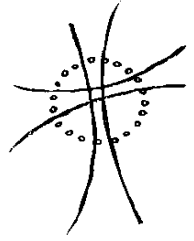




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Anglican Church  
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**The Epiphany of Our Lord**  
**7th January 2018**



The Magi saw the star and not only started their journey but they committed to their journey. The star led them into unfamiliar territory as they searched for the new born king. The greatest gift the wise men bring comes to us in the form of a realization that the good news about Jesus is for everyone.  
*May God give us all inspiration for this year's journey.*

## **WELCOME**

Thank you for joining with us today.  
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, or visiting, please make yourself known to the welcomers or clergy.  
If you intend to worship regularly with us, please fill in a card on the back table, and hand it to the staff or sides person.

# Today's Worship

**Sentence:** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1

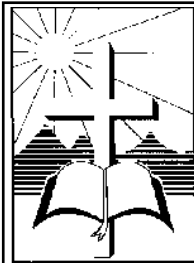
**Prayer of the Day:** Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR:**

*Bountiful God, give to the people of St John's a prayerful pastor, who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip and fill your people with enthusiasm for ministry in this place; one who will enable everyone to fulfil their calling.*

*Give to those who will choose Wisdom, Discernment and Patience. May they be guided by your Holy Spirit.*

*And to us all, give warm and generous hearts.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ and Your Glory.  
Amen.*



## **READINGS FOR 14th January**

**1 Samuel 3: 1-10**

**Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18**

**1 Corinthians 6: 12-18**

**John 1: 43-51**

**Presiding: Rev Jan McLeod**

**Preaching: Rev Jan McLeod**

## Dates for your Diary

February 12 th	Concert– Chamber Philharmonia Cologne
February 14th	Ash Wednesday
February 18th	AGM immediately following the 9am Service

### **Please Pray:**

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers: Allan Crossingham, Nancy Tigwell, Tony Fookes, Robyn Michell, Doreen Brewin, Sue Brewin, Margaret Logue, Ron Randle, Rose Marie & John Beston, Dan Octigan, Margaret Fisher, Sylvia Broadhurst, Rob Howard, Kel Bogaart, Hattersley and Laurel Smith-Cameron.
- ◆ We continue to pray for Warren Moules, Rosemary Majoor, Ken & Val Grant, Annette Lane, Elsie Tillott, Marion Murray, Jean Parker, Lesley Lee, Lillian Robertson, Cody Cook, Rae Rediger, Enid Waites, Val Furniss, Theresa and Elijah,
- ◆ We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- ◆ We give thanks for all who volunteer and work within the parish. For our LLMs, Aged care team and all who clean, help in the office and work behind the scenes.
- ◆ We pray for the coming year, that we will be able to proclaim the Gospel and shine the light of Christ in all we do and say each day.
- ◆ May we continue the journey together, united, and in constant support and encouragement of each other.

### **THOUGHT FOR TODAY:**

"What guides us to different destinations in life is determined by the way we have chosen to set our sail. The way that each of us thinks makes the major difference in where each of us arrives. The major difference is not circumstance, but the set of the sail." Jim Rohn

## **Isaiah 60: 1-6,**

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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 .

**Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14**  
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## **Ephesians 3: 1-12**

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

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
according to Matthew, Chapter 2 beginning at verse 1  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

- <sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
- <sup>2</sup> 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.'
- <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
- <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
- <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
- <sup>6</sup> "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."
- <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
- <sup>8</sup> 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.'
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
- <sup>11</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha*

# Coming Events & Notices

**WELCOME TO BISHOP SARAH AND REV'D IAN:** We are very pleased to have Bishop Sarah with us this weekend. Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they complete their work in our Diocese.

**OP SHOP:** As the new year begins, the Op Shop are again looking for volunteers. If you can help in any way please speak to Lesley Miller, Carole Sunderland, Heather Tweedie, Jan Sheldon or Sandy Shearer.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EFM ?** (Education for Ministry)

The EfM program will recommence in late January. The 2018 Prospectus is available at the Church Office or on the information table in the Church.

**EfM** was developed in 1975 by the Anglican School of Theology at the University of the South in Tennessee, USA. It began in Australia in 1978 and is now administered under licence by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane as EfM-Australia.

The program takes 4 years to complete however has been found to be very beneficial in many ways. The group shares their faith and understanding of the scriptures and readings that are set for each week. There are no written assignments or exams.

The focus of Year 1 is Old Testament, Year 2 - New Testament, Year 3 - Church History and Year 4 - Theology and Ethics.

Please speak to Rev Anne or Norma Anderson (66536010) if you are interested or would like more information.

**ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA– Diaries for**

**sale:** Small diaries \$5.50, large diaries \$7.50. Contact Jean Knight, 6652 6049 or Gae Shorten 0408 141 146.

The next meeting for MU will be on the ?

**THE NEW CHAIRS:** It is not too late to make a contribution to them if you would like to. Please mark it for 'Chairs'

**BIBLE STUDY/ HOME GROUPS:** As the new year begins, we are hoping to begin some more study groups. If you are interested in hosting and/ or leading a group please speak to Rev Anne.

By joining in a study group we not only learn from each other and from the word of God but we also build community. There will be sign up sheets on the back notice board soon for Lenten studies which will begin on the second week in February. Please consider being a part of these in some way.

**AGM:** The Parish Annual General Meeting will be on the **18th February** following the 9am service. Could all reports please be in by Tuesday 31st of January. Nomination forms for parish positions will soon be available Please prayerfully consider the nominations. And put this date in your diary.

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Are available on a table at the back of the Church. Please take a box if you use envelopes. Using giving envelopes is an easy way of keeping your offering to the church a regular weekly contribution. There are bank details on the back page of the bulletin if you would prefer to use direct deposit.

**Why do we give to the Church:** In giving, we simply challenge ourselves to give out of our own resources for spiritual reasons. There is nothing greater than the Kingdom of God. There is no more significant cause than the church. The church requires regular giving to maintain the ministry to the people of God and the wider community. God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others.

**INVITATIONS:** Who can you invite to church? There may be a friend, neighbour or person that used to attend church and for some reason has stopped coming. Often it only takes a friendly invitation to make a difference in someone's life. So pray and consider who you can invite.

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Rev'd David Morgan  
Rev'd Lenore Moules  
Rev'd Dan Octigan

## Next Week

### Monday 8th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 9th January

### Wednesday 10th January

10.00am Eucharist  
5.45pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 11th January

### Friday 12th January

### Saturday 13th January

5.00pm African Men's  
Group  
6.00pm Eucharist

### Sunday 14th January

7.00am Eucharist  
9.00am Eucharist  
5.30pm Family Service

*Services in the aged care  
centres and Parish groups  
are in recess this week*

## Parish Bank Details for Direct Deposits

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