

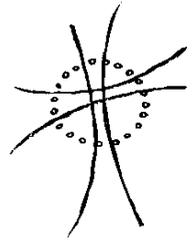


# St John's Anglican Church Coffs Harbour

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**6th January 2019**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**



Today's second reading from Ephesians gives us the crux of the meaning of Epiphany. The revelation given to St. Paul is "that the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel". No longer are God's chosen people limited to only one nation, Israel. God's promise is given to all who seek God in Christ, and they become members of the same body. As members of that body, the body of Christ, we are called to share the good news with all so that all people may know the saving love of the risen Christ.

## **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
If you are here with us for the first time and would like to join us regularly, please fill in an information card on the back table, and hand it to the staff or sides person.

**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**

## Dates for your Diary

13 Jan	Bishop Murray Harvey's Visit
13 Jan	Rev'd Bruce McAteer's final service
20 Jan	Bunning's Sausage Sizzle for Hospital Chaplaincy
17 Feb	Annual General Meeting
17 Feb	Locum Rev'd Richard Tempe's first Sunday
5 March	Shrove Tuesday
6 March	Ash Wednesday

## Mission of the Month: Bush Church Aid

Bush Church Aid has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. BCA are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ. People living in sparsely populated areas often don't benefit from strong support networks.

Churches in these areas can struggle financially due to fluctuating populations. Ongoing fellowship can be hard to maintain and encouragement can become a rarity.



In partnership with Anglican Dioceses across the country, Bush Church Aid places committed and gifted Christians in a variety of locations to help people connect with the grace of God revealed in Jesus. Please support this

## **Please Pray:**

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers:
- ◆ We pray for Doreen Brewin, Dan Octigan, Lesley Lee, Brian Armstrong, Rose Marie Beston, Samuel and Mary Marsden.
- ◆ We continue to pray for Pat Grimshaw, Enid Waites, John & Nancy Tigwell, Hattersley & Laurel Smith-Cameron, Tony Fookes, Sylvia Broadhurst, Rosemary Majoor, Sue Brewin, Barbara Williams, Ken & Val Grant, Annette Lane, Elsie Tillott, Marion Murray, Cody Cook, Margaret Fisher, Rae Rediger, Lillian Robertson, and Theresa.
- ◆ We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Val Furniss.
- ◆ We pray for Bishop Murray, his ministry and our diocese.
- ◆ We pray for ourselves that we might be vessels of your love in our community.

## **READINGS FOR 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

Isaiah 43.1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8.14-17  
Luke 3.15-22



***Preaching & Presiding:***  
*8.00am Bishop Murray Harvey*  
*LLM: Rob Sunderland*

***Services in the Orara Valley:***  
***Glenreagh and Coramba: Rev'd Jan McLeod***  
***Nana Glen: LLM***

## Isaiah 60. 1-6

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.

**PSALM 72.1-7, 10-14**  
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## Ephesians 3.1-12

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 to 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 to 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.

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

according to Matthew, Chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **Matthew 2. 1-12**

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.

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

# Coming Events & Notices

(see also back page)

**BISHOP'S VISIT:** Bishop Murray will be sharing in worship at St. John's on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019. There will be a combined service that day at 8am followed by a morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share and mark this date in your diary. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**BAND IN RECESS:** January 2019. Thank-you to all the parish family for your ongoing support, and my personal thanks to my dedicated team including our group who picks the music. Audrey.

**THE 5.30PM FAMILY SERVICE:** will be in recess until the first week of February. This service regularly runs during school terms.

**FUNDRAISER:** We have three beautiful baskets, two paintings, a doll in a cradle and a beauty voucher from 'Tranquillity' to be won in our fundraiser. You can win to receive one of our Christmas giveaway prizes by purchasing tickets at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All funds will be given in support of the Hospital Chaplaincy.

**INDUCTION:** Parishioners are invited to the induction service for Rev'd Myung Hwa Park at the Uniting Church, 21 Gordon St, at 2pm on Sunday 13th January 2019. RSVP by 9th January, phone 6652 7044.

**HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY:** To fill the roster for Morning Tea after the 9am services.

**EfM:** The EfM group has completed their studies for 2018. EfM stands for "Education for Ministry" or the alternate title is "Exploring Faith Matters" offered by the University of the South (USA). As December and January are very busy months we are asking for "expressions of interest" now, to explore the possibility of continuing the group in 2019. We will be starting at the beginning of February but, if you are interested (no firm decision is needed – just an expression of interest), please speak with either Norma Anderson (66536010) or Rev Anne.

**PARISH OFFICE & MINISTRY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT:** The internal painting of the Ministry Centre and the Parish Office has now been completed. Parishioners are invited to visit the centre when the office re-opens and see what a difference this has made to this important venue for the ministry and administration of the parish.

**ANNUAL LEAVE:** Rev'd Anne will be on leave until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**AGM:** The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 17th of February after the 9am service. Please mark this date in your diary. All reports are due by the end of January. Please email these as a Word document to [stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com](mailto:stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com)

**LOCUM:** Rev'd Bruce McAteer's final service at St. John's will be on Sunday 13th January 2019. Locum Rev'd Richard Tempe's first service will be on 17th February 2019.

**NEW ROSTERS:** Please indicate your availability for rosters for the period of 3rd February – 28th April 2019. Sheets are the on noticeboard in church. Please indicate what dates you are **not available**.

**BUNNINGS BBQ:** A Bunnings BBQ will be held on the 20th January 2019 to raise funds to assist with the running costs of the Hospital Chaplaincy. Please indicate your availability to assist with the BBQ on the list on the noticeboard in the church.

**FOOD ALLERGIES:** Please do not bring cakes and biscuits that have nuts in them to parish events as we have some children with food allergies.

### ***The Bush Church Aid Prayer***

*Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in isolated and remote parts of our land.*

*We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known.*

*Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through caring service and by support for young people, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed and accepted by the people of our land. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

***Amen.***

## Directory

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Thursday to Sunday

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### Officiating Priests

Rev'd Jan McLeod  
Rev'd David Morgan  
Rev'd Dan Octigan  
Rev'd Naomi Cooke

## Next Week

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**  
5.45 pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
9.00am Rev'd Anne Goode returns  
10.00am Eucharist

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January**  
6.00pm Eucharist

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
8.00am Bishop's Visit,  
Eucharist with  
Confirmation  
& Rev'd  
Bruce  
McAteer's  
final service

## Parish Bank Details for Direct Deposits

**BSB: 705 077 A/c No:**  
**00030032 Name:** Coffs Harbour  
Anglican Parish *Please include a  
description e.g. 'offertory.'*