

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!
SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2018
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

When family members come together, Christmas becomes a happy occasion for all. Family reunions and homecomings usually take place during the Christmas season. What a wonderful feeling for family to be reunited after a period of separation. It is a joy to see how new members are added to family and clan, how very young members grow up, pursue careers, and start their own families. In the same way, it brings great joy to see the elderly members of the family, with gray hair and health problems, still bring inspiration and light to all. At this time of the year we also reconnect with our dear departed who have passed on from this life but have etched enduring memories in our hearts.

When the heavenly Father sends his Son Jesus to the world to save mankind, he brings him into a family, in the line of David from Israel. A simple carpenter is destined to care for Jesus and to guide him as his legal father while on earth. Mary, a humble virgin, is chosen to be Jesus' mother. Their quiet life in Bethlehem will be shattered by the threats of Herod so they have to leave for Egypt.

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THE REV'D TIFFANY SPARKS PRESIDING AND PREACHING

Next Week's Readings

- Isaiah 60.1-6
- Ps 72.1-7,10-14
- Ephesians 3.1-12
- Matthew 2.1-12

Sentence: Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in 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.**

•**Readings:** 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-27; Luke 2.41-52

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights.

² **Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

³ Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light.

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heaven: and you waters that are above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were made.

⁶ **He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth: praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **Fire and hail, mist and snow: and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

⁹ Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **Beasts of the wild, and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds;**

¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples: princes, and all rulers of the world;

¹² **Young men and maidens: old folk and children together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted.

¹⁴ **His glory is above earth and heaven: and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

Luke 2.41-52

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 travellers, 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.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for :

- * Our Church family and community
- * All who help in the mission of the Church

We pray for :

- * Wardens for 2019
- * The Parishes of Hendra-Clayfield & Red Hill
- * Anglicare SQ Homelessness Services for Women & Children

For health and healing for: Thomas Moore, Beryl and Tom Wakefield, Anthony Bugden, Saloni Paul, Fred Morrison, Romola Squire, Sue Jordan, Sue McCurdy, Gillian, Kerry Muir and Jocelyn O'Neill.

At home or nursing home : Jean Ward, Noela Burdett and Joyce Shearing.

WHAT IS GOING ON AT ST. PAUL'S?

PARISH MINISTRY — HELP NEEDED

Are you able to assist with parish office work on a Tuesday morning from 9.30am-1pm next year?

If you can offer any help please speak to Rev'd Tiffany or one of the Wardens.

MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY GROUP

—Wednesday mornings at 9:05am. If you are interested please come along. All Welcome!

PRACTICALLY SPIRITUAL

— This is a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Rev'd Tiffany or Rev'd Kathy on how to become involved.

BOARD GAME GROUP

— Run by David Adams. Every second Saturday in the Crypt at 7.30pm. All welcome.

BOOK CLUB—If you enjoy reading do come and join us. For details talk to Ann Caston.



OUR CHURCH ROLL: Please ensure our Church Roll has your updated contact details.

1 COMBINED 8.30 AM SERVICE UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY.

6TH OF JANUARY.

GOOD BYE MORNING TEA.

We will be sending our good wishes to Richard and Danielle as they move onto the Cathedral on the journey to ordination and we will also be wishing well Judy Ann who is moving back to New Zealand.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY

How Funds are Used?

Your giving to our parish community helps our community grow! Your donations go towards having a full time minister, electricity, insurance, rates, copyright, cleaning, music ministry, supporting Children's Church, grounds maintenance, Mission giving to Anglican Board of Mission, Bush Ministry Fund and the Anglicare women's' shelter. These are agencies that provide clean water to 3rd world communities, educational opportunities and safe shelters to the vulnerable. Without your contributions our parish would not be able to support a full time minister, pay the costs of running the parish and to support these wonderful missions. Every dollar goes towards making a difference to Ashgrove and to the world.

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 FOR TODAY AND HOPE
 FOR TOMORROW
 THROUGH JESUS
 CHRIST.**

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WHO ARE WE? MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL'S

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Thrift Shop: Margaret Marshall & Deborah Walker

Mother's Union: Joy Lloyd

Playgroup: Sarah Combe

Book Club: Ann Caston

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From pg 1:

Only after Herod died does the Holy Family return to Israel, but this time to Nazareth in order to fulfil the prophecy, "He shall be called a Nazorean."

Jesus lives a quiet life in Nazareth as the son of a carpenter. Growing up, he advances in the consciousness and realization of his true identity as Son of the heavenly Father. In one of the feasts in Jerusalem, the people are struck by his wisdom. His response to Mary is puzzling: Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Do we give enough leeway to our family members to discover their own potentials so they can spread their wings?

365 Days with the Lord 2018

