

CHRIST CHURCH GEELONG
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

21st January 2024

'A community of faith in service to others'

ABM REFLECTIONS FOR EPHIPHANY 3

JONAH 3:1-10

What we do matters. It matters to ourselves, each other and to God.

The people of Nineveh responded to Jonah's warning of destruction by donning sackcloth, sitting in ashes and going without food or water. The king hopes that if his citizens turned from their evil ways then God would change his mind. God does change his mind.

Is God capricious or does God hear and respond to his people? In much the same way, Jesus calls for our repentance and belief in the gospel.

The time is near when we will have to choose to follow Jesus just like the fisherfolk he called.

- Pray that we have ears to listen to the urgency of God's call to us to live in the faith of Jesus Christ. We ask that we too could leave all things that weigh us down and follow Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

*Text: The Rev Kate Ross,
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ST MARK'S GOSPEL 1:14-20

John the Baptist has been arrested and Jesus continues the Baptist's proclamation of good news (the Gospel), calling us to repentance and belief. The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near.

Jesus continues to call disciples to follow him and to increase the kingdom of God by bringing more to belief in Jesus Christ.

- God, you are always near to me, may I bring others to belief with your good news.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Mothers' Union throughout the world.

*Text: Fr Matthew Smedley,
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COMING EVENTS/SERVICES

Summer Tango Night in Geelong

This will be held at the Christ Church Hall on **Friday, 26th January from 7pm to 10pm**. Shared supper table—BYO drinks. Cost: \$10 per person / \$20 family. All welcome! Bookings—0417 531 619 richardandpam@mac.com—Community Tango in Geelong (flyers in the foyer and coffee area)

Parish Council Meeting

The first meeting for 2024 in the form of a planning day will be held on **Saturday, 3rd February from 10am to 4pm**.

Start-up Sunday

This will be held on **Sunday, 4th February at 9.00am only!**
Further details will be advised closer to the date!

Pastoral Care Meeting

Our first meeting for the year will be held in the School Room at **10am on Thursday, 8th February**.

Ash Wednesday

This fall on **Wednesday, 14th February** this year. Please note that two services will be offered at **10am and 7pm**.

After Six Dinners

The next Dinner will be held on **Thursday, 15th February, at 6.30pm** at the El Toro restaurant, a short walk down Moorabool Street, near Christ Church. Please let Sue Murrant know if you wish to attend.

Darwin Defenders' Memorial Service

This year's annual commemoration will be held on **Sunday, 18th February at the 10am service**.

Please note there is a Hearing Loop installed in the Church that provides a wireless signal picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil).

Our Contacts

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday, 24th	Holy Eucharist at 10am
Friday, 26th	Summer Tango Night in Church Hall

NEXT SUNDAY: 28TH JANUARY 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Services: Holy Eucharist at 8am & 10am only
Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

SERVICES DURING JANUARY

Holy Eucharist at 8am & 10am on Sundays
and at 10am on Wednesdays

(Note: No Holy Eucharist at 5.15pm on Sundays
or Meditation sessions on Tuesday evenings.)

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building now stand.

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