

CHRIST CHURCH GEELONG
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

28th January 2024

'A community of faith in service to others'

ABM REFLECTIONS FOR EPHIPHANY 4

1 Corinthians 8.1-13

The first part of the *Shahadah*, the Muslim declaration of faith and the first pillar of Islam, is *there is no god but God*. I think Paul would agree.

He recognizes the existence of other gods but claims that there is only God, God the Father and the only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Unclean spirits, demons and the like recognize who Jesus is while the people around him do not. It takes a devil to recognize its opposite.

- Help us to recognise the one true God. Pray that we will recognise the idols of our age, money, status and power, and work and live to overcome them with the help of Jesus who is the only Holy One.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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Gospel – St Mark 1.21-28

As we follow Jesus, we go with him to the synagogue to hear his teaching as he reveals wisdom and authority.

We see Jesus answer cries to be made whole as unclean spirits depart obeying the Holy One of God.

We walk with Jesus and continue to grow in knowledge that we may speak the words of God.

- God, your works are great and glorious, raise me up to proclaim your name.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan.

Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth
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START-UP SUNDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY
ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY AT 9.00AM ONLY
FOLLOWED BY THE USUAL MORNING TEA!

BBQ IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS CIRCA 11.30AM

WE WILL RECONVENE TO THE HALL
IF THE WEATHER IS NOT FAVOURABLE

Parishioners are asked to bring
a salad or dessert to share:
Meat, bread, cordial, tea & coffee
and cutlery will be provided

Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet
on the crossing table !!

All welcome!!

COMING EVENTS/SERVICES

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.

First Sunday in Lent/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, 31st	Holy Eucharist at 10am
Saturday, 3rd Feb	Parish Council Meeting 10am to 4pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

'PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Service: Holy Eucharist & Baptism at 9am

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

NORMAL SERVICES RESUME DURING FEBRUARY

Holy Eucharist at 8am, 10am (Sung) & 5.15pm on Sundays
and at 10am on Wednesdays

Meditation in the Chapel at 7.15pm on Tuesdays

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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