



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL  
2024

December 31, January 7, 14,

Parish  
Link

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*Morning tea roster will resume on Sunday, 28 January 2024*



**Holiday Edition**



### **Mission Statement**

Sharing the Good News  
Telling the story afresh  
Expressing God's love  
Nurturing and sharing faith  
Equipping to serve  
Serving the community

### **Vision**

To ensure that there continues  
to be a living, committed,  
communal Anglican presence of  
liturgical celebration, nurture  
and outreach in Box Hill.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**FIRST AID KIT** – Located in the office and kitchen.

**TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

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**FIRE & EMERGENCY** – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

**OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

# Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023

## Epiphany of our Lord

### Sentence of the Day:

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



**Prayer of the Day:** Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son:  
guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. Amen

### Readings

First Reading: **Isaiah 60.1-6**

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalms: **Psalms: 72.1-7, 10-14**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your judgement, O God:  
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- <sup>2</sup> **That he may judge your people rightly:  
and the poor of the land with equity.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:  
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- <sup>4</sup> **May he give justice to the poor among the people:  
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures:  
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- <sup>6</sup> **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:  
and as showers that water the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall righteousness flourish:  
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>10</sup> **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
shall bring tribute: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup> All kings shall fall down before him:  
and all nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> **He will deliver the needy when they cry:  
and the poor that have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup> He will pity the helpless and the needy:  
and save the lives of the poor.
- <sup>14</sup> **He will redeem them from oppression and violence:  
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

Second Reading: **Ephesians 3.1-12**  
For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,  
Chapter 2, verses 1-12

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

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.

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Years Mind**

Jean Smith, Edna Jelley, Beverly Evans, Geoff Thomson, and Allan Purbrick, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### **Prayer Points**

*The Church:* St Stephen's Anglican Church Belmont (Shirley Littras); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Relationship Matters (Janet Jukes, CEO); Anglican Church of Rwanda – Bp Laurent Mbanda

### **Prayer of the Week**

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## ABM Pew Reflections

Unexpected visitors from a strange land are full of joy when they see the child Jesus with his mother Mary. They have been following a star and it has arrived at this house. They know the child is the King of the Jews. Their treasure chests are full of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They kneel and worship. The light has come and they see the glory of God. • God, I worship you, may I see your glory. • Give thanks for the work and witness of WontulpBi-Buya College in Cairns and Nungalinya College in Darwin.

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	Numbers 6.22-27	Ps 8	Luke 2.15-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 John 2.22-28	Ps 98.1-7	John 1.19-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 John 2.29-3.6	Ps 98.8-10	John 1.29-34
<b>Thursday</b>	1 John 3.7-10	Ps 99	John 1.35-42
<b>Friday</b>	1 John 3. 11-12	Ps 100	John 1.43-51
<b>Saturday</b>	1 John 4.13-21	Ps 72.1-7	Mark 6.34-44



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Baptism of our Lord (First Sunday after Epiphany)

**Sentence:** God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10.38

**Prayer of the Day:** Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## Readings

First Reading: Genesis 1.1-5  
For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 29**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

**<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

**<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:**

**the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup> He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

**<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord will give strength to his people:**

**the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

**Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43**

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark,  
Chapter 1, beginning at verse 4

**Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## Years Mind

Ellen Fenton Crooks, Emiline Collins, Jock Downing, and Mark Dymond  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



## Prayer Points

*The Church:* St Michael & All Angels' Anglican Church Beaumaris (Wayne Walters); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); The Scottish Episcopal Church (Abp Mark Strange, Primus).

**Prayer of the Week:** Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost, and was baptised with sinners: grant that we, who have been baptised in his name, may reach out in love to those in need with the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Daily Readings

<b>Monday</b>	1 Samuel 1.1-8	Ps 116.11-18	Mark 1.14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Samuel 1.9-20	Ps 89.1-8	Mark 1.21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20	Ps 40.5-11	Mark 1.29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Samuel 4.1-11	Ps 44.10-17	Mark 1.40-45
<b>Friday</b>	1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22	Ps 89.14-18	Mark 2.1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1	Ps 21.1-7	Mark 2.13-17

## ABM Pew Reflections

John the Baptist prophesied that one after him would come and baptise with the Holy Spirit. Today, Jesus comes so that John may baptise him. This baptism in the Jordan is like no other, the heavens are torn apart, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and God declares that this is indeed the Son, the Beloved, and God is very pleased with him. • God, may my baptism with the Holy Spirit transform me that you may be well pleased. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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14th January 2024

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

**Sentence of the Day:** We have found the  
Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel! John 1.41, 49

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7  
For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: **139**

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- <sup>2</sup> **You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways.**
- <sup>3</sup> For there is not a word on my tongue:  
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- <sup>4</sup> **You have encompassed me behind and before:  
and have laid your hand upon me.**
- <sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it.
- <sup>12</sup> **For you have created my inward parts:  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- <sup>13</sup> I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.
- <sup>14</sup> **You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:  
when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- <sup>15</sup> Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:  
and in your book were all my members written;
- <sup>16</sup> **Day by day they were fashioned:  
and not one was late in growing.**
- <sup>17</sup> How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:  
and how great is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> **Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand:  
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6.12-20  
For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,  
Chapter 1, beginning at verse 43

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

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Years Mind

Duncan McKenzie, Leonard Miller, Gordon French, John and Nancy Melville  
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **Prayer Points**



*The Church:* St Alfred's Anglican Church Blackburn North (Peter MacPherson, Mark Simon, Elizabeth Bolton, Nicolas Curtis, Rene Pfitzner); The Diocese of North West Australia ( Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People); Aged Care Ministry; Church of the Province of South East Asia (Revd Melter Jiki Tais); St David's Anglican Church Moorabbin – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

Prayer of the Week: Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Daily Readings**

<b>Monday</b>	1 Samuel 15.16-23	Ps 50.20-24	Mark 2.18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Samuel 16.1-13	Ps 89-27	Mark 2.23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Samuel 17.32-51	Ps 144.3-10	Mark 3.1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Samuel 18.6-9, 19.1-7	Ps 56.8-12	Mark 3.7-12



**Friday**  
**Saturday**

1 Samuel 24.3-11  
2 Samuel 1.1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Ps 57.7-12  
Ps 80.1-6

Mark 3.13-19  
Mark 3.20-21



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Notices during January, please give it to the Vicar in writing or phone her on 0429 123 478..*

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for Dec 31, January 7, & 14  
Please re-use each week by bringing it back with you or  
handing it back before you leave.



### **OFFICE CLOSED OVER JANUARY**

As usual, the parish office will be closed during part of January.

**Closed:** December 23 - January 18

**Reopens:** Friday January 19



**During the January break any notices or messages should be provided to the Vicar (*in writing, please!*).**



## CHURCH SERVICE

times during January 2024

8.00am Sunday

9.30am Sunday

10.30am Wednesday

(no 10.30am service Dec 27)

### THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

TWO TURTLE DOVES  
TRAPPED IN  
THE ROOF

TWELVE DRUMMERS  
DRUMMING, TO THE  
CONSTERNATION OF  
THE CHOIR

SIX GEESE  
A-LAYING  
IN THE  
ECO-AREA  
OF THE  
CHURCHYARD

ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING,  
AS NO-ONE IN THE  
MUSIC GROUP CAN  
PLAY THE GUITAR

FIVE GOLD  
BISHOPS' RINGS  
IN THE SAFE  
IN THE VESTRY

FOUR CALLING  
BIRDS BEING  
SILENCED BY A  
CHURCHWARDEN

A PARTRIDGE  
IN A PEAR  
TREE - THE  
VERGER FORGOT  
TO ORDER  
A CHRISTMAS  
TREE

THREE FRENCH HENS -  
PROPS FOR THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAY

NINE LADIES DANCING  
DURING ONE OF THE  
MORE MODERN CHORUSES

EIGHT MAIDS  
WHO HAD BEEN  
A-MILKING, BUT  
WHO MANAGED  
TO COMPLETE  
THEIR DUTIES  
IN TIME FOR  
THE 10 A.M.

TEN LORDS  
A-LEAPING  
OVER THE  
MOAT DUG  
BY THE  
YOUTH GROUP

SEVEN SWANS  
A-SWIMMING  
IN THE FONT



## What's on in January

### **Sunday 7.1.24**

Baptism of our Lord

**8.00am**, Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin Service

**2.00pm** Dinka Prayer & Praise

### **Wed 10.1.23**

**10.30am** Eucharist

### **Sunday 14.1.24**

Second Sunday after Epiphany

**8.00am**, Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin Service

**2.00pm** Dinka Prayer & Praise

### **Wed 17.1.24**

**10.30am** Eucharist

### **Fr1 19.01.23**

Office open 9.00am – 1.00pm

### **Sunday 21.1.24**

Third Sunday after Epiphany

**8.00am**, **9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin Service

**2.00pm** Dinka Prayer & Praise

### **Tues 23.1.24**

**9.00am-1.00pm** Office open

### **Wed 24.1.24**

**10.30am** Eucharist

### **Fr1 26.01.23**

Office open 9.00am – 1.00pm

### **Sunday 28.1.24**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**8.00am**, **9.30am** Eucharist

**11.30am** Mandarin Service

**2.00pm** Dinka Prayer & Praise

### **Tuesday 30.1.24**

**7.30pm** Commissioning of new vicar

## For the Diary

### **January 19 Friday**

Parish Office reopens

### **January 28**

Rostered Morning Teas after the

9.30am service resume

(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday on the roster)

### **January 30**

Tuesday 7.30pm

Commissioning of our new vicar

### **February**

Choir practice resumes

### **February**

Playgroup resumes

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*Closed Dec 23-Jan 18*

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### Roster 9.30am Services

	<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Jan 7</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>Jan 21</b>
<b>Sidespeople</b>	Rosemary S Martin F	Sandra L Noel W	Rob K Elizabeth B	Michele M Barbara P
<b>Servers</b>	Michele M Elizabeth B <i>Garry M</i>	Rosemary S Michele M <i>Kim C</i>	Judy J Michele M <i>Garry M</i>	Elizabeth B Rosemary S <i>Kim C</i>
<b>Readers</b>	Linda B Charles B	Barbara P Margaret D	Conrad H Kim C	Hilary B Laurence L
<b>Intercessors</b>	Keith W	Elizabeth B	Judy J	Michele M
<b>Counting</b>	Michele M Garry P	Lyn B Charles B	Hilary B Michele M	Margaret R Elizabeth B
<b>Morning Tea</b>	<i>Not rostered</i>	<i>Not rostered</i>	<i>Not rostered</i>	<i>Not rostered</i>

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St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them  
as the traditional custodians of this land.