



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7am: Holy
Communion

(Hymns: TIS 304 vv.1,4,5; MP39;
TIS 301; TIS 147)

Sunday 9am: Family
Service

(also streamed via ZOOM)
(Hymns: TIS 313, MP 121,
MP 749, MP 179)

First reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon
you.

² 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.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.
Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a
king,

² That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.

³ Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his
people.

⁴ May he give justice to the poor among
the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and
crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,

throughout all generations.

⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.

¹² He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.

¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.

¹⁴ He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ 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: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become

fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to make everyone see^[c] what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel Reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "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.”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.’ ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:1-12

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For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word: may this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The World

Pray that 2026 may be a year where wisdom, justice, peace and hope may prevail amongst those with influence on the world stage over areas of war and conflict, climate change and food security.

The Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Assistant Bishop – †Scott Lowrey; Clergy and People

The Parish of Gold Coast North: Stephan Prabu, Gary Smith, Don Campbell, Lynette Dunn, †Len Eacott, Roseanne Stower, Sidney Rogers, Bill Doak, Martin Hunnybun, Medha Masoji

Gold Coast South: Arthur Savage, Greg McGrory

Woodford Correctional Centre: Paul Bryden

Canterbury College, Waterford: Principal – Daniel Walker; Chaplain – Dan Talbot;

Chair of College Council – Toni Bache; members of College Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Danie Middeldorp, SU chaplain at Wellers Hill State School

Local Schools and colleges

Wellers Hill Primary, Junction Park Primary, Moorooka Primary

Our parish

Pray for the Little Angels Tarragindi team as they prepare to launch the ELC early this year, in particular that all the required licenses are obtained promptly.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Jocelyn Hawes, Peter F, Peter Pressdee, David F., Jan Moody, Robyn and Maxine McElnea, Rita Johnson, Sharon L., Margaret Sheehan, Don & Deb Rennie, Georgina Crawford, Glenda, Sue, Liz and Angie Lockhorst, Rev'd Shane Hubner, Natalie McHue, Lynette Coop, Sue, Rose, Al, Jennifer D, Sandy Tonello. Mary Bickerdike, Lee.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

4 January: Ivy Evelyn Wilkinson; 5 January: Kathleen Rae McIntosh; 6 January: Edna Evelyn Davidson, Frances Susan Tardent, Richard (Robin Alexander Kreltszheim); 10 January: Graham Houston .



Services This Week:

Tuesday 6th January

10am: Funeral service for Nancy Capern (St Luke's/Zoom)

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 4th January

(Baptism of Jesus)

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)


9am: Holy Communion (St Luke's/Zoom)

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

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