



# THE LINK

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## WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S, 7TH JANUARY 2018

### THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9:15AM EUCHARIST, APBA P. 119

Reflection by Ben Quash, professor of Christianity & the Arts, King's College .

This passage begins with John the Baptist in the wilderness and ends with Jesus' baptism, after which Jesus himself is driven by the Spirit out into the wilderness.

These two kinsmen had a lot in common in terms of their message—even though the Baptist cuts a more rough-and-ready figure. They wanted to give people a sense of the primordial goods of life, and a suspicion of some of the constructions of human society that make life more complicated than it should be. Locusts and wild honey were probably not some sort of penitential diet for John—they were quite rich and nourishing fare. The real point was that they weren't farmed or sold at market; they were part of God's bounty in nature. Jesus would later celebrate that same bounty when he invited his followers not to be over-anxious about how they would clothe or feed themselves, and asked them to consider the example of lilies and birds (Matthew 6.26, 28).

Even the wilderness immediately around the Jordan where John preached and baptised wasn't (and isn't) arid and desert-like either; it is quite lush and verdant.

So perhaps John and Jesus offer us a reminder of Eden—the fundamental goodness of creation—in which humans, wild beasts and angels all coexist well with one another. We can live well on what God provides, if we do not live with too much fear or with too much greed.

*Taken from: Reflections for Sundays, Year B, Church House Publishing 2017*

## Looking Ahead:

The **Rev'd Nigel Pope**, currently Vicar of St Paul's Cathedral Kolkata (previously Calcutta), India, will be the next priest-in-charge of St Paul's Geelong.

The Rev'd Tim Gibson will remain as locum until Fr Nigel begins in February. Fr Tim will be in the parish this week on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th January.

## FOOD FOR ALL HAMPER

**Food collection for 2017 has finished, and will recommence in late January 2018.**

Thank you everyone for your amazing generosity; many families have been fed with the gifts from St. Paul's.



## REMINDERS:

### St Paul's Memorial Windows

The booklets containing the history behind the St Paul's memorial windows are available from Gillian Hall. Cost is \$20.00.



## Reminder (Choir)

Please note that the first choral Eucharist for 2018 will be held on Sunday 4th February (9:30am rehearsal for 10:30am service), **not** January 28th. There will be **no** choir rehearsal on 31 January.



## Working Bee 13th January

Volunteers are needed for a joint working bee with "Ballroom Baby" in the Hall on Saturday 13th January.



The plan is to wash down all the walls and repaint the lower half. If you are able to assist for any part of the day please let Marylyn Pettit know. Bring with you soft brooms, paint rollers, trays, drop sheets etc. if you have them.



"Until you remember where you put the ladder, be quiet!"

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday—8th January

6.30pm Tower Bells practice

### Wednesday—10th January

*William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d. 1645)*

10.00am Eucharist

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-18), 19-20

Psalm 40.5-11

Mark 1.29-39

### Saturday—13th January

*Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d. 367)*



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

<b>08 Monday</b>	Psalms 20; 21.1-7 (8-13) Jeremiah 1 John 6.28-40
<b>09 Tuesday</b>	Psalm 22.1-22 Jeremiah 2.1-19 John 6.41-59
<b>10 Wednesday</b>	Psalm 25 Jeremiah 2.20-32 (33-37) John 6.60-71
<b>11 Thursday</b>	Psalms 28; 29 Jeremiah 3.(1-5) 6-23 John 7.1-13
<b>12 Friday</b>	Psalm 33 Jeremiah 4.1-18 John 7.14-24
<b>13 Saturday</b>	Psalm 35.1-17 Jeremiah 4.19-31 John 7.25-36

*Based on: An Australian Lectionary 2018*

### Sunday 14th January—Second Sunday after Epiphany (Year B)

**9.15am** Eucharist

Lections & Lectors

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18 1 Corinthians 6.12-20 John 1.43-51

**9.15am** *Jan West*

January 10 sees the celebration of a somewhat controversial figure: William Laud. Laud was an English archbishop and academic who served as the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1633 until 1640, when he was arrested for treason and subsequently executed for that crime in 1645 (regardless of the fact he had been granted a Royal pardon).

Laud's tenure as Archbishop of Canterbury earned him the ire of the Long Parliament of 1640 through his desire to impose uniformity on the Church of England; a goal he pursued with a zeal that bordered on persecution. In particular, Laud was called to answer for his censorship of Puritan literature and his response to Puritan writers such as William Prynne (whom Laud had pilloried, ear-cropped and branded on both cheeks for his pamphlets attacking the Anglican church).

Regardless, Laud's theological impact was undeniable on the development of the High Church—which incorporated and developed many elements of 'Laudianism' into its own doctrine, and for his commitment to the sacrament as the "greatest place of God's residence upon earth" in the Anglican communion.

# FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

## **Epiphany One** APBA pew edition p. 457

Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The World:** Iran, Iraq, Syria.

### **Our Community:**

We pray for all those on whom we depend for our daily needs.  
e.g. Seafarers, Transport workers, Farmers, Shopkeepers, Carers, etc.  
Our Justice & Legal Systems.

**The Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.  
The Most Rev'd Winston Halapua Bishop of Polynesia and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Bishop of Taranaki—(Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson.

### **The wider Church:**

Corio Deanery:

Area Dean, The Rev'd. Shirley Littras.

Parishes: Corio-Norlane. Christ Church, Geelong. St Paul's, Geelong. Hamlyn Heights. Highton. Inverleigh. Bannockburn. Lara. Newtown & West Geelong. Winchelsea.

### **Mission & Outreach:**

The Bible Society and Gideon's International.

### **Parish Community:**

Flower Guild, brass cleaners and all those who volunteer with regular upkeep and maintenance at St. Paul's.

**In Need or Sickness:** Genie Hidic. Murray. Derek. Peggy. Greg. Heather T. Wendy Hudson (*priest*). Darryl. Sean & Angie & family.

### **Faithful Departed:**

*Years Mind:* 08/01 - Irene Quick (2013)

09/01 - Noel Arthur Tolhurst [priest] (1967)

09/01 - Ernest Ronald McDonald (1989)

10/01 - Ernest Charles Harrison (1963)

11/01 - Donald Arthur White (1972)

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,  
**and may light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Morning Tea is served in the Parish Hall following the 10.30am Eucharist. This is your Invitation to come across to the Hall and share fellowship with one another over a cup of tea or coffee.**

