



# THE LINK

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## WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S, 14TH JANUARY 2018

### EPIPHANY TWO

9:15AM EUCHARIST, APBA P. 119

#### *Reflection by Mark Beresford, Anglican minister.*

John the Baptist is rapidly fading from the story our writer tells. His influence, however, is all over today's passage. John's disciples are eagerly looking for the Messiah. John's pointing ministry is taking flight.

Yesterday it was Andrew bringing Simon. Today is Philip bringing Nathanael. On both days the same simple testimony is offered: 'Come and see.' *Mission, both then and now, is about inviting people to encounter Jesus for themselves.*

*And that is exactly what happens.*

Nathanael has his doubts. After all, Philip's claim is big: 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' The long expected Messiah hailing from... Nazareth. *Right!*

Even so, the invitation to see for himself is *irresistible*. He *doubts*. He also *comes*.

And even before he arrives Jesus is confessing to a previous encounter. Details are not given but Nathanael is impressed to say the least. *He is already known*. Somehow Jesus is familiar with Nathanael's character and his recent doings. A vision or supernatural knowing is not ruled out.

*And certainly not by Nathanael*. His response: 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus, in word and action, clearly saw, and spoke to, Nathanael's previously unconvinced heart.

And on top of this, Jesus offers another promise: *there is much more to come*.

This is a story of good evangelism. Philip begins with his *friend*. He offers his *testimony*. He *invites* his companion to see for himself. *At each stage God is at work*.

I think Jesus did very well to call Philip before any other.

*This reflection originally appeared at: <http://www.barefootfollower.com.au/hearing-seeing-and-believing-a-reflection-on-john-143-51/>*

## 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 16th and Wednesday 17th 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.



## Commissioning Service for Rev. Nigel

6 February, 7:00pm

Arrangements are underway for this important event in our church. Volunteers are needed for sidepersons and welcomers for this service. Please see Robert Nicholls if you can help.

Also, help is needed to set up the Church Hall on the afternoon of 6th February. Please let Marylyn Pettit know if you can help with this.

There will be a supper in the hall after the service. There is a list on the baptistery table—if you are able to bring a plate of finger food, such as savouries, sandwiches or slices, cakes etc. please put your name on this to indicate what you can bring.



## Changes to Choir Dates

Contrary to last week's reminder please note the following:

The commissioning service on 28th January was discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed the choir would sing and be commissioned as usual on 28th January. The choir will meet at 8:30 for a rehearsal preceding the 9:15 service that morning.

Regular choir practice will commence on Wednesday 31st January to prepare for the Induction service on 6th February.

The choir will sing as usual on 4th February.

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### Monday—15th January

6.30pm Tower Bells practice

### Wednesday—17th January

*Antony of Egypt, abbot (d. 356)*

10.00am Eucharist

1 Samuel 17.32-51

Psalm 144.3-10

Mark 3.1-6

### Thursday—18th January

*Confession of Peter*



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

<b>15 Monday</b>	Psalm 37.1-17 Jeremiah 5.1-17 John 7.37-52
<b>16 Tuesday</b>	Psalm 38 Jeremiah 5.18-31 John 8.1-11
<b>17 Wednesday</b>	Psalm 40 Jeremiah 6.1-15 John 8.12-20
<b>18 Thursday</b>	Psalms 41; 44.1-9 Jeremiah 6.16-30 John 8.21-30
<b>19 Friday</b>	Psalm 45 Jeremiah 7.1-20 John 8.31-47
<b>20 Saturday</b>	Psalm 48 Jeremiah 7.21-8.3 John 8.48-59

*Based on: An Australian Lectionary 2018*

### Sunday 21st January—Third Sunday after Epiphany (Year B)

**9.15am** Eucharist

Lections & Lectors

Jonah 3.1-5, 10 Psalm 62.5-12 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 Mark 1.14-20

**9.15am** Sharon Nicholls

### A note from Fr. Tim:

In order to conform with Diocese of Melbourne synod legislation, those who have been Wardens or Parish Councillors for 6 or more continuous years are ineligible to be re-elected or re-appointed at a parish AGM. They have to “take a year off”. At our AGM on October 29th 2017 we were under the impression that this didn’t apply to this parish because we were entering an “inter-regnum”, but we have since been advised otherwise. Accordingly, Ruth Oakley has had to stand down as Vicar’s Warden, and Suzie Turner-Luther and David Endean from being Parish Councillors. Of course we thank them for their service – and they will be eligible again at the 2018 AGM. Under my authority as Locum I have appointed Peter Finch as Vicar’s Warden and have called for nominations to fill two places on the Parish Council. Nomination forms are available today, and nominations close on Wednesday 17th January. If an election is warranted, this will take place at the end of the 9.15am service on January 21st. All office-bearers will be commissioned at the service on January 28th.

# FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Epiphany Two** APBA pew edition p. 458

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

**The World:** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

## **Our Community:**

All places of education and learning.  
School crossing attendants  
SRI teachers, especially Suzie.  
School chaplains—State Schools (Primary & Secondary), Church & Independent Schools,  
Tertiary.

**The Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Australia; The Most Rev'd Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne and Primate of Australia.

## **The wider Church:**

Bellarine Deanery:

Area Dean, The Rev'd. Dr. Tim Smith.

Parishes: Bellarine. Bellarine Gateway. Belmont. Grovedale. Ocean Grove. Point Lonsdale. Queenscliff. Surf Coast. East Geelong. City on a Hill. Lorne co-operating parish.

## **Mission & Outreach:**

Anglicare.  
The Order of St. Lazarus.

## **Parish Community:**

Morning tea helpers, Mother's Union and Cook-up teams I & II.

**In Need or Sickness:** *Please contact Fr. Tim if you have names for this list.*

## **Faithful Departed:**

*Years Mind:* 14/01 - Gay Lee (2016)  
16/01 - Robyn Anne Cromer (1990)  
17/01 - Alan Keith Griffin (1989)  
18/01 - Les Nixon (2010)

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.**

