



THE LINK

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WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S, 21ST JANUARY 2018

EPIPHANY THREE

9:15AM EUCHARIST, APBA P. 119

Greg Carey, professor of New Testament, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Readers almost always gravitate to the same question. Why do Simon and Andrew, then James and John after them, abandon everything to follow Jesus? Mark leaves no doubt as to the immediacy of their response. Seeing Simon and Andrew casting for fish, Jesus says, "Follow after me, and I will make you to be fishers for people." And immediately, Mark emphasizes, they leave their nets and follow Jesus. Likewise, Jesus immediately calls James and John while they are mending their nets. These two abandon their father in the boat with his hired workers to come after Jesus.

Jesus' encounter with his future disciples represents Mark's first report of an act in Jesus' ministry. It follows immediately after Mark's summary of Jesus' activity. Marching into Galilee, Jesus preaches a single distinctive message, the Gospel of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe the Gospel!" (1:15, author's translation). Jesus is saying something like, "God has broken into the world" — that's good news — "you'd better shape up and believe it!"

Ancient philosophies often built their ranks from those persons who found ordinary life unsatisfying. According to Diogenes Laertius, Socrates encountered a young man named Xenophon in a narrow passageway. Blocking the path with his stick, the philosopher asked where he might find various kinds of food. Then Socrates asked, "And where do people become good and honorable?" With Xenophon looking perplexed, Socrates called him: "Then follow me, and learn" (Lives 2.48).

Some people abandon their nets because they hear good news worthy of our lives. If things were just fine in the world, perhaps they'd stay with their nets. But sensing God's kingdom drawing near, they reshape their lives in response to God's call. They drop everything and go another way. Far too few churches ask this question, this vocational question, of their members: to what life is God calling you? And far too many of us domesticate the question, as if Simon and his colleagues were just volunteering for a single night at the winter shelter. The realities of our world press us with questions greater than how we'll spend a given night. Meanwhile, the kingdom of God lies right at hand. And what about those nets?

Adapted from the original, found at: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/greg-carey/mark-1-14-20-worthy-of-their-lives_b_1211563.html

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 23rd and Wednesday 24th January.

Note:

To all churchwardens, Parish Council members, and other office bearers in the parish: please collect today a copy of the "Commissioning" which will be held just before the Greeting of Peace at next Sunday's service: 9:15am 28th January.

Retirement of John Grainger

John Grainger has retired as one of the Sacristans for our church. He has held the position of chief Sacristan for many years. The role encompasses preparing all the requirements in the Sanctuary for the 8am and 10:30am services, as well as special and additional services that have been held.

John prepares the Altar for the Eucharist services as well as changing the colours as the day or season dictates. This has been a big job that he has done regularly and thoroughly for a long time.

We are indebted to him and thank him for this wonderful service to our church and wish him well.

Leigh Bryen has agreed to take on that role so we also thank him for offering to fill the position. Antun Hidic continues his faithful work in preparing the Altar for the 10am Wednesday service. Thanks also to Antun.

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.

Palm Crosses Please!

As 2018 Ash Wednesday (14th February) approaches, we need to have the palm crosses you receive on Ash Wednesday 2017. These will be burned to make the ashes. Please bring them to church next Sunday, or no later than Sunday 4th February.

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—12nd January

Vincent, deacon and martyr (d. 304)

6.30pm Tower Bells practice

Wednesday—24th January

Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus and Silas

10.00am Eucharist

2 Samuel 7.4-17

Psalm 89.19-27

Mark 4.1-20

Thursday—25th January

Conversion of Paul the Apostle

Saturday—27th January

John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher (d. 407).



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

22 Monday	Psalm 51 Jeremiah 8.4-17 Luke 1.1-12
23 Tuesday	Psalms 54; 55.1-12 Jeremiah 8.18-9.11 Luke 1.13-25
24 Wednesday	Psalms 56; 57 Jeremiah 9.12-26 Luke 1.26-38
25 Thursday	Psalms 62; 63 Jeremiah 10.1-16 Luke 1.39-56
26 Friday	Psalms 65; 70 Jeremiah 10.17-11.8 Luke 1.57-66
27 Saturday	Psalm 68.1-20 Jeremiah 11.9-23 Luke 1.67-80

Based on: An Australian Lectionary 2018

Sunday 28th January—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Year B)

9.15am Eucharist

Lections & Lectors

Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8.1-13 Mark 1.21-28

9.15am Elaine Grainger

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

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O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you:
mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping
your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen** .

The World: Cyprus, Greece, Turkey.

Our Community:

Police, Fire, Ambulance and SES personnel and their families
Australian Defence Force personnel and their families.
Barwon, Marngoneet & Karreenga Prisons; (Chaplains: Fr Philip Gill and John Silversides).
Chaplains in the ADF, Prisons and Emergency Services.

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh, the Most Rev'd Paul Shishir Sarker
Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka.

The wider Church:

St Paul's Cathedral – The Dean: The Very Rev'd Andreas Loewe.
Precentor: The Rev'd Heather Patacca.
Canon Pastor: The Rev'd Ruth Redpath.
Associate Clergy:
The Reverends: Stephen Ames, James Brady, Chris Carolane, Rick Cheung, Jessica
Cheung,
Jill Firth, Richard Trist, Emily Fraser, Matt Campbell
Healing Ministry: The Revd Alex Kornaczewski .

Mission & Outreach:

AngliCORD.
Care Australia.

Parish Community:

Lectors. Eucharistic Assistants. Intercessors. Servers.

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

Faithful Departed:

Years Mind: 21/01 - Ernest Harry Everett (1944)
25/01 - John McTaggart Evans [9th Vicar 1903-1908] (1908)
27/01 - Beryl Bryen (1977)
27/01 - Jessie Blain (2014)

**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.**

