

WELCOME

Epiphany 2
15 January 2017

Joint Service today
9.45 am
to farewell
The Revd Kate Lord



A Prayer for Help

*I patiently waited, Lord, for you to hear my prayer.
You listened and pulled me
from a lonely pit full of mud and mire.*

*You let me stand on a rock with my feet firm,
and you gave me a new song, a song of praise to you.*

Many will see this, and they will honour and trust you, the Lord God.

*You bless all of those who trust you, Lord,
and refuse to worship idols or follow false gods.*

*You, Lord God, have done many wonderful things,
and you have planned marvellous things for us.
No one is like you!*

I would never be able to tell all you have done.

*Sacrifices and offerings are not what please you;
gifts and payment for sin are not what you demand.*

But you made me willing to listen and obey.

*And so, I said, "I am here to do what is written
about me in the book, where it says,
'I enjoy pleasing you. Your Law is in my heart.' "*

*When your people worshipped,
you know I told them, "Our Lord always helps!"
When all your people met, I did not keep silent.
I said, "Our Lord is kind. He is faithful and caring,
and he saves us."*

*You, Lord, never fail to have pity on me;
your love and faithfulness always keep me secure.*

At Worship Today

Prayer of the Day:

Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:
may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth,
signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Sanctuary bell will be rung 5 minutes before the service begins
to observe a time of quiet.*

9.00 am A Prayer Book for Australia – page 119

Presiding at the Eucharist: Revd Kate

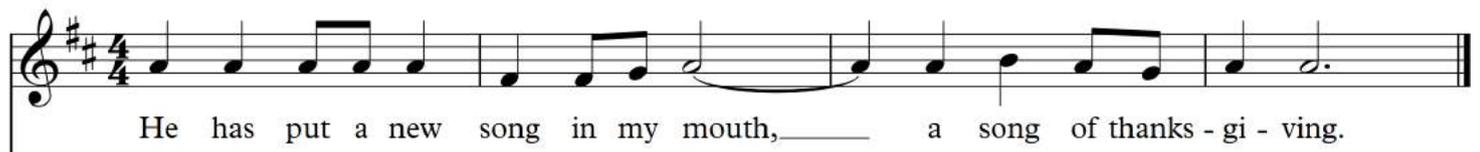
Musical Setting: “Eucharist” – Michael Dudman

Introit: **Hymn 474**

Sentence: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7

Gradual Response:



Gradual: Psalm 40:1-14

Second Reading; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel Sentence: The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled
those who accepted him to become children of God.

Gospel: John 1.29-42

Sermon: Revd Kate

Offertory: **Hymn 138**

Recessional: **Hymn 315**

*People of all Christian Churches, who are communicants of their own church,
are invited to share Holy Communion with us.*

First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength- ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in

Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: John 1.29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of

the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Farewell from your Assistant Curate

To be brutally honest, this past week has been quite an anxious one for me. Inasmuch as I have been looking forward to going back to the Navy for about five years, now that the time has come, I'm losing sleep! Don't get me wrong: I am NOT rethinking my move to become a Navy Chaplain. I know that God has had that plan stitched up since I was 15. But I'm worrying about the little details: which uniform will I wear, and where do the badges go, and what will I be doing on my first day, and will I make my lunch in the morning or the night before, and will the commute be more exhausting than I expect, and will a room become available for me?!

The ego loves to worry. Worrying makes us feel important, and gives us the illusion that we can control things. But Jesus was adamant that we not worry, and he has reminded me of this regularly over the years. "Do not worry about what you will eat or what you will wear." "Do not worry about the words to say, as the Spirit will give you the words when you need them." "Who among you, by worrying, can add a single day to your life?"

So I have been pulling out all the stops to work at NOT worrying. I have done some gardening. I have had a neck/shoulder massage. I have had dinner with a girlfriend. I have been listening to Enya. I have been doing yoga. I have eaten chocolate. I have talked to the Vicar. These have helped! But so has the constant remembrance that this is God's plan. God has been putting the pieces in place for this move since before I was born. All I need to do is breathe, put one foot in front of the other, and show up. I need to set aside my ego's propensity to worry, and be open to the workings of God within me and through me. Everything else will fall into place.

I commend you all to this same remembrance: that worrying is of the ego, that Jesus commands us not to worry, that God has known you since you were in the womb, and that all your days are in God's hand.

Kate

Ordination of Deacons: Saturday 4th February 2017 at 10.30am at St Paul's Cathedral. Please pray for Kathryn Watt and Garry Deverell. Kathryn and Garry and the other candidates will be going on retreat on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at Pallotti College, near Warburton.

**Youth Group
will commence
on Sunday 5th
February 2017.
Stay tuned for
advice by email.**

**YOUTH
GROUP**

NAME TAGS

We ask that all parishioners please wear their name tag, not only during the next few weeks as we welcome our new Assistant Curate, but at every service you attend.

If you need a name tag, please request one via the Connection Card in the pews.

The Wardens

Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Chapel, based on Ignatian Spirituality. A Sacred Space where you can find rest and stillness, listen and centre yourself. Spiritual food is offered to aid reflection and meditation. Contact Val Dyke on 9807 3168.

Next Session: 1 February 2017

Evening Meditation Gatherings

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Church, based on the Contemplative Traditions of Christian Meditation. Contact Michael Mosley on 9807 3168.

Next session will be on **Thursday 26 January at 7.30pm** in the Old Church.

Parish Jazz Night, 17 February, 2017 6.30 – 9.30 pm

Join us for our popular
and family friendly
jazz night with the

"Clare Castle Jazz Band",
in the Parish Centre.

Tickets will be on sale from 22nd
January onwards



WEAR GREEN FOR PREMMIES

We have been asked to support the Wear Green for Premmies Day on Wednesday 5 April 2017 by knitting green hats for prem. babies as we did last year.

Patterns and wool are available in the Parish Centre. Please see Joan West if you have any questions.

Thank you

Ever considered making a bequest
to the Parish in your Will?

If so, then please speak to one of the Wardens if
you need more details.

This Saturday **Christianity, Sexuality and the Modern World**

Bishop Graeme Rutherford, David Cundy and Fiona Sawyer will give talks on Christianity and homosexuality, the history of homosexuality and laws and repression, where we stand today with marriage equality and personal experiences.

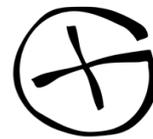
This is a not to be missed event.

10am Saturday 21st January, 2017,
Parish Centre, Anglican Parish of St Stephen
and St Mary, 383 High Street, Mount
Waverley, followed by refreshments.

Free Entry



Thank you Kate
for our journey
together ... blessings
as your journey
continues...



Dates to put in your Diary

Epiphany 2 2017

Joint Service - Farewell to Revd Kate

Sunday 15 January

Monday 16

Tuesday 17

Wednesday 18

Thursday 19

Friday 20

Saturday 21

10.00 am **Christianity, Sexuality and the Modern World** - presented by Bp Graeme Rutherford, David Cundy and Fiona Sawyer, followed by refreshments.

Sunday 22 Epiphany 3 2017

Next Week: 22 January 2017

Epiphany 3

Readings:

Isaiah 9.1-4

Psalm 27.1-10

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Matthew 4.12-25

Stewards/Welcomers:

BCP	Adam Thevapalan Nirmala Thevapalan
SE	Graeme Dellora Maggie Dellora Marj Collas
CE	Rowena Ferguson Judith Gibson

Readers:

BCP	Janice Miller
SE	Geoff Tait Leonie McLachlan
CE	Miriam Sridharan

Eucharistic/Chalice Assistants:

BCP	Joanne Burns
SE	Geoff Tait Jenny Brown Howard Brown Val Dyke
CE	Geoff Crawford Rowena Ferguson

Intercessor:

SE	Joan West
CE	Rowena Ferguson

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Priest

(Day off - Monday)

The Rev'd Dianne Sharrock

Assistant Curate

(Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun)

The Rev'd Kate Lord

Theological Student

Garry Deverell

Children's and Families' Minister

(Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Becky Sims

Music Director

David Cundy

Treasurer

Helen Warren

Office Administrator

David Cundy

Churchwardens: Brian De Lacy, Bruce Chugg, Sue Retschko

Parish Council: Geoff Crawford, Elaine Fasken, Nathan Goode, Doug Hastings, Sherredan Maher, Peter Northwood, Helen Warren, Joan West

Pastoral Care Ministry:

Home Communion and General Visiting:

Ian Smith

Aged Care Chaplaincies:

Bruce Chugg

Hospital Visiting:

Clergy

Funeral Ministry:

The Vicar

Contemporary Eucharist Contact:

Rowena Ferguson

Pastoral Associate (Emeritus):

Trevor Bickerstaff

Spiritual Director

Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact

Margaret Syfret

SERVICES:

Sunday

7.45am

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.00am

Sung Eucharist (APBA)

10.30am

Contemporary Eucharist (Children's Participation)

Tuesday

9.15am, Morning Prayer

Wednesday - Friday

9.00am, Morning Prayer

Thursday

10.00am, Eucharist