

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF PLYMPTON

Sharing God's love in our community:
Faith, Hope, Fellowship



Christmas 2020

First Sunday After Christmas

ONE SERVICE ONLY

Sunday 27 December 9.00 am

Envelopes for the **Christmas Bowl** are now available in the Narthex.

There are usually some extra notices in the hall. Please take time to check them as there is not the room to print them all in the pew sheet. Also, you can avail yourself of publications in the narthex.

Recyclable cans and bottles

Money received from the Congregation bringing their recyclable cans and bottles to the Church is donated to the Heart Foundation. They can be left outside the kitchen door.

If you have any Pew Sheet notices, contact Vanessa **0412 356 654** or vanessalinke1951@gmail.com by Wednesday 5pm.

Also, many have now abandoned their home phones and now 'live' on mobiles alone. If you have changed any of your details, can you please let me know so that I can update the Parish Roll **Thank you**

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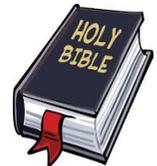
Readings for 3rd January, 2021

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7 - 14

Psalm 147: 12 - 20

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Gospel: John 1: (1 - 9), 10 - 18u



DIARY OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY 1st Sunday after Christmas 27th December
John, Apostle & Evangelist
9.00am Sung Eucharist (*one service only*)

MONDAY Holy Innocents

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Eucharist

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY 2nd Sunday after Christmas 3rd January
8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

*We invite everyone to receive the bread (if this is your Christian practice) or a blessing.
Low gluten wafers available - please let the Priest know if you need one.*

BIRTHDAYS: Isobel Varcoe (29th)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

David King and those on the long term list.

We keep a *long-term prayer list* on the main altar for people who have ongoing issues to deal with. Names on this list are not published, are added as needed, and removed when the issue has come to an end.

They are mindfully included in our worship.

Please let Rev'd Michael or Vanessa know if you would like a name added to either list.

YEARS MIND Llew Spargo (20/12/20)
Neil Varcoe
Jennifer Middleton Catherine Godlee



Prayer of the week

O Holy One,
heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds
and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem.
Through the telling of the Christmas story,
let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal
in that same child,
that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host
in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.



Christmas Day

This Gospel reading for Christmas Day is chosen from St John. It sets the coming of Jesus in cosmic terms. God chooses to rescue humankind by inserting himself into our reality.

Why do we celebrate the birth of Jesus in such a focused way? Because the saving event of His death and resurrection only makes sense if we know who he is - both truly human and truly divine. Jesus does not simply turn up to go to his death, but enters human life as we do, and lives his life before the people. It is precisely because of who he is that his death is redemptive for us and the whole of creation.

We give thanks for Jesus coming among us, blessing all things material by his presence.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Holy Nativity at Bethlehem and pray for all who worship our God-made-flesh there at this time.

St John the Evangelist's Day

Sunday 27 December

Scholars generally believe that John's Gospel was the last written. Although some of the details are very early. He is traditionally seen as the youngest of the apostles. He was exiled for a time on the island of Patmos. He is also seen as living to a great age in Ephesus.

Today's gospel reading, fittingly has a younger John outrunning the more senior Peter but not willing to enter the tomb first, either out of fear or respect for Peter.

Unlike the earlier raising of Lazarus, who comes from the tombs still in the grave clothes, these grave clothes are carefully arranged, showing that something quite different had happened. Jesus had risen.

As we draw to the close of this harrowing year fill us with renewed hope in the power of the Resurrection of Christ.

Give thanks for the work and witness of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane.

The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn © ABM, 2020