

## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF PLYMPTON

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

# January 2021

## Happy New Year



### DIARY DATES:

#### Vestry Meeting:

Sunday, 28th February (following 10am service)

NB: It is time to get the resources ready for the Vestry Report.

Please ensure Pauline has them by **Sunday, 31st January.**

Either send to [pauline.glover60@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.glover60@gmail.com) or  
hand a written copy to Fr Michael

#### Craft:

resumes Tuesday, 2nd February - 10.00am (Garden Room)

### 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.

Local events, newsletters from other churches, advertisements for a variety of church activities and letters of thanks are placed on the noticeboards in the hall or in the narthex. Books and other items of interest are placed in the display stand, or on the table, in the narthex and there are books that can be borrowed.

The fiction library in the hall continues to be rather popular.

Feel free to make use of it (or add to it), and put a coin in the tin!

### PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

**PARISH PRIEST:** Rev'd Michael Lane 0434 297 879  
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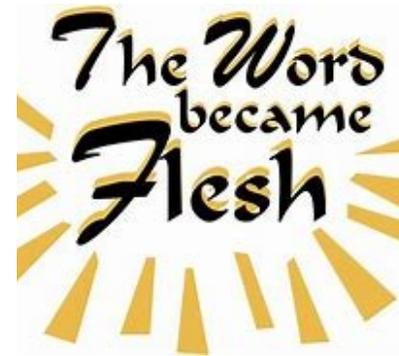
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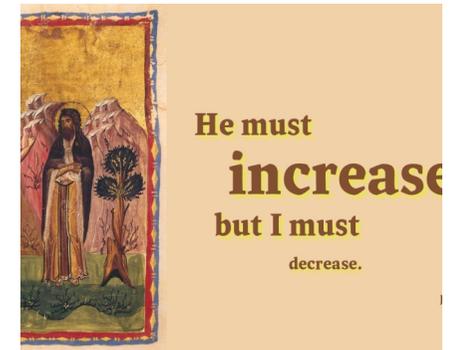
**Parish website:** <http://anglicanparishofplympton.com.au/>

**Facebook:** Church of the Good Shepherd Adelaide

2nd Sunday after Christmas  
3rd January



1st Sunday after Epiphany  
10th January



2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
17th January



3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
24th January



### CHURCH SERVICES

<b>SUNDAYS</b>	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00am	Eucharist

*During Holy Communion we invite everyone to come forward as you are able, to receive the bread (if this is your Christian practice) or a blessing.*

*You may sit, kneel or stand during any part of the service, including while receiving Communion.*

*Low gluten wafers are available - please let the Fr Michael know if you need one.*



Joan Middleton (5th)  
Jared Fok (11th) Peter Miller (21st)  
Jean Acres (21st) Mary Davey (22nd)

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

David King and those on the **long term prayer list**

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

*They are mindfully included in our worship .*

Please see Rev'd Michael or Vanessa if you would like a name added.

### YEARS MIND:

Jennifer Middleton (2nd)  
Ken Garrad (8th) Jan Rowland (8th)  
Nance Howlett (9th) Doris Sweet (10th)  
Barbara Davey (13th) David Boughen (15th)  
Charles Willing (16th) Jill Gore (16th)  
Fr Andrew King (21st) Georgina Turnbull (24th)  
Edith Davidson (27th)



Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading. – Oswald Chambers

Enter the coming year with renewed hope in the power of God to do through you what you cannot. – John MacArthur

### A New Year's Prayer:

O Jesus, our Saviour and our Lord,  
by the proclamation of your grace,  
you took the yoke of the law from our necks,  
and removed the burden from our shoulders to your own;  
Hear the prayers of your Church,  
that we may joyfully serve you here,  
and see your glorious presence in all its joy in the life to come;  
through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed,  
and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.



### 2nd Sunday after Christmas

**4 January**

The Gospel reading for today - John's Prologue - first reveals the coming of Jesus at a matter of cosmic importance. It is clearly God's intention to come among his people.

Then John locates the narrative in a particular place and time - at the time of the ministry of John the Baptist in first century Palestine. Some scholars call this the scandal of particularity. An idea that John simply assumes.

In the world in which the early church found itself proclaiming Jesus in this way was shocking all round. For Greek philosophy the spiritual and physical realms could not mix, for Jews, God was utterly unapproachable.

The apostles assert from their own conviction and experience that both are true. Jesus the Christ, truly God and truly human. Alleluia!

We give thanks that God has blessed our humanity with his presence in Christ.

### Epiphany

**Tuesday 6 January**

One of the Greek kings the middle east before the time of Jesus called himself *Seleucius Epiphanes* meaning God manifest or revealed. He was one of the most oppressive and hated of all the kings of the Greek East. - Quite a different revelation here! The Epiphany as the Showing of the Christ to the Gentiles (i.e. us).

If we deal with the text and not the Christmas postcards, we have an undisclosed number of wise men, who represent the Gentile world; and 3 gifts - and what symbolic gifts they are! Gold for a king; frankincense for the divinity of Jesus and myrrh suggesting preparing for burial. Like all good Christmas theology, we see the birth of Jesus in the shadow of the cross.

*Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020*

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