

Anglican Board of Mission Reflection ◦
Anglican Board of Mission, 2022

Baptism of our Lord In Luke's gospel today, we see the comparison between the notorious Herod Antipas and Jesus. John's criticism of the puppet king leads to prison and eventually death. Jesus, doesn't meet with earthly condemnation or even earthly approval. Rather, the Holy Spirit appears and the heavenly voice says of him, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'. *Lord, may I live my life in such a way that you find yourself well pleased with me, your child.* Give thanks for, and pray for all who are preparing for baptism this year. *Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Epiphany 2 Today we read the that Jesus displayed who he was – by the first of his signs – at the wedding at Cana of Galilee. Much of Jesus' ministry was outside his hometown of Nazareth and outside Jerusalem. Here we see how it all begins. Through his actions people begin to believe in him. *Lord, wherever you find the ordinary in my life, by your power transform it into something wonderful that gives you glory and helps others to believe in you. *Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Epiphany 3 Today we learn of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee and that he was praised by everyone. He read from the prophet Isaiah at a synagogue where he announces God's mission to his hearers

– a mission of good news to the poor, release for captives, recovery of sight to the blind, liberty to the oppressed, and one where God's favour is proclaimed. *Lord, loose me from anything that binds me in mind, body or spirit, so that I might share in the glorious freedom you offer to all who listen to your voice. *Give thanks for the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe, the Anglican Church of Korea.

Epiphany 4 Today the story of the beginning of Jesus ministry in Galilee. Last week the hearers of the passage from Isaiah that Jesus read were delighted. This week, not so much. They wanted to throw him off a cliff. Jesus' quotes from Scripture offended them. He reminded them that in a time of famine God had chosen not someone Jewish, but the widow at Zarephath in Sidon to be blessed by a visit from the prophet Elijah. She was blessed by never running out of oil and flour. To add insult to injury, he mentioned Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army, whom God had healed of his leprosy in the time of Elijah's successor, Elisha. Gentiles being recipients of God's grace was not an idea that pleased those around Jesus that day in the synagogue. *Lord, may I always live in a way that finds favour with you, no matter how others around me live. *Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of North India,

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF PLYMPTON

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



JANUARY 2022



Readings

9 January

Baptism of our Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalm: 29

2nd Reading: Acts 8.14-17

Gospel: Luke 3.15-22

16 January

Second Sunday After Epiphany

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Psalm: 36.5-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Gospel: John 2.1-11

23 January

Third Sunday After Epiphany

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10

Psalm: 19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31

Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

30 January

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10

Psalm:

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 13.1-13

Gospel: Luke 4.21-30

DIARY OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY Baptism of our Lord, 2, 3 & 4 Sundays after Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

MONDAY 17.1 10.30 The Pines Southern Cross

17.1 *St Antony of Egypt*

TUESDAY 11.1 Home Communion

18.1 *Confession of St Peter*
25.1 *Conversion of St Paul the Apostle*
2.1 *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Eucharist

26.1 *Australia Day*

THURSDAY 27.1 *John Chrysostom*

FRIDAY 21.1 *St Agnes, martyr*, 28.2 *St Thomas Aquinas*

SATURDAY 5.30 Evening Prayer

22.1 *St Vincent martyr*

DIARY DATE

SUNDAY 20 February *Annual Vestry*

Everyone is invited to the Lord's table to receive the eucharist or a blessing.

During Covid times we are using one kind.

Simply hold out your hand for the bread, bow your head for a blessing.

Low gluten wafers available.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Debbie Muchan, Fr Peter Miller, Betty Tassone, Christine Thorne and those known to us in the quiet of our hearts and minds.

A *long-term prayer list* is on the altar for people who have ongoing issues and want prayerful inclusion in worship. Names on this list are private.

Let us know if you would like a name included.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the family and friends of those who mourn the loss of those whom they love

YEARS MIND

9-15 January. 9 Nance Howlett, 10 Doris Sweet, 13 Barbara Davey
16-22 January 15 David Boughen, 16.1 Charles Willing & Jill Gore
23-29 January 21 Andrew King, 24 Georgina Turnbull, 27 Edith Davidson
30 -5 February 4 Sheila Fort, 5 Clem Horsell



If you have any Pew Sheet notices or suggestions, please contact Rev Michael

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of Our Lord

Almighty God, Who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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.**

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

O Lord, You have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Prompts for Faith Sharing

The Baptism of our Lord

Why do you think Jesus was baptised, if he is God? What is your favourite image of God in this week's readings? What is it about that image that speaks to you? How would you describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Is the Holy Spirit ever the focus of your prayer? How do you prepare the way of the Lord in your family, neighbourhood, workplace and community?

Ordinary time after Epiphany

What gifts of the Holy Spirit do you think you have? Where do you see the gifts of the Holy Spirit in fellow parishioners and the wider community? If you could imagine yourself at the Wedding of Cana, how do you think you would respond if you were watching the interaction between Mary and her son? Ezra's words tells us, 'Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep'. How might this command reframe an aspect of your life? What are the areas in life where you struggle to reflect God's love? Where do you succeed? God knew you at the moment of conception. What is your response to this degree of intimacy? The 2nd Coming?