



Whitfords Anglican Community Church **Pew Sheet**

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

2 JANUARY 2020

We Are A Community Where Love Works

From Another Angle

Jesus began to teach in parables. He said; The kingdom of God is like two brothers who were called by God to give up all they had and serve humanity.

The older responded to the call though he had to tear himself away from his fiancée and his family and go off to a distant land to spend himself in the service of the poor. Years later he was imprisoned for his work, tortured and put to death.

And the Lord said, "Well done my good and faithful servant! You gave me a thousand measures of service. I shall now give you a thousand million measures of beatitude. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

The younger boy ignored the call. He married the girl he loved and prospered in his business. He was kind to his wife and children and gave occasional alms to the poor.

And when he came to die, the Lord said, "Well done my faithful servant! You gave me twenty measures of service. I shall now give you a thousand million measures of beatitude. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

When the older boy was told that his brother was to receive the same reward as he, he was surprised, but he rejoiced. "Lord," he said, "had I known this at the time you called me, I know I would have done exactly what I did for love of you."

Serving God is not a competition, it is an act of love for the One that loved us enough to die for us.

Love in my Master's Name;

Fr Des Smit

Collect

Christ our cornerstone,
you were recognised at your presentation in the temple
as a sign of hope for the world,
but also as a stumbling-block for many:
help us so to present ourselves for your service,
that, in sharing your scandal,
we may become a people acceptable to you.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Readings for 9th February 2020 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 58:1-12 – Psalm 112 – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 – Matthew 5:13-20

Family Crosses for the Week

The family crosses are in the homes of **Teresa Gastevich; Marlene Gibson**. Please pray for our brothers and sisters during this week

Special Prayers

- Pray the Lord's Prayer at noon every day
- Please pray for our parish, leaders and clergy, every day at 6:00pm. (Past, present and future)

Celebrations

Thomas & Shirley Andres (6)

Notices

- Guided Parish Retreat at New Norcia **15/07/2020 – 18/07/2020**

DO YOU NEED PASTORAL CARE?

Please contact any of the following so that we may care for you in the best possible way:

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Saints for the Week

Monday 3rd FIRST ANGLICAN SERVICE AT SYDNEY COVE
CONDUCTED BY RICHARD JOHNSON, SYDNEY 1788
Tuesday 4th Anskar, missionary in Sweden (d.865)
Wednesday 5th Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d.1597)

Roster for the Following Week (3rd of February to 9th February 2020)

L.A.	Diane
Acolyte	Angus
Reader	Andrew
Prayers	Anne Barlow
Usher	Fiona Dowse
PowerPoint	Alan
Counters	Fiona Dowse & Angela
Sunday School	Rebecca & Linda
Morning Tea	Maris
Parish Centre	Hugh & Lun

Diary for the Week

Sunday 2nd February 2020 – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

- 09:00 – Holy Eucharist– Chapel of St Mark & St Luke
- 10:45 – Parish Council Meeting – Meeting Room
- 12:00 – Sudanese Service (Dinka) – Chapel of St Mark & St Luke
- 18:00 – Prayer Service – Chapel of St Mark & St Luke

Tuesday 4th February 2020

- 19:00 – Men’s Fellowship – Rectory

Wednesday 5th February 2020

- 19:00 – Bible Book Club – Meeting Room

Thursday 5th February 2020

- 10:00 – Bible Book Club – Meeting Room
- 13:30 – Meditation – Parish Centre
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Sunday 9th February 2020 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- 09:00 – Holy Eucharist – Chapel of St Mark & St Luke
- 12:00 – Sudanese Service (Dinka) – Chapel of St Mark & St Luke

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For newsletters, pew sheets, parish blog and more –
<http://www.whitfords.perth.anglican.org>



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Mission plan website – www.missionplan.com.au

Bible Readings

All our Bible readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, unless otherwise noted.

Direct Debit Information

The parish account number for direct debits or electronic transfer is

BSB: 706 001

Account Number: 30003114

The Last Word

“Why do you keep talking about my past mistakes?” said the husband, “I thought you had forgiven and forgotten.”

“I have indeed,” said the wife. “But don’t you forget that I have forgiven and forgotten.”

**The Old Testament Lesson is written in the book of the Prophet Malachi,
Chapter 3 beginning to read from verse 1(-4)**

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; **3** he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas:
and established it upon the waters.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
**who have not set their soul upon idols,
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**

They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of their salvation.

Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?:

the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:

and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?:

the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading is written in the epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 2
beginning to read from verse 14(-18)**

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see

death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about

him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord;
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.