



CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK

3 January 2010

CHRISTMAS 2



MISSION and EVANGELISM by EXAMPLE and ENCOURAGEMENT

CHRISTMAS 2

8:00 am LOW MASS Celebrant: Fr Drew Preacher: Fr Drew

9:30 am HIGH MASS Celebrant: Fr Drew Preacher: Fr Drew

*The order for Mass begins on page 5 of the blue Service Book.
The music version is available at the back of the church*

5:00 pm EVENING PRAYER Preacher: Fr Drew

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

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| 4 | MONDAY | 8:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> |
| 5 | TUESDAY <small>APBA</small> | 7:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> |
| 6 | WEDNESDAY <small>APBA</small> | 7:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> The Epiphany |
| | | 10:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> followed by morning tea |
| 7 | THURSDAY | 6.00 pm | <i>Low Mass</i> |
| 8 | FRIDAY | 8.00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> |
| 9 | SATURDAY | 8:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> followed by breakfast |

Counsel and/or Confession are always available by appointment.

Readings for Sunday 10 January Epiphany 1

Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalm 29
Acts 10: 34-43; Luke 3: 15-22

GRADUAL

Chant—Elvey

Psalm 147: 12-20

Praise the Lord, O Je- | rusa- | lem: sing praises | to your | God, O | Zion.
 For he has strengthened the bars | of your | gates: and blessed your | children
 | within | you.
 He makes peace with- | in your | borders: and satisfies you | with the | finest |
 wheat.
 He sends his command | to the | earth: and his | word runs | very | swiftly.
 He gives | snow like | wool: and scatters the | hoar-frost | like | ashes.
 He sprinkles his ice like | morsels of | bread: and the waters | harden | at his |
 frost.
 He sends out his word and | melts | them: he blows with his wind | and the |
 waters | flow.
 He makes his word | known to | Jacob: his statutes and | judgements | to |
 Israel.
 He has not dealt so with any | other | nation: nor have they knowledge of his |
 laws. | Praise the | Lord.

EPISTLE*Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. He destined us in love to be His sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

HYMN*O little one sweet***31****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The LORD is king, and hath put on glorious apparel: **The LORD hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.** PRAISE the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: **who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.**

✠ GOSPEL

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.' ") And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ

CREED

Merbecke

SERMON

Fr Drew

OFFERTORY HYMN

The first Nowell

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SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS & AGNUS DEI

Merbecke

If you are a communicant member of another Church, you are welcome to receive communion.

Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail.

COMMUNION

O LORD our governor, **how excellent is thy Name in all the world.**

MOTET

O Holy Night

(Soloist Richard Webb)

HYMN

O Christ the same through all our story's pages

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Please join us for refreshments in the Bardin Centre

Dear Parishioners

In the Beginning was the Word...Right now is the Word

The Word of God, the Logos, is not meant to be primarily an intellectual construction that makes our appreciation of God an abstract concept. While it is arguable that it is a highly developed theological expression of faith, it is exactly that, an expression of faith. It reveals a faith that appreciates that the Word, who becomes manifest in Jesus of Nazareth, is a part of the very being of God. Likewise as Christ is present and palpable in the person of Jesus we know how intimately God is bound to creation.

The Christ event, this crisis in the life of God, this moment of dangerous opportunity is an event that we approach in faith that happened 2000 years ago. This is a vital event in the unfolding of the Kosmos*, in the unfolding of the revelation of God's being to humanity, *and* humanity's ability at this point in history to be able to appreciate the significance of this revelation.

The Prologue can be interpreted not only describing an event 2000 years ago, but also as symbolic of the eternal relationship between God and all that God has created. Everything that is created has the Word of God in it. Everything has the potential to reveal the mystery of God; we have faith that "without him was not anything made that was made." This is the Eternal Word, the Cosmic Christ, the Christ presence that is within us, waiting to be borne by us in the world.

How do you and I allow the Cosmic Christ, the Word, the Logos, the Creative Power of God, to come to life amongst us? Do we allow time and space for this to occur? Are we always too busy? Do we let ourselves meditate and pray about the Mystery of Being in our lives? Are we ashamed of talking about this Ultimate Reality? Do we find there is often an excuse for not stopping to give thanks?

You and I are called, as disciples, to be co-creators with God, whether we like it or not. Imagine how much more life-giving we could be if we reflected and intentionally sought to be living as part of the gracious Word made flesh?

Peace,
Fr Drew

*I use the word Kosmos to reflect the movement in some circles of thought that rejects the purely material, mechanistic or flatland view of the Cosmos that sees the universe as devoid of meaning and the presence of Spirit. Kosmos is used to reflect that from a Christian perspective, the whole of creation reveals the beauty, efficacy and wonder of God.

The Crib

The Crib provides a focus for our thanksgiving for the incarnation of God's on during the twelve days of Christmas.

Pastoral

The Vicar is on leave and Fr Drew Hanlon is the Locum. Please contact him on 9354 6510 if you have pastoral concerns. Other matters should be referred to the churchwardens.

The Christmas Bowl

The Christmas Bowl is a program of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. It aims to reduce poverty, protect refugees, prevent conflicts and empower communities. Envelopes are in the pews.

Ordination

Thomas Leslie, our 2008 Theological student, is to be ordained deacon at Wangaratta on **Saturday 13 February 2010**. Please tell Mary Harris if you are interested in attending; it may be possible to hire a bus.

Parish Mission Giving

January: The Parish of Maryborough.

Candlestand money goes to the Mollison Library at Trinity College.

DIRECTORY

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

For each day the intercessions are, in order, for the **Anglican Communion**, the **Anglican Church of Australia** and the **Diocese of Melbourne**.

- Sun 3 The Anglican Church of Australia (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Primate): Diocese of Armidale (Bp Peter Brain) clergy & people; Social Responsibilities Committee (Ray Cleary, Chair); Christ Church Dingley (Jed Crispin, Wayne Walters);
- Mon 4 Diocese of Abaliki (Nigeria) (Bp Benson C B Onyeibor: Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Michael Hough) clergy & people; Working Group on Aboriginal Matters; Holy Trinity Doncaster (David and Esther Ruan, Wayne Schuller, Jonathan Smith, Ben Wong);
- Tue 5 Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland) (Bp Robert Gillies); Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Richard Hurford, Asst Bp John Stead) clergy & people; St David's Doncaster East (Heather Patacca);
- Wed 6 The Epiphany: Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Andrew Curnow, Asst Bp Ron Stone) clergy & people; Yarra Valley Grammar School (Mark Merry, Principal); St Mark's Dromana with St George's Red Hill (Beverley Jane, parish deacon);
- Thu 7 Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Jeffrey William Driver, Asst Bp Stephen Pickard); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Asst Bps Jonathan Holland, Robert Nolan, Geoffrey Smith) clergy & people; Hospital Chaplaincy (Stephen Delbridge, Coordinator) & Chaplains; St Clement's Elsternwick (John Hislop);
- Fri 8 Diocese of Afikpo (Nigeria) (Bp Paul Udogu); Diocese of Bunbury (Bp David McCall) clergy & people; Archdeaconry of Melbourne (Richard Condie); St Margaret's Eltham with St Faith's Montmorency (Libby Delbridge, Clem Taplin, Deirdre Ragless);
- Sat 9 Diocese of Agra (North India) (Bp Samuel R Cutting); Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn (Bp Stuart Robinson, Asst Bps Trevor Edwards, Allan Ewing) clergy & people; Diocesan Schools Commission (Dwight King, Chair; Bp Barbara Darling, Deputy Chair); St Mark's Emerald with St Luke's Cockatoo (Peter Crawford).

Year's Mind

- Sun 3 Robert Manson Wallis
Mon 4 Ellen Catherine McDermid
Tue 5 Ruth Stitz
Wed 6 Mary Hickford, John Conroy
Thu 7 Bessie Vincent
Fri 8 Ada Waddell
Sat 9 Alma Vera Green, Paul Hasluck