



CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK

10 January 2010

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



MISSION and EVANGELISM by EXAMPLE and ENCOURAGEMENT

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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: Bp Grant

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

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| 11 | MONDAY | | 7:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> | |
| 12 | TUESDAY | APBA | 7:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> | |
| 13 | WEDNESDAY | APBA | 7:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> | Hilary of Poitiers |
| | | | 10:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> | followed by morning tea |
| 14 | THURSDAY | APBA | 6:00 pm | <i>Low Mass</i> | Sava |
| 15 | FRIDAY | APBA | 7:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> | |
| 16 | SATURDAY | | 8:00 am | <i>Low Mass</i> | followed by breakfast |

Counsel and/or Confession are always available by appointment.

Readings for Sunday 17 January Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 96: 7-13
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-12

INTROIT

THOU hast lovèd righteousness, and hated iniquity; **wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.** My heart overfloweth with a good matter; **I speak of the things which I have made concerning the King.** Glo-ry be...

HYMN *Hail, Thou source of every blessing* **51**

KYRIE and GLORIA *Anglican Folk Mass* M Shaw

COLLECT

O God, whose only-begotten Son hath been made manifest in substance of our flesh: grant, we beseech thee; that, as we have known him after the fashion of our outward likeness, so we may inwardly be made regenerate in him: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever One God, world without end. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him,
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not fail or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

Chant—Taylor

Psalm 29

1. Ascibe to the Lord, you | powers · of | heaven : ascribe to the | Lord
| glory · and | might.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the honour | due to · his | name : O worship
the Lord in the | beau-ty | of his | holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is up- | on the | waters : the God of Glory
thunders, the Lord up- | on the | great | waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is mighty in | o-per- | ation: the voice of the
| Lord · is a | glor-ious | voice.
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the | ce-dar | trees: the Lord breaks in
| pieces · the | cedars · of | Lebanon.
6. He makes them | skip · like a | calf: Lebanon and Sirion | like a |
young wild | ox.
7. The voice of the Lord divides the | light-ning | flash: the voice of
the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the | de-sert |
of Ka- | desh.
8. The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips | bare
the | forests: in his | tem-ple | all cry | Glory.
9. The Lord sits enthroned above the | wa-ter | flood: the Lord sits
enthroned | as a | king for- | ever.
10. The Lord will give | strength to · his | people: the Lord will give to
his | peo-ple · the | bless-ing · of | peace.

EPISTLE*Acts 10:34-38*

Peter opened his mouth and said, “Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

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Thanks be to God

HYMN*How brightly shines the morning star***27**

Epiphany...What type of Epiphany?

Last week we celebrated the Epiphany or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. When thinking about what to say on reflection about this event it seemed a good idea to look at the old trustworthy Oxford English Dictionary to see what it had to say on the matter. As one might expect its first definition was that of the manifestation of Christ to the "Wise Guys", as one parishioner named them (Who by the way have been cautiously making their way across the church since Christmas Eve and made a special request that they stay on this morning so that everyone could see that they have completed their journey).

The second definition in the OED was in relation to a manifestation of a divine being. Many of the great, good and wise spiritual teachers in the Christian tradition, and also in the other great religious traditions, have reflected that God, the divine, is manifested in everything, even the most unexpected and unwanted places (more of this in moment). The other thing we reflected on was a poem by Janet Morley called "the bodies of grown-ups". It reflected that while we may not look the way we once did there is often a wisdom and peace that comes with age that allows us to sense and perceive the reality of divine mystery in all that touches our lives. Furthermore, with grace we can be agents that help to manifest the divine in other people's lives.

The manifestation of Christ to the gentiles reminds us of many things, I offer two. The uncomfortable truth that no group, tribe, people or religion has a monopoly on God, including Christians unless we are prepared assert that we know with certainty what God has planned or how he is unfolding. Secondly, God is encountered through journey (an overused word but it will have to serve) and then found in the most unexpected places. Suffering and evil not least being places where the manifestation of the divine might occur.

John A.T. Robinson the much maligned, often improperly or poorly interpreted, bishop and theologian, many of whose ideas the church has still barely faced, had some profound insights into this matter. In his book *Exploration into God*, the sequel to *Honest God*, and much more challenging and rewarding, he suggests:

God is in everything and not merely in the obviously good and meaningful.... The evil in the world is indeed terrifyingly real, both at the sub-personal and the personal level, but it is still part of the face of God. That is to say, love is there to be met and to be created through it and out of it. It is not without purpose : meaning can be wrested from it even at the cost of crucifixion... That is the saving grace: God is not outside evil any more than he is outside anything else, and the promise is that he 'will be all in all' as love.

This is no writing from the cheap seats. Robinson wrote theologically, prayerfully and pastorally. In one of his last sermons, preached at his old college in Cambridge he spoke of "learning from Cancer". He reflects that previously he had said at the funeral of a sixteen-year-old girl that he had stumblingly said; "that God is to be found in the cancer as much as in the sunset". It is truly an amazing homily as it is his reflection of the gifts that his terminal cancer has given him. The manifestations of God are not always to our liking. But as Robinson suggests, with apologies to T.S. Eliot, Christians above all need to be able to bear reality and show others how to bear it.

May this year ahead be one in which we gentiles are open to God's various epiphanies and allow them to be manifest in our lives.

Peace,

Fr Drew

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

... 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**.

If enough people wish to go, it may be possible to hire a bus which would leave Brunswick at 7:30 am and return at approximately 6:00 pm.

The cost would be about \$35.

Please tell Mary Harris if you are interested.

The Annual Commemoration of
Charles 1, King and Martyr
Sunday 7 February 7:00 pm Even-
song
The Philip Harris Memorial Address

Parish Mission Giving

January—The Parish of Maryborough.

Candlestand money goes to the Mollison Library at Trinity College.

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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 10 The Church of Bangladesh (Bp Paul Sishir Sarkar, Moderator); Ministry to the Defence Force (Bp Len Eacott) Chaplains & all members of the Defence Force; Ecumenical Affairs Committee; St Matthew's Endeavour Hills (Christopher Duff); St James Point Lonsdale with St George's Queenscliff (Bp Philip Huggins visit)
- Mon 11 Diocese of Aguata—Niger, Nigeria (Bp Christian Ogochukwu Efobi); Diocese of Gippsland (Bp John McIntyre) clergy & people; AIDS Ministry Christ Church Essendon (John Mathes)
- Tues 12 Diocese of Ahoada—Niger Delta, Nigeria (Bp Clement Ekpeye); Diocese of Grafton (Bp Keith Slater) clergy & people; Parish of Rowville & Ferntree Gully (Phillip Meulman, Shannon Lee)
- Wed 13 Diocese of Ajayi—Crowther—Ibadan, Nigeria (Bp Olukemi Oduntan); Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia (Bp James Leftwich) Aboriginal clergy & people; Janet Clarke Hall (Damien Powell, Principal); Angliss Hospital and St Thomas' Upper Ferntree Gully (Rafaella Pilz, Rosemary Young)
- Thurs 14 Diocese of Akoko—Ondo, Nigeria (Bp Gabriel Akinbolarin Akinbiyi); Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia (Bp Saibo Mabo) clergy & people; Benetas (Sandra Hills, CEO); St Marks' Fitzroy (Philip Murphy); St Thomas' Werribee - induction of Ron Peterson (Bp Philip Huggins)
- Fri 15 Diocese of Akoko Edo—Bendel, Nigeria (Bp Revd Jolly Oyekpen); Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Barbara Darling, Philip Huggins, Paul White) clergy & people; Archdeaconry of Port Phillip, Bayside and Kingston (Ray McInnes); St George's Flemington (Duncan Reid)
- Sat 16 Diocese of Akure—Ondo, Nigeria (Bp Michael Ipinmoye); Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Brian Farran, Asst Bp Peter Stewart) clergy & people; Ridley College (Peter Adam, Principal; Tim Foster, Dir Theol Education); St John's Flinders with St Mark's Balnarring (Jennifer Furphy, Christine Barren)

Year's Mind

- Sun 10 Harrington Clare Lees-Bp
Mon 11 George Robert Gilpin, Stuart Vilani
Tues 12 Emily Moore
Wed 13 George Robert Armstrong
Thurs 14 David John Pike, Caroline Elizabeth Andrews
Fri 15 Beatrice May (Daisy) McLean
Sat 16 Joan Donaldson, Mavis Evelyn Lawson
 John Stephen Corfield Miller-Priest