



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

It was only a matter of time in our journey through the Christmas season, as we make sense of all that the incarnation means for us and our lives of faith, that we come across a call for 'repentance'. In modern parlance, the use of such language has become particularly strong. A call to 'repent' carries weight, and often even a sense of aggression. This is now the language of the street-corner preacher who proclaims the end of the world nigh, or the conservative bishops who call for 'repentance' from those with whom they disagree. When we hear such calls for 'repentance' we envisage it being from a position of assumed moral superiority – with a pointed finger and a strained relationship. Such is the power of language.

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus calls his new followers to 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' Are we to hear this call to repent in the same way?

Perhaps an examination of Jesus' actions as well as his words will help us come to a better understanding of the kind of 'repentance' Jesus is advocating. We hear the call of the disciples to leave their nets and follow Jesus, and we hear of the lives of 'the sick and those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics' being transformed as they are healed.

This is true repentance in the ministry of Jesus – true to the original meaning of the word 'metanoia' in that lives are reoriented, transformed, turned around as the light of Christ dawns in the world. The 'good news' of Christmas is not that judgement has come among us, but that the love of God – all-encompassing, all-enveloping, all-inclusive – has been born in our midst and now dwells among us – works among us.

The Kingdom of Heaven truly has come near – and it looks like love and welcome, not like judgement and aggression.

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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

8.30am

Presider	Fr Patrick
Preacher	Fr Patrick
LA	Jolanta Edwards
Server	Erwin Sanusi
Readers	Felicity Liang David Drake
Welcomers	Felicity and David
Morning Tea	Merry and Suzette
Readings	Jonah 3.1-10 Ps 62.5-12 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 Mark 1.14-20

SENTENCE

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.
Mark 1.15

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THANKSGIVING

To be baptised - William James Homer, Piper
Kate Thompson.

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Barcham St, Barlow St, Annie St, Brownlee St,
Bartley St, Albion Baptists

FOR HEALING

Ange Batiste, Kim Robb, Libby Yap, Kate Smith,
CJ Golledge, Nick Beck, Emilia Hook, Betty
Dingle, Phim, Diane Peterson, Jackie Thomas,
Glenda, Jordan Bilney, Ken Slipper, Katie,
Josephine Cornish, Sally Massey, Ross Edwards,
Jodie Geddes, Val Curry, Robert and Mary
Edwards, Ian Cameron, Reg Staines, Jo Mould.

IN MEMORY

12.01.2023 Stuart Bale
23.01.2013 Bill Best
25.01.2013 Enid Meldrum
25.01.2017 Jean Marion Heatley

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Bountiful God,
through your Son you have called us to repent
of our sin, to believe the good news, and to
celebrate the coming of your kingdom: teach
us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to
discipleship, and, forsaking old ways,
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken
world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 22ND JANUARY

VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTYR (d.304)

8am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 23RD

8am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

11.00am Elaine Jobbins -Funeral

WEDNESDAY 24TH

8am Morning Prayer

10am Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 25TH

CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

7am NO Eucharist (in Lady Chapel) (all return 1st Feb)

8am NO Morning Prayer (in Lady Chapel)

11.00AM Stuart Bale - Funeral

4.15pm NO Meditation (in Columbarium)

5pm NO Evening Prayer (in Columbarium)

FRIDAY 26TH

CLERGY DAY OFF

SATURDAY 27TH

SUNDAY 28TH

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

8.30am Sung Eucharist (with hymns)

REGULAR GROUPS

Contact Parish office for more information.

MONDAYS

1.30-4.30pm Community Quilting Group

WEDNESDAYS

2-4pm Crafties: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

2-4pm Mahjong: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

5-6pm English Conversation Class: Weekly during term time (on Summer Break)

THURSDAYS

2.30pm Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Thursday of month (on Summer Break)

4.15pm Meditation in Columbarium (Summer Break)

SATURDAYS

7.30am Requiem Eucharist: 1st Saturday of month

NEWS

ROSTERS

Please can you let Erayne and Pippa know if you have any changes for the Rosters as they will be working on the rosters from March to June 2024.

2024 CALENDARS

Calendars are now available for collection at the back of church - all are welcome to take one. If you'd like to make a donation towards the cost of printing please do tap the donation point or put something extra in the collection!

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Don't forget - that as per our schedule of services, starting on Christmas Day (which is a Monday), New Year's Eve, and running for each Sunday of January, there will be ONE service on a Sunday at 8.30am. The choir have a bit of a rest, and we all enjoy the experience of worshipping together.

ANNUAL REPORTS

It is that time of year again. Those who are writing reports - please submit your annual reports before 30th January to the office. The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 25th February after a combined 8.30am service.

PANTRY CHALLENGE

This week's challenge is cans of vegetarian , chickpeas, kidney beans, lentils of which they are short. The Pantry is really grateful for our support. Don't forget that there is a bin outside the office if it is easier to bring your donation on another day.

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

Please let us know if you are not in receipt of the newsletters by email – this is a much more efficient way of keeping you up to date with all that's going on, and Fr Patrick sends out a weekly email with more news.

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Readers	Christine Crook Anne Muir
Welcomers	Christine & Anne
Morning Tea	Diane & Susan
Readings	Malachi 3.1-4 Psalm 24 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

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YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

It costs \$5000 a week to run the parish. This includes ministry costs, the provision of our music, upkeep of the church, keeping the office running and our missional giving. We depend on your generosity - it is appreciated!

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ACC: 00000210

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