



# St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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**Cathedral Parish Vision:** *"People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday."* **31<sup>st</sup> December Epiphany**

## **Sunday Bulletin** *Welcome ! - Wuman njinde*

*We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of this region.  
All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.*

### **A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. *Isaiah 60.1-6*

## **Psalm 71.1-7, 10-14**

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

## **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the

boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Matthew 2.1-12*

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **THE HISTORY OF MORNING PRAYER**

In its classic form, in the 1662 version of the Prayer Book, the Morning Prayer is essentially unchanged from Archbishop Thomas Cranmer’s Second Prayer Book of Edward VI, published in 1552. It draws on the monastic offices of Matins, Lauds and Prime, beginning with opening versicles and responses, continuing with the invitatory "Venite" (Psalm 95), the "Te Deum" and "Benedictus", interspersed with Bible readings, as well as recitation of the Apostles’ Creed, and ending with closing versicles adapted from the Breviary. The Prayer Book

lectionary provides for a virtually complete reading of the Bible in the course of a year.

The usual practice in medieval parish worship was for the congregation to attend the office of Matins, followed by the Latin Mass according to the Roman Rite, followed by the Litany of the Saints, sung in procession. Following the Reformation, the usual Sunday Service followed a similar pattern, but with the English Litany said between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. On Sundays when there was no celebration of Communion (i.e. most of them), only the ante-Communion would be said. Even so, — and taking into account the legal requirement to read one from the specified set of printed Homilies — the post-Reformation service lasted more than twice as long as its pre-Reformation equivalent. Historically, Morning Prayer was the main Sunday morning service on most Sundays in all Anglican parishes, with Holy Communion being celebrated after Morning or Evening Prayer (typically once a month, on the first Sunday). In the twentieth century, Holy Communion became the main Sunday morning service once or twice per month. With the revival of the Eucharist as the principal Sunday service during the second half of the twentieth century, Morning Prayer has been the principal Sunday service less frequently.

*Wikipedia, Morning Prayer (Anglican).*

*[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morning\\_Prayer\\_\(Anglican\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morning_Prayer_(Anglican)) – accessed 27 December 2017*

**Sunday Services 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January** will be at **9am** and will be Holy Communion and led by The Reverend Anne Perryman.

Our final **Contemplative Worship** for the year will be at the usual time of 5pm on Sunday 31 December, an opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed and the year ahead. It's a short time (30-40 minutes) of music, meditation, prayer and scripture reflection. Everyone is welcome to join us. We may even enjoy some delicious refreshments afterwards!

**Meditation on from** Wednesday 7.45am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January and Thursday 5.30pm 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**There are no evening services**, Wednesday morning or Nursing Homes services in January, except for the January **Contemplative Worship** .

**Out Centres:** Kilmany and Golden Beach has a break in January, Loch Sport has services on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**The Dean is on leave, back on 17 January.**

**For any pastoral needs please contact the office on 51442020 you will be transferred to a Lay Canon who will refer to the appropriate people.**