



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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Cathedral Parish Vision: *"People of Christian faith –* **11th February**
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday. **Transfiguration**

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.

Hymn 8am TiS 121 God himself is present

10am TiS 474 Here in this place

Sentence from Scripture

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4.6*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace that we may always thankfully receive
the benefits of his sacrifice,
and also daily endeavour to follow
the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for St Paul's

Come Holy Spirit breathe through us:

Enable us to know and make known the connection between You and the everyday.

Help us to be relevant and approachable to the community, to engage inclusively with them and each other, and to stay connected with you.

Enable us to show Christ's unconditional love in action.

This we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

A Reading from The Second Book of Kings

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. *2 Kings 2.1-12*

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

Psalm 50.1-6

The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:

and summoned the earth,

from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

From Zion, perfect in beauty:

God has shone out in glory.

Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
**before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.**
He calls to the heavens above:
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.

‘Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.’
The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.

A Reading from The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. *2 Corinthians 4.3-12*

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

**Gospel Hymn 8am TiS 447 Lord your almighty
10am TiS 234 Tis good Lord to be here**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. *Mark 9.2-9*

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

Offertory Hymn 8am TiS 462 Now we come
10am TiS 422 Come Holy Spirit Come v1,4,5,6

Final Hymn 10am TiS 636 God has spoken

Prayers:

- For missionaries/agencies: ABM, CMS, BCA, Rich & Julie, 123 Project
- For Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and family as she commenced her new ministry this weekend, and safety for all who traveling home from Perth
- Philip Muston
- The Western Region of the Diocese, Archdeacon (and Administrator) Philip Muston, Regional Dean Sue Jacka
- For Dean Susanna Pain and Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow
- For ministry with Families and Sunday Club Ministry
- For congregation and ministry of St Mark's Loch Sport
- Gippsland and St Paul's Grammar Schools, and the State Schools in Sale:
Chaplains: The Rev'd Rich Lanham-GG , Russell Ferguson-Sale College
Martin Burnell-545

For those in special need: Lisa C, Andrew G, Heather C, Henry, Xavier & Matthew K, Leeanne, Loz., Libby For those who mourn.

At the time of choosing a bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your Church in this diocese
a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways,
and with loving care watch over your people.
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.
So may your Church be built up and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Naomi McDonald 5144 5922 Kerrie Smith 51456783

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

From the Dean

Thank you to The Reverend Chris Shields for taking the services today while Nikolai and I are in Perth at Bishop Kay's Installation as Archbishop of Perth.

As we enter the new year people are reflecting and praying and reviewing their commitments, which is a good thing at this time of year, especially as we begin Lent this Wednesday. As we enter into Lent, we move from the wonderful heights of Transfiguration, to a more sombre, reflective period. As the mood of the season is

changing, summer is ending and autumn is on its way, a time of harvesting fruit and preparing for the autumn ahead, so our liturgical mood changes.

We move from the excitement of Christmas and the growing revelation of the Season after the Epiphany into a quieter period. We reflect on how we can draw closer to God. In some traditions, Lent is a time for letting go – giving up something as an act of penitence, or as a way to renew a relationship. Others will see this as a time to take on a new spiritual discipline. We are invited to let go of that which keeps us separate from God, and to join ‘Breathing Space’ or a Lenten Study Group as part of this journey.

You may be interested in what I wrote as part of my report to chapter last week: As we come to our planning Day on 24 February we need to be clear about our priorities for this year in line with our strategic plan. Last year was a bit of a taster, and a time of exploring possibilities. Perhaps we attempted too much? Perhaps there are other activities we would prefer? We had several arts events and concerts, had a number of wonderful speakers. We began messy church. Nikolai and I ran some study groups. We began exploring pastoral care, and small groups. We began a second meditation group. We started some new evening services. We upgraded our food cupboard.. We had a successful garage sale and book stall, several wonderful dinners.. and much more. The wider community is hearing about us and beginning to engage in some of our activities.

Where to from here?

How do you want to see us in the year ahead?

What are your passions?

What are our big ideas?

Where are the gaps?

What is possible?

I certainly would like to see the cathedral as a centre of excellence for the Arts and Spirituality, where people are engaged in creating, listening, learning; a place where people feel safe to come and explore their faith; a space to rest, to grow, to become part of a vibrant community of faith; a place known for its passion for social justice in line with the gospel; a place where people pray and read the Scriptures and listen to God and each other. I want us to be a blessing to this community of Sale and surrounds.

Rachel Naomi Remen writes:

‘A blessing is not something that one person gives another. A blessing is a moment of meeting, a certain kind of relationship where both people involved remember and acknowledge their true nature and worth, and strengthen what is whole in one another. By making a place for wholeness within our relationships we offer others the opportunity to be whole without shame and become a place of refuge from everything in them and around them that is not genuine. We enable people to remember who they are.’

I am interested to hear your response. *Susanna*

Pancakes: Tuesday 13 February is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day! Join us for pancakes at Delbridge Hall at **6pm**. Put your name on the list if you're coming so we know how many to cater for and if you can help Nikolai cook on the day, or prepare any beforehand. Toppings also needed.

Ash Wednesday Services 10am and 7.30 pm 14th February

Lenten studies –

Susanna will be leading a **Lenten Study 3pm – 4.30pm Wednesdays in Lent from 21st Feb to 28 March** using the ABM Lent study 2018 written by Dr Julie and Stewart.

Nikolai's Lenten study will be on Desert Spirituality, 7.30pm -9pm **Tuesday evenings** beginning 20th Feb.

Both held in the Community Room, Sign up if you are interested.

'**Breathing Space**' during Lent for prayer and reflection, Monday to Thursday at 5.30pm - 6pm in the Lady Chapel.

Susanna

News and Events

Messy Church begins again, next week, 18th Feb. How about coming along and bringing a friend or a neighbour or a grandchild?

We have a particular need. We need to borrow some **wild animals - the small, plastic kind** that young children enjoy playing with. We will return them to you. We are planning to create a wilderness scene. Can anyone help with this?

Thank you to all those who collected various items for messy church last year and even continuing over the summer break! Our supplies in the youth hut cupboard are looking plentiful. Currently we are collecting **cardboard tubes** (the type that go in food wrap boxes, alfoil, etc. and **plastic bottle tops** - any size or colour.

Prayer Chain Meeting Sunday Feb 25th Community Room 11.30am
Everyone involved with the Prayer Chain is invited to attend. Contact Naomi 51445922

Mission Helpers are meeting on 26th Feb at 1.30pm in the Community Room
We are hosting the **World Day of Prayer** service on **Friday 2nd March** at 7pm. We need people to help provide supper as well as come and pray and dramatically tell the creation story. See Christine for details.

Tadpoles Playgroup and *mainly music* both had a great start to the year!

Chapter notes: Kilmany buildings are having a makeover! Most of the dry rot has been removed, Dulux has donated the paint and the residents of Fulham Correctional Centre are soon to paint the exteriors, as well as coming monthly to mow and keep the grounds tidy.

The excess storm water from the **Golden Beach Church** is to be piped to a large tank for the new garden being created behind the church by the local ratepayers association.

Quotes to tender for our **guttering** needs are coming in as well as an offer for free scaffolding to assist in accessing the brickwork in the court yard!

The **laptop** used for the PA at 10am and *mainly music* has died, and the **office computer** urgently needs an upgrade, so both are being replaced this week.

Fundraising ideas and other dates are being looked at at the Chapter Planning day. Ideas welcome!

We are looking at new procedures and documentation for cash handling and soon meeting with all those who store things at church to best utilise our spaces. Books are already coming in for the next book fair!

Coming up!

Canon Jeff Richardson is preaching at both services on 4th March and we are having a BBQ with Bishop Mannasseh from Rwanda at 6pm on 6th March

The many faces of St Paul: Messenger, Christ follower, the Church's Apostle! A lecture and workshop, by New Testament scholar Dr. Kieren Williams Saturday 17th March 2018, 1.30pm – 4.30pm She is also preaching at the 8am and 10am Services at St Paul's on Sunday 18th March

Sale Ministry Training: refresher Friday 6th April 2-4 for those who have attended one in the past 3 years, then for anyone working with children or youth, who has not had training, the full day's training is Sat. April 7th. Both in Sale.

St Paul's Mens' Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday March 10th in the Delbridge Hall with guest speaker The Rev. Nikolai Blaskow.

The **Friday Afternoon group** has room for more members. We meet at 73 Lansdowne St each Friday during term time to read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. Time 1.45. Ro 51444514

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering or ? ?? guttering!!??

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund (new for 2017)

BSB 705 077 Acc no: 000 409 69 NO reference needed

Cheques made out to Anglican Diocese of Gippsland

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS for the coming week

Morning Tea: 8am: G & M Woolcock/M Monk **10am:** H Stokoe, J & P Mielke

February Flowers: Lent

Readings for 18th February - Lent 1

1st - Genesis 9.8-17 2nd - 1 Peter 3.18-22 **G** - Mark 1.9-15

Weekly Diary of Church Activities

12th Monday

5.30pm Evening Prayer and Intercession meeting in the cathedral

13th Shrove Tuesday

9.30am Tadpoles Playgroup

6.00pm Pancake night

14th Ash Wednesday

7.45am Meditation Group in Lady Chapel *'pre' stretching at 7.30*

10.00am Eucharist and imposition of ashes for Ash Wednesday

1.30pm Service at Wilson Lodge Nursing Home

7.30pm Eucharist and imposition of ashes for Ash Wednesday

15th Thursday

9.30 am *mainly music*

11.00am Service at Ashleigh House

5.30 pm Meditation Group in Lady Chapel

16th Friday *Susanna's day off*

17th Saturday

8.00am BBQ Fundraiser at Sale Produce Market

Icon workshop all day – Booked out!

Out Centre Services

Today:	10.30am	St Mark's Loch Sport
Next Sunday:	11.00am	St Alban's Kilmany
	2.00pm	St Anne's Golden Beach

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