



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

*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.*

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Cathedral Parish Vision: *"People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday."* **8th January 2023**
Baptism of our Lord

Sentence of Scripture

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' *Matthew 3.17*

The Prayer of the day

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that all who are baptised into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am **Wednesdays - 10.00am** in the Lady Chapel

Meditation in person: 4.15pm Mondays except in January

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month
St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)
St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 4th Sunday of the month

Zoom Links: **Evening Prayer: Daily at 5.30pm - 6.00pm**

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

Meditation: Weekdays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

Meditation on Mondays NOT ON at 4.15pm in the cathedral in January

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Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student Hemirose Igo at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah

Here is 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 grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

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.

I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. *Isaiah 42.1-9*

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

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you sons of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:

in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' *Acts 10.34-43*

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.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he

saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

Matthew 3.13-17

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

Dean’s Reflection

This week, being the Sunday after Epiphany, we observe the Baptism of Christ. Why is this important? The story as we hear it from Matthew’s gospel is incredibly carefully constructed, the voice from heaven, the hovering dove, the words declared, even the water of baptism itself, and the concept of “righteousness” all drawing on so many resonances from the Jewish scriptures (our Old Testament). Matthew is at pains to demonstrate in his gospel Jesus as the representative of Israel and its heir, the long-desired Davidic King. Jesus is also the New Moses, the one who gives the new law. Jesus’ baptism in some ways is an act of new creation: just as in creation the Spirit hovered over the surface of the deep to bring new life and light, so now the Spirit descends like a dove, and Jesus himself is the one who brings things into being and makes all things new.

This, in spite of John’s protests that he should be the one asking to be baptised by Jesus, not the other way around. Not least because, while Matthew never explicitly states it, there are attestations to Jesus’ sinlessness in many other places in the New Testament; if he hadn’t sinned, why would he need to be baptised? “To fulfill all righteousness.” Righteousness here is about right relationship, about Jesus consciously putting himself in the place of humankind, and mending what was damaged and broken between God and creation.

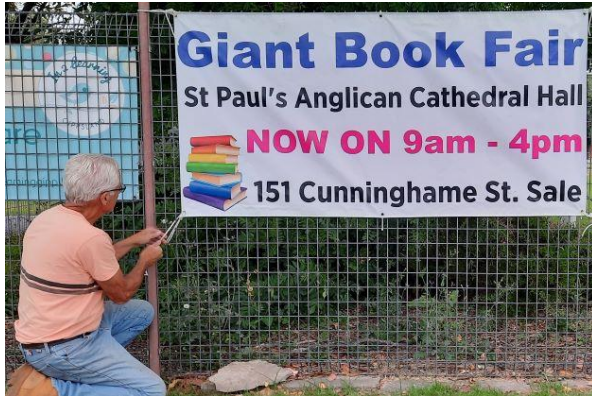
As we celebrate Jesus’ Baptism we’re reminded of our own baptism: that we have been united with Jesus to stand with him in that relationship of rightness he brings about, and that we too therefore hear the voice declaring, “This is my son/daughter, with whom I am well pleased,” and know the descent of the Heavenly Dove to hover over us with blessing.

Your Dean,

Keren

GIANT Book Fair NOW OPEN!! Help still needed!

Thank you to all of the amazing, dedicated hard working people who have helped get it ready and now working at it. Even staying till 11.30pm to help complete setting up the hall to open, or working with Christine from 9-11pm to help restock tables.



Once open, due to our last minute advertising blitz and giant signs, (this one on Gippsland Grammar's fence) people flooded in Wednesday at 9am.

We have once again provided the 'best ever book fair' as one happy customer said.

We have exceeded all \$\$ expectations, with more income in the first 2 days, than last time in a week, and in just 4 days, same as 11 days last time.

We may run out of books to sell, although **we are still accepting books and new ones are put out daily.**

We still need help to keep it running as well tidy up after 4pm each day, no safe ministry check needed after hours. Even if you can come and sweep the floor or tidy the tables of books once, that would be great. Contact Christine 0438595056 if you would like to help.

Other comments on Facebook

* Lisa D: Fantastic selection, awesome prices and very friendly staff/volunteers.

* Stu, not more cookery books?

Stuart even said as we went in. I'm not getting anymore cook books unless it's something unique....20+ books later nope not joking. And yep we will need more bookcases lol

* Del M. Thanks! I could have spent all day there!!! Lovely people and a huge array of books!

Most people enter and instantly have a stunned overwhelmed look on their face. One such man we asked as usual if he was looking for something specific.

"Yes", he replied, "the wife!" (he did eventually.)



The DVDs are popular, People are happy to look under the table for those that don't fit. 25 for \$6 was not enough for one man, 4 boxes and 3 bags later....

A VERY happy ending story.



Meet BoBo, 5 year old Clemmie's soft sleep toy bunny. It decided to have its own adventure while its family was buying \$52 worth of books! It was found outside and brought in to Arthur at the cashier desk, and fortunately noticed by Christine Christine received a message via Facebook that night from her mother Melissa saying her 5 year was out of her mind that she's forgotten her soft sleep toy bunny. And then at 9.19pm was still crying.

Christine offered to meet her at church, but as they live in Longford it was around 10pm when BoBo was returned to a very appreciative and relieved child and mother.

The next day Clemmie returned with her mum with a box of chocolates and a hand written card.. (she's just starting school!) *'Christine Thankyou for saving BOBO. Love Clemmie.'*

This reminded me that although we are holding the book fair to raise money, and into recycling in a huge way (even left over books are turned into paper) it IS a ministry where we can 'share God's love, using words only when necessary', and as the song goes, 'they will know we are Christians by our love'. That makes the very long hours and hard work worth it.

Many take the opportunity to look inside the cathedral as well.

Please tell your friends, and please PRAY for the team, we are rather exhausted! Gippsland Times are doing an article about us soon.

Thanks again awesome team, Christine.



Coming up

29th January 2pm

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert (From Germany)

Vivaldi, Mozart & Paganini presented by world class soloists

Sergey Didorenko (violin) and Dmitrij Gornowskij (cello)

Tickets are available at the door, an hour before and cost

\$40 general,

\$35 Senior/pensioner (proof needed)

Student with ID proof \$30

QR code on poster has trybooking on line code. Or link

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/999305>

Solar Panels for the Hall/Cathedral are arriving mid January

Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy – Central Gippsland Hospital Sale

If you would like to have the Hospital Chaplain visit you, a family member or a friend please contact the Revd Heather Toms, Hospital Chaplain on 0400 512 217'.

The 10 am service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale* ***when in*** YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57>

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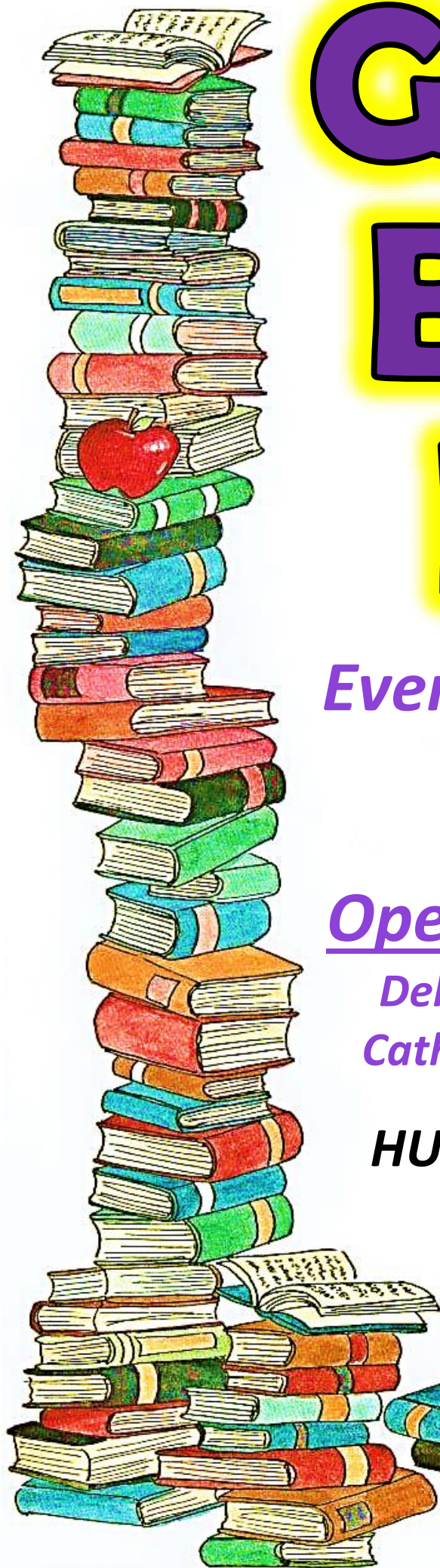
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GIANT BOOK FAIR

Every day 4th – 24th Jan

9am - 4pm

Opens 10.30 on Sundays

*Delbridge Hall St Paul's Anglican
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***HUGE Children, Religious
& Popular Author Sections***

*Books sorted into genres and
all fiction books in
alphabetical order
of author*