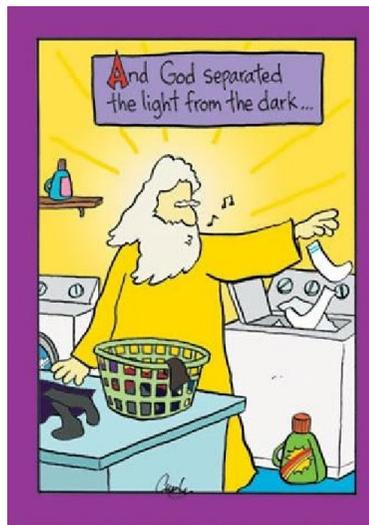


**On the lighter side.....**

A father is in church with three of his young children, including his five year old daughter. As was customary, he sat in the very front row so that the children could properly witness the service. During this particular service, the minister was performing the baptism of a tiny infant. The little five year old girl was taken by this, observing that he was saying something and pouring water over the infant's head. With a quizzical look on her face, the little girl turned to her father and asked: "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby??"

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whisky."

A rabbi and a priest decided to buy a new car together. The day after they bought it, the rabbi found the priest driving it. The priest explained that he had just gone to the car wash because in his religion it is customary to welcome a new member with the rite of baptism. The next day, the priest discovered the rabbi cutting the end off the exhaust pipe.



**Acknowledgement of Country:** This land is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Taungurung and Djar Djar Wurrung peoples; the traditional custodians of this area and honour their Elders—past, present and emerging.



**St Paul's Kyneton  
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10th January 2021  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**



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**PEW BULLETIN & LITURGY**



A way of being: To be Christ-centred as we worship joyfully, serve faithfully, care for one another lovingly and outreach enthusiastically with our words and actions.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

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1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
bring and adore him the Lord is his Name.

2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee;  
comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4. These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the Name that is dear,  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for out trembling, and hope for our fear.

5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,     John Monsell  
bring and adore him the Lord is his name.     1811-75

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Sentence of the Day:

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10:38

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**WORLD**— For government and health authorities as they strive to distribute effective COVID vaccines. For care and attention still to ways of limiting the spread of Coronavirus, both overseas and in Australia.

**CHURCH**—In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa (New Zealand and Polynesia). In Australia for the Bishop to the Defence Forces & ADF Chaplains. In Bendigo Diocese for the Rural Deans and the Parish of Swan Hill.

### PARISH HEALING LIST: *Please pray for*

Terry & Ellen, Pam, Anita, June, Brian, Cheryl, Jill, Joan, Carmen, Roslyn, Paisley, Shirley, Bev, Travis, Elizabeth, Saxton, Bali, Ron, Keith, Prudence, Kirrili, Glen, Peter, Louise, Maddie & Paul, Allan, Ny, Helen, Gerald, Carmel, Bernard and Claire.

Recently Departed: Jean Stringer (3 Jan)

Anniversaries: Beryl West (10 Jan),



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Baptism of our Lord Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29;  
Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

Water and light and voice; these are inextricably linked. God created light from the face of the deep by vocalising the creative injunction. The voice of the Lord is generative, it makes things. In Genesis, the light of creation is made; in the Gospel, the light of the world, Jesus Christ is revealed. God's voice declares Jesus to be God's Son after his ritual death and resurrection in water.

Pray for the light of the world to be known among the nations. Help us to become the voice of God, creating and redeeming the world.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

*Text: The Rev Kate Ross,  
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## PARISH CONTRIBUTION DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

Thank you to all who are contributing to the life of the parish via EFT (direct deposits into the parish account). The details are as follows:

Kyneton Anglican Parish Council	You can include your name as an identifier
BSB: 083-713	and that it is offering. No one except the
Acc No: 51586 7674	Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer know.



Thank you to all who have met the challenges and maintained their giving to parish ministry and mission in 2020!

**HYMN: MY GOD ACCEPT MY HEART THIS DAY 485**

1. My God accept my heart this day,  
and make it still your own,  
that I from you no more may stray,  
but follow you alone.
2. Before the cross of him who died  
in penitence I fall;  
let every sin be crucified,  
and Christ be Lord of all.
3. Anoint me with your heavenly grace,  
and seal it for your own,  
that I may see your glorious face,  
and worship near your throne.
4. Let every thought and work and word  
to you be ever given;  
then life shall be your service, Lord,  
and death the gate of heaven.

**Blessing**

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you  
always. **Amen**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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**THIS WEEK**

**THIS SUNDAY:** 8.45am Holy Eucharist—St John's  
10.30am Holy Eucharist—St Paul's & Online **BAPTISM OF  
OUR LORD**

**Fr Ian & Allison away on leave until 26th January.**

**Fr Roger Ross will preside and preach for the next two Sundays.**

**If there is an emergency please call Mthr Melissa Clark at Woodend. Her contact details are on the front of this pewsheets.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 8.45am Holy Eucharist—St John's **EPIPHANY 2**  
10.30am Holy Eucharist—St Paul's

**PRIEST'S PONDERINGS**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome as we come to celebrate 'The Baptism of our Lord.' Today as we listen and reflect on Scripture, it can also be an occasion for us to be reminded of the important place baptism holds in our own lives. We are made one with Christ through death and resurrection and are called to shine as light in the world for the glory of God. As we continue to journey through the season of Epiphany may we be refreshment and renewal of faith as we seek to live the gospel faithfully. Fr Ian

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Christ the son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

(Silence)

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen us in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**Collect of the Day:**

Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost, and was baptised with sinners: grant that we, who have been baptised in his name, may reach out in love to those in need with the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis (1:1-5)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; ♦  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦  
**the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare; ♦  
**in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦  
**the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Jesus us the Son of God, the Beloved,  
such favour rests on him.

**Alleluia.**

+ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (1:4-11)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body.

**For we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world. Grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God...

### THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God of the nations,

we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.

Guide us by your presence,

that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,

and establish your justice in the earth.

Most loving God,

**you send us into the world you love.**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage**

**in the power of your Spirit.**

### NOTICES

2.The voice of God creating, working  
amazing is creation’s light,  
and through such light is Christ here bringing  
healing and wholeness in plain sight.

3.The voice of God gives strength for meeting  
the challenges we find today,  
injustice and such strife is brewing,  
leaves brokenness and disarray.

4.So Christ was baptised in the Jordan,  
by John who claimed “I’m not the One,”  
not worthy to untie his sandle,  
He met in Christ, God’s precious Son.

5.How best we follow Christ is keeping  
Hope, faith, and loving charity,  
To listen well for God’s voice leading,  
Here to abide in unity.

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Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The prayer continues to:)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The prayer continues to:)*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*(The prayer continues to:)*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### SERMON

#### NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear friends, in baptism, through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we also have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life. Today as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, we also recall our own baptism and our promise to follow Christ, to reject the powers of evil, and to serve God faithfully as members of his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

*Water is poured into the font.*

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the gift of water. Your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning of creation. Through the water you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as Messiah.

We thank you for the water of baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death that we may share in his resurrection, and through which we are renewed by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest asks the congregation*

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?  
**I believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed our human race?  
**I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?  
**I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will with God's help.**

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*The priest sprinkles the congregation with water.....*

**Springs of water, bless the Lord. Give glory and praise to our God, who lives and reigns for ever Amen. x3**

Prayers of the People

Lord, hear our prayers.

**Use us by your grace**

**so that the world is change for good**

**and you are known and loved as Lord of all. Amen.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: THE VOICE OF GOD UPON THE WATERS**

Tune: SPIRITUS VITAE (TiS 495)

1. The voice of God upon the waters,  
the God of glory clearly heard,  
"This is my Son, the true beloved,"  
here in holiness is confirmed.