

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 6 January 2019
The Epiphany of Our Lord

Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

January Birthdays

Bill Skinner (7th), Una Colley (9th),
Geordie Duncan (11th), Cheryl Thompson (26th),
Mavis Moon (28th), Rebeckah Auld (30th)

Upcoming events:

Soul Cafe

Saturday, 5th & 12th January, 2019



2pm to 5pm
All Welcome!



Gavin Chatelier

will be performing in
St George's Anglican Church
Sunday, 13th January 2019
at 7pm



31st January 2019 to 11th April 2019
For more information contact Father Ron
or Jay Quince

For the next two weeks, Keith will have an excess of fresh eggs. If you would like some fresh eggs, please speak to Keith.

News for You

Welcome to St Georges and we give thanks that you could join with us. If you are visiting today, we hope that we met your need and that you felt welcomed by our congregation. If you are looking for a new family to join fill out connect form and tick a box and be assured of a visit by Fr Ron.

This Week:

Monday

7 Jan Toy Library, on holidays

Tuesday

8 Jan Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Little Acorns, on holidays

Wednesday

9 Jan Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

10 Jan Panorama Home Group,
7:30pm
Men's Group, Lower Hall,
7:30pm

Friday

11 Jan Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Connect Kids, on holidays
Nexus Youth, on holidays

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

12 Jan Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

13 Jan Ext Holy Communion, 7:30am
No 9:30am service
Elvis Gospel Service in Park

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

13 Jan Holy Communion, 9am

Diocesan Events:

Feb

16 Synod, St Barnabas, Orange

Parish Events:

Jan

12 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
13 Gavin Chatelier Concert, 7pm
31 Alpha, 7pm

Feb

2 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
9 Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
9 Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
10 Ultreya, Lower Hall, 2pm
17 Bishop Ian's Farewell visit

Epiphany

This is a great reading as we are starting into a new year. With the introduction of Alpha at the end of January looking out-side ourselves into our wider community. Most fringe people have heard about Christ but have never untangled the mystery of it all in which we are still learning to day.

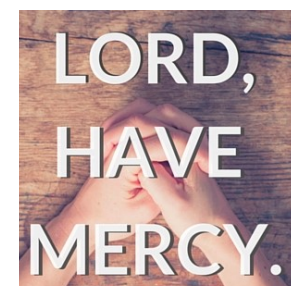
Epiphany on the Christian calendar is celebrated on January 6, the 12th Day of Christmas. The term, epiphany, means recognition. For us, epiphany is demonstrated by the wise men guided by the star as they travel toward Bethlehem. There they, outsiders that they are, recognize the new King. The old king can't find the child by himself, have a read of Matthew 2:1-12.

So, epiphany is the occasion for us to remember that outsiders recognized the Christ child.

Paul says to the Ephesians, and through them to us: People that we religious types did not once think should be included, well, I've been sent to tell you that they, too, are indeed included. They share in the inheritance we claim, they are family; the good news is for them as well as for us. *Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power* (Ephesians 3:7). Have you received this grace?

Blessings

Father Ron



Sentence of the day:

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

Isaiah 60.1

Collect of the day:

Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:
may the brightness of your incarnate Word
pierce the night that covers the earth,
signal the dawn of justice and peace,
and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Following is a prayer that Bishop Ian has requested that we pray regularly

A Prayer for the future of our Diocese

Prayer: "Let your gentle spirit lead me in the right path." *Psalm 143:10*

Good Shepherd of your people, lead us, we pray, in ways of wonder and delight. Teach us by your Spirit to discern your way, trust your directions and give us courage to humbly walk with you. When the way is tough grant us a fresh vision of Jesus; when we are tempted by ease deepen our love for you. May the Gospel of forgiveness, healing and hope give us purpose for our journey and keep us faithful to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the time of choosing a Bishop (APBA p. 212, used with permission)

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.

The Office will be closed for the first two weeks of January 2019 as Jodie will be on holidays.

Pastoral Care Do you need a visit at home, nursing homes or in hospital, fill out the connect form return on the collection plate so it can be forwarded on to one of the team? If it is to be a private visit for some reason call the church office or Fr Ron personally.

Ministries at St Georges

Little Acorns Is a ministry for mums and young children. Held in the top hall at St Georges 10am till 12 noon each Tuesday of school term.

Connect Kids An afterschool program for children from kindy to year 6, connecting children to the message of Christ. Fridays 4pm – 5:30pm.

SGY Is a ministry for youth and young adults! Currently running alternate Fridays 7 till 8.30pm. A time of fun, learning and sharing a meal together.

Sunday School and Kids Church

Sunday school is every Sunday during the service except every second Sunday of the month which is Kids Church, followed by morning tea.

Service Information: Please feel free to contact the Office on 6862 1868 during office hours to book a meeting with the Ministry Team for any of the following: Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmation, Funeral and Memorial Services, Investigating Christianity, Hiring Church Facilities.

Readings This Week**The Epiphany of Our Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg 602)
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (APBA 294)
Ephesians 3:1-12 (pg 950)
Matthew 2:1-12 (page 783)

Hymns

7:30am: 699, 652, 740, 393

9:30am: Powerpoint

Figures for W/E 23/12/18

Collections	\$2,592.00
Target.	\$2,700.00
Shortfall.	\$108.00

Christmas Services \$1680.00

Parish Directory**Rector**

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Food Pantry 10am-4pm (Thur)

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Readings Next Week**The Baptism of Our Lord**

Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg 585)
Psalm 29 (APBA 248)
Acts 8:14-17 (pg 892)
Luke 3:15-22 (page 834)