

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 13 January 2019
The Baptism 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:

Gavin Chatelier

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

Connect Kids

On holidays



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

At the moment Keith has 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

14 Jan Toy Library, on holidays

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

16 Jan Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

19 Jan Holy Communion, 5pm

Sunday

20 Jan Holy Communion, 7:30am
Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

13 Jan Ext Holy Communion, 9am

St Stephens, Bindogundra

Sunday

13 Jan Holy Communion, 11:30am

Diocesan Events:

Feb

16 Synod, St Barnabas, Orange

Parish Events:

Jan

12 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

Luke 3:15-22

In our Gospel, we hear that the crowds who sought out John the Baptist "were filled with expectation." They were seeking the Messiah and they wondered "whether John might be the Christ." He wasn't (disappointment). And though he "preached good news to the people, "his mission and ministry were instead to point the way to the Saviour. In this way, our Gospel challenges us to examine the motivations that drive us in the practice of our faith. What expectations do we have of the child whose birth we have celebrated two weeks ago? Our faith reminds us that the core of the Christian life is to engage with a God who is wildly in love with us – a God whose love was manifested by assuming our nature.

Are we willing to follow the baby born in Bethlehem with the entirety of our being, letting God lead us to places where we would never imagine ourselves going? Or do our expectations for how God should be, and what God should do, get in the way of an true encounter with Jesus?

As we have laid Christmas celebrations to rest, let us take a moment to reflect on our expectations of our celebrations this year. Let us take time to make sure that as we list all the tasks yet to be done, we find time to renew our commitment to following the One who was first pointed out to the crowds by John the Baptist. Let us be true followers.

Blessings

Father Ron

Sentence of the day:

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Luke 3.22

Collect 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.**

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 open again from
Tuesday, 15th January 2019

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 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)

Hymns

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

9:30am: Powerpoint

Figures for W/E 16/12/18

Collections \$3,286.00

Target. \$2,700.00

Surplus. \$586.00

Parish Directory

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Readings Next Week

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62:1-5 (pg 604)

Psalm 36:5-10 (APBA 257)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (pg 933)

John 2:1-11 (page 863)