

Anglican Parish of Northern Albury
"To know Christ and make Him known"

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Sunday 2nd September

7pm - Old Time Dance – St James'

Monday 3rd September

1pm – Women's Bible Study – St Mark's

Tuesday 4th September

9.30am – Prayer Group – St John's

10am– Quilters - St James' hall

1pm – Euchre - St John's

Wednesday 5th September

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark

10.15am - Morning Fellowship – St Mark's

Thursday 6th September

10am – Eucharist – St James'

Saturday 8th September

8am – Men's Breakfast – St James'

6pm – Contemplative service – St James'

Deb Ball

Sunday 9th September

8.30am – Eucharist – St James'

10am –Daily Prayer on Sunday – St Mark's

10.30am – Eucharist – St Paul's

Sentence:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Sunday Collect:

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Weekly Collect:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Song of Songs 2: 8-13

A reading from the Song of Songs:

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: 15: Page 234 in the Prayer book.

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: James 1: 17-27

A reading from the letter of James:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or

shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia Alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia.

+ GOSPEL St Mark 7: 1-8,14-23

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the

things that come out are what defile." When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Pew reflection:

Psalm 45 is a wedding song, and is addressed to a king. Nonetheless we mere commoners can all be exhorted to 'ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice'. Our God is one who prefers that, rather than our filling our hearts with the evils of 'fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride and folly'.

- Pray for those who work to establish truth and to do justice, especially those in the forensic, police and legal professions.

ABM: Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Our Parish: We ask God's blessing on all involved in the Guild.

Our neighbourhood: We pray for those who live in Lavington East.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks for God's gift to us in the Holy Eucharist.

The Parish Roll: Virginia Morey; Ruth Nagle; Judith O'Connor; Jenny Owen; Diana & Eddie Parr

For those in Special Need: (Names will be left on this list for a month but may be put back on when requested) Barbara & family; Shavaun; Charmaine; Stan; Nola; Val; Murray; Sarah; Dianne; Josh; Pauline; Kathleen; Pearl; Margaret; Eileen; Bruce

For the recently departed: Bemm Sedgwick;

For those whose anniversary of death; occurs this week: Betty Wedgwood; Ivan Smith; David Joyce

Family Service at St John's on the 4th Sunday of the month. Rev'd Catherine Dawson will conduct the service with the focus on families. **This is an extra service, the services at St James' & St Paul's will continue as usual.**

Your Thanksgiving Envelopes are available – please take your box. Anyone else who wants them please contact Glenda in the Parish Office. For those who wish to direct debit, Glenda has the details.

Drought Relief:

We are having a retiring collection for drought relief today.

BCA Boxes: Please return your boxes by the 9th September. Is there anyone who would like to take over collecting them twice a year??

Men's Breakfast: 8am on the 8th September in St James' hall. Speaker will be Neville Windeyer.

The Contemplative Service will be taken by Rev'd Catherine Dawson at St James' on Saturday 8th Sept at 6pm.

Court House Coffee: Can you help in this outreach to the Public? We need helpers on Mondays & Tuesday 9am – 11.30am. For more details and offers of help please see Pam Wilson or Laine Lindner.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm: 146

Second Reading: James 2: 1-10, 14-17
Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37