



Anglican Parish of Northern Albury
To Know Christ and Make Him Known
St Mark's North Albury St James' Lavington St Paul's Jindera

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2024 First Sunday After Christmas

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Beverley Kernaghan.

Bishop of Wangaratta:

Rt Rev'd Clarence Bester

*We join our Diocesan Family today in praying for all
Theological Colleges, staff and students.*

Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia:

Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith

Archbishop of Canterbury

*We are waiting for the appointment of the next Archbishop
of Canterbury following the resignation of Justin Welby.*



Reflection

The Pew Sheet is changing.

On the last Sunday of each month (such as today), there will be a bigger Pew Sheet to give more detail about what is happening and what is coming up. And then on other Sundays, the Pew Sheet will be more of the size we are used to.

We are blessed to be able to serve such an amazing God within the Parish and beyond, and our Pew Sheet is one way of celebrating that.

And what an amazing God to show such love as to send Jesus to be born, live, die and rise again—all for us. It has been very special to celebrate the birth of Jesus together, and today we also give special thanks for Mary and Joseph who so faithfully nurtured Jesus through his growing years.

We acknowledge that our parish is on Wiradjuri

country; and how since time immemorial, the Wiradjuri people have woven lands, waters, plant and animal life, human community and dreaming, into a coherent, life-giving whole. We pay our respects to their elders as the keepers of that practice, and as exemplars of a wholistic and nurturing way of life.

Hymns: Let us build a house (page 4) 329 488

Collect:

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, you highest heaven: and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

**He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall
not pass away.**

O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, mist and snow:

**and storm-wind fulfilling his
command;**

Mountains and all hills:

fruiting trees and all cedars;

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

princes, and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens:

old men and children together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

His glory is above earth and heaven:

**and he has lifted high the horn of
his people.**

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of

Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Open our heart, O Lord
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

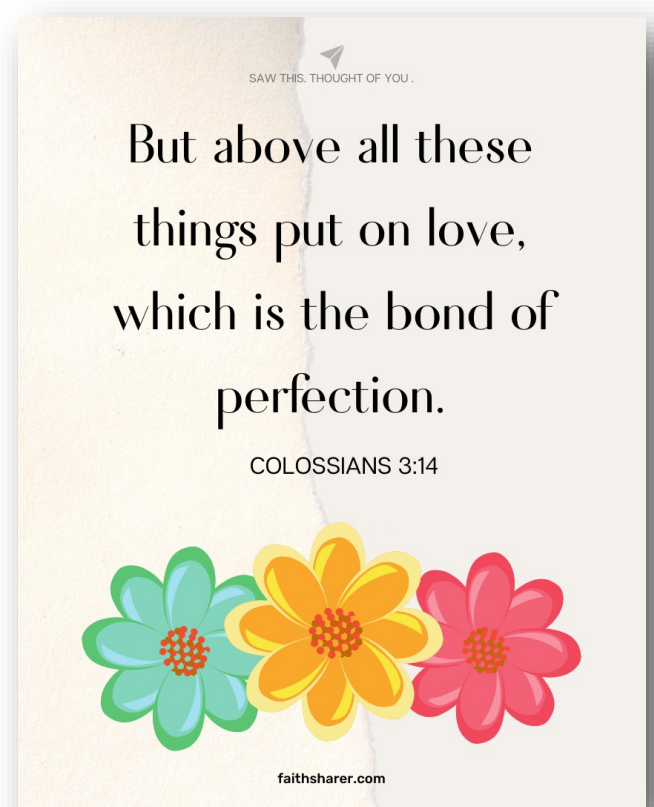
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for

him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Let Us Build A House

Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can
dwell

And all can safely live

A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end
divisions

Chorus

*All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

Verse 2

Let us build a house where prophets
speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

Chorus

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Verse 3

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees
us.

Chorus

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Verse 4

Let us build a house where hands will
reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and
teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.

Chorus

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Verse 5

Let us build a house where all are
named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to
rafter.

Chorus

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

ST PAUL'S JINDERA

Sunday January 5th & 19th
9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday January 12th & 26th
9.30am Eucharist

MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

ST MARK'S NORTH ALBURY

Sundays 10.30am Eucharist
(from Jan 5th)

ST JAMES' LAVINGTON

Sundays 4pm Eucharist
(from Jan 5th)

Wednesdays 10am
Weekday Eucharist
(Not January 1st)

PARISH OFFICE

At St Mark's.

Open every Monday
10am to 1pm.

Bev Kernaghan manages the
office, parish business and
enquiries.

Contact details are on the front
page of every pew sheet.



PARISH COUNCIL

Vicar & Wardens, plus
Marion Henry, Julie Rose,
Laine Lindner, Alison Williams, Carol Read.
Monthly Meeting 6.30pm 2nd Monday

SIT 'N KNIT

A great social time with
some knitting or crochet
added in.

Tuesdays 10am-12noon
Jindera Community
Hub - Library

Resumes on 7 January 2025

Contact Bev Kernaghan 0422 511 559



MUSIC MINISTRY

We love to worship God in music
and song and appreciate those
who give such blessing in our
church life.



MARKET DAY SATURDAY
8AM - 12PM

So many people contribute so much
to make a success of our Market Days.
2025 plans yet to be decided.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 12.30pm St Mark's

Cuppa then Study

2025 start tbc

Contact:

Marion Henry



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are always welcome
at our Church Services.

Suggestions of what can be done
at home are included in the
weekly Parish email news.



SACRISTANS

Each church has faithful people
who prepare, set up and clean up
all we need for Communion
Services. Thank you.



AGED CARE MINISTRY

Revd Emily celebrates monthly Communion
Services at Calvary (Albury & District), and
Revd Rex at UPA Lavington. Other ministry is
offered as needed.

BAPTISMS



WEDDINGS



FUNERALS

Contact Revd Emily

SYNOD



Diocese of Wangaratta

Parish Synod Rep:
Mary Callaway

2025 Synod: May 30 & 31

*There are many other
Diocesan events that our
Priest and people are
involved in.*

ST JAMES GUILD

*Dedicated to serving God and their church in
worship, fellowship, pastoral care, fund-
raising, social events, catering, markets ...*

Monthly Meetings Third Wednesdays
1.30 pm resuming February 19th.

St James Hall

President: Alison Williams

WELCOMERS, READERS, INTERCESSIONS, EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS, FLOWER ARRANGERS

*Such valuable ministries that enrich our
Worship Services*



STREET LIBRARIES

*Outside of St. Mark's North Albury,
and St. Paul's Jindera.*

Free for everyone to share.

Take a book, leave a book.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE



*We are very thankful for the team
of people who voluntarily carry
out repairs and maintenance
around our Parish. They get
things done and save us lots of
money*

RECYCLE

*Our Parish provides small, but
significant ways to recycle: cans
and bottles to St Mark's;
and small items listed on the
collection baskets at each Church.*



PARISH CHOIR

Do you like to sing? The
singing group for the
Parish is informal and

welcoming for all. We meet weekly (Thursday
evenings) for rehearsal and we sing at church
services monthly. All abilities and vocal ranges are
welcome! Contact: Daniel Payne

BORDER VOICES

A community singing group of fun and
connection. Wednesdays 5:30-6:30, St. James'
Hall, (Resuming 15th Jan 2025)

MEALS ON WHEELS



Three teams from St James
deliver Meals on Wheels
every 6 weeks to about 10 residents in North
Albury and Thurgoona. The latest rostered
time was last week—Christmas week.

Contact Person: Bev Fellows

FOODBANK

Serving those in need with love and support

Mondays and Fridays 10am to 12nn

St Marks Church

Resuming January 13th

Coordinator: Rex Everett

GROUNDS AND GARDENS



We are so thankful for the dedicated
people who look after the grounds
and gardens at our three churches.

It is a blessing for all of us to enjoy
the upkeep and the flashes of colour
that regularly appear.

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL

*Every week our Vicar sends to 98 email
addresses, usually with current news and
reflections, electronic copies of the Pew
Sheet, Sermon and Activities to share with
children, as well as some relevant art work.*

***If you would like to be included,
contact Revd Emily.***

SAFE CHURCH OFFICER

Responsibilities: Helping parishioners meet their Safe Church obligations and contributing to Parish compliance with training and accreditations. Safe Church Officer: Daniel Payne

CAREVAN AT ST MARKS

Providing a great meal and fellowship

Mondays 12nn to 1pm

Resuming February 3rd

Parish Team: Laine Lindner; Jan Nicholls



AND THE MINISTRY THAT HAPPENS QUIETLY, UNSEEN, UNKNOWN

Someone prays for someone else, some parishioners visit another to show love, care and practical help, phone calls, someone does the shopping, gives another a lift, has a cry with another ... and other blessings.

Contact Person: All of Us

PARISH NEWS

Thank you for Christmas Ministries

We all appreciate the loving effort parishioners make for our Christmas Celebrations. We have been blessed by welcomers, readers, leaders, mowers, gardeners, players, pray-ers, cleaners, priests, feeders, singers, counters, printers, arrangers, decorators, brass cleaners ... and so much more. Thank you. Just short of 100 adults and children attended our Christmas Services.

Christmas Hampers

Forty-five Hampers were prepared and distributed from our Parish at Christmas time—each Hamper valued at well over \$50. Donations of goods and money came from Trinity Anglican School, Friends In Action, Foodshare, Quilters and parishioners. A small team made an enormous effort to make it all happen.

New Service Routine: Weekly:

Wednesdays 10am: Midweek Eucharist at St. James' (*not Jan 1st*);

Sunday, 8:30am: Eucharist or Morning Prayer, St. Paul's

Sunday, 10:30am Eucharist, St. Mark's

Sunday, 4:00pm, Eucharist, St. James'

Regular Morning Prayer at St Mark's

There is still some discussion about the best time for a regular Morning Prayer or other non-Eucharist Service at St Mark's. It is important that the best decision possible is made. Details later.

Thank you Glenda

Words cannot express the appreciation we have for the dedicated time and ministry Glenda Mitchell has given to this Parish in worship, fellowship, office duties, pew sheets, source of information and everything else that came across her path. Over 36 years of Service to APONA, with many clergy, and all with great efficiency. Our Parish will say a special 'thank you' to Glenda on Sunday 19th January at the 10.30am St Mark's Service.

Church Cleaning

We love our church buildings and grounds to honour our parishioners, our community and our God. We no longer have enough people to keep up a constant cleaning roster, and so have begun paying a Cleaner for regular cleans at St Mark's & St James'. St Mark's and St James' Parishioners are helping with the payment for the cleaner by contributing \$5 per month towards the cost. It is a bit like buying your way off the roster! **Contributions can be made via suitably marked envelopes on the Plate or direct payments into the Parish Bank Account.** Thank You.

Parish Property Sales

The Diocese and the Parish have begun the process of preparing for the sale of the vacant corner block alongside St Paul's Jindera, and the former Rectory and shed alongside St James' Lavington. Such sales will enable the ministry in the Parish to be well resourced.

Ministries and activities this week for your information, involvement and prayer

Mission Priority: For smooth transitions in many areas of change, and openness to what God might teach us through the process.

Local Need: For safety in and around our waterways in the hot weather.

Personal Requests: Charmaine, Bill, Jacob, Kathryn; Norma; Heather.

Anniversary of Death: Graham Freund, giving thanks for his life and praying with his family as they remember.

We pray for and think of those for whom Christmas had very tender memories of someone they were missing very much.

Today Sunday December 29th 2024

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mark's Nth Albury

9.30am Eucharist, St Paul's Jindera

Next Sunday January 5th 2025

The Epiphany of our Lord

Readings: Isa 60:1-6,

Ps 72:1-7, 10-14,

Eph 3:1-12, Matt 2:1-12



8.30am Morning Prayer, St Paul's Jindera

10.30am Eucharist, St Mark's Nth Albury

4.00pm Eucharist, St James Lavington

**The Lord bless you
and keep you!
The Lord let his face
shine upon you,
and be gracious to you!
The Lord look kindly
and give you peace.**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Parish Bank Details
for electronic gifts and donations:**

BSB: 032775

Acc't No: 690242

**Acc't Name: Anglican Parish of Northern
Albury**

ST JAMES HALL

Groups that regularly use St James Hall are:

Tuesdays 10am –2pm Quilters

Wednesday 5.30pm—6.30pm: Border Voices

St James Hall is available for hire ... contact the Parish Office

Parenting

May every child have the opportunity to 'increase in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour', just as Jesus did.

Inspirational Quotes

"The greatest gift a parent can give their child is the gift of unconditional love." - *Mandela*

"Parenting is the most challenging and rewarding job you'll ever have." - *Jill Smokler*

"The best way to teach your children is to be what you want them to be." - *Gandhi*.

... and sometimes you just have to laugh



"I looked, and the Ten Commandments don't say *anything* about running with scissors!"

"I asked my mom if I was adopted. She said, 'Not yet, but we placed an ad.'"

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