

ST PAUL'S NEWS

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WELCOME

At St Paul's "we love because God first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). We believe in the inherent goodness of all people - that the divine dwells at the heart of all living things. We believe the whole world is sacred and so we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong. St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

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Pastoral Message

Welcome to 2022! It's that time again when we prepare our community for our Annual General Meeting and lay the foundation for another year of ministry shaped by *The Way of St Paul's* - Jesus, Spirituality, Communion, Tradition.

This year our AGM will be held on Sunday 6 February from 10am - immediately following our service that day. The Wardens and Parish Council have begun preparing all the necessary reports, documents, audits and budgets and we'll get these to you well in advance of the meeting.

Can I take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to Wardens Rob and Jennifer and Parish Councillors Mark, Phyl, Craig, Melinda, Nicholas, Chris, Isobel and Stephen for their time, patience and hard work during 2021. As the governance body for our community, these faithful humans had to wrestle with a series of tough conversations and difficult decisions last year and they led this ministry with compassion, commitment and collective unity. Thank you!

From a personal perspective, I would like to offer my heartfelt appreciation to Parish Council for the way in which they have worked with me during this challenging time. Discerning next steps for our community at a time in history when everything is



January Readings & Services

Sunday Holy Communion 8.30am
 Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Tuesday Lota House 11am

Sunday 2nd - Epiphany

Isaiah 60. 1-6
 Ps. 72.1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3.1-12
 Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 9th - Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43.1-7
 Ps. 29
 Acts 8.14-17
 Luke 3.15-22

Sunday 16th - Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62.1-5
 Ps. 36.5-10
 1 Corinthians 12.1-11
 John 2.1-11

Sunday 23rd - Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Ps. 19
 1 Corinthians 12.12-31
 Luke 4.14-21

Sunday 30th - Epiphany 4

Jeremiah 1.4-10
 Ps. 71.1-6
 1 Corinthians 13. 1-13
 Luke 4.21-30

up in the air is not an easy ministry. When things are uncertain, unclear, complex it is natural for we humans to feel tense, anxious, stressed and behave accordingly. Blessed as we are at St Paul's with beautiful humans, we together navigated this uncertainty and our anxieties and held as one our leadership team and community. Thank you! 2022 will also involve no small decisions and tensions, but I am confident we will see our way through this with the same dignity and grace.

On behalf of Parish Council, we would like to thank you too! Our congregation are beautiful humans whose hearts and minds are always focused on what matters and hence we hold together and stay focused on Christ. Your openness to change amid complexity and your natural compassion amid stress is one of the main reasons St Paul's remains a united community with a shared future.

I look forward to sharing this next chapter with you all!

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

January Ministry

9th & 23rd PeACE Patrol after church Sunday - Asta
 20th Tatters & Chatters Craft Group 9.30am

January Notices

17th Parish Council
 26th Australia Day
 AGM 6 February 10am - after Sunday Service

For Our Prayers

Please hold in prayer those who are unwell at this time or have asked for our prayers: David, Nancy, Veronica, Michael C, Gloria, Graham, Michael N, Gerald, Annie, Marie, Barry, Eddie, Joan, Shirley G, Glen, Shirley & Gordon, Shirley, Yvonne, Gayle & Lowie, Harline, Peter and Jean, David and Jody, Bev and Bruce and Alison.

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