



ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!
SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2017
CHRIST THE KING!

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

We celebrate Christ the King at the end of what is called the Church's liturgical year. This year is patterned after the story of Christ, beginning with our Advent preparation for his coming through the Lenten season and Holy Week, with the rest of the time devoted to what Jesus said and did.

In the Gospel, Jesus is described as coming in glory and sitting on his throne. But unlike one who lords it over others (cf Mt 20:25), this King is also "the Good Shepherd" who knows and welcomes his sheep who recognize his voice (cf Jn 10:14). And the "goats on his left" are those who did nothing for the poor, the stranger, and the prisoner with whom Christ the King identifies.

By putting this celebration at the end of the liturgical year, we do not only remember the life of Christ the Shepherd-King but also proclaim that he is the Lord of history. What happens in our world and our lives is taken up in the story of the Shepherd-King in the great epic of salvation history. The lights and darkness of human history, like the beautiful monuments of art and the brutal ravages of wars, are not vicious cycles of greatness and depravity. Our life's ups and downs do not come from good or bad *karma*. Our common histories and personal stories are where the life of the Shepherd-King is relived. **Cont. pg 4**

**THE REV'D TIFFANY SPARKS PRESIDING
AND PREACHING**

Next Week's Readings

- Isaiah 64.1-9
- Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 1.1-9
- Mark 13.24-37

Sentence: O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. Psalm 100.1

Collect: God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

•Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

Psalm 100

1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy.

2 Know that the Lord he is God:

it is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.

4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever: his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Matthew 25.31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for :

- * Our Church family and community
- * Our volunteers—and all who help in the mission of the Church

We pray for :

- * The Diocese of Wangaratta
- * The Parishes of Ipswich North and Red Hill
- * Bribie Anglican Cancer Support Group

For health and healing for :

Thomas Moore, Beryl and Tom Wakefield, Anthony Bugden, Saloni Paul, Fred Morrison, Theda Lowe, Jan, Romola Squire, Fr Neville and Eileen Jackson, Sue McCurdy, Gillian, Kerry Muir and Jocelyn O’Neill.

At home or nursing home :

Jean Ward, Noela Burdett and Joyce Shearing.

WHAT IS GOING ON AT ST. PAUL'S?



GOODNA PANTRY APPEAL

—November is our Goodna Pantry donation month. Baby products especially formula, toiletries and non-perishable items such as tuna, soups, rice, cereals, coffee, tea, biscuits, muesli bars, tinned fruits, baked beans, meat meals, tinned spaghetti can be left at the back of the church throughout November.

BOARD GAME GROUP—

Run by David Adams. Every second Saturday in the Crypt at 7.30pm. All welcome!

MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY GROUP—

Wednesday mornings at 9:05am. If you are interested please come along. All Welcome!

JUBILEE TERRACE PLAY-

GROUP—Friday, 8 December is our last playgroup session for 2017. We will resume Friday 2 February 2018. For more information contact Sarah Combe on ph: 0403 771 442 (leave a message if there is no answer).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES—

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER:

8:30am—Advent 4

6:00pm—Children's and Families Christmas Service

10:30pm—Carols

11:00pm—Midnight Mass

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER:

8:30am—Christmas Service

4 DRAWER STEEL FILING CABINET—

the Parish Office is in need of a 4 drawer steel filing cabinet in good order. If you have one you're not using or know of anyone who has, could you please speak with Rev'd Tiffany. *Thank you.*

PRACTICALLY SPIRITUAL—

This is a group that meets once a month to reflect on theological books. Talk to Rev'd Tiffany or Rev'd Kathy on how to become involved.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY

How Funds are Used?

Your giving to our parish community helps our community grow! Your donations go towards having a full time minister, electricity, insurance, rates, copyright, cleaning, music ministry, supporting Children's Church, grounds maintenance, Mission giving to Anglican Board of Mission, Bush Ministry Fund and the Anglicare women's' shelter. These are agencies that provide clean water to 3rd world communities, educational opportunities and safe shelters to the vulnerable. Without your contributions our parish would not be able to support a full time minister, pay the costs of running the parish and to support these wonderful missions. Every dollar goes towards making a difference to Ashgrove and to the world.

HEARING IMPAIRED?

St Paul's has provision for people with hearing impairment. A headset is available from the back of church, or a receiver for those with a hearing aid (turn on and switch ear piece to the T switch).

We are on the web!

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OUR MISSION

**WE PARTICIPATE IN
GOD'S MISSION OF
TRANSFORMING
INDIVIDUALS AND
COMMUNITIES,
OFFERING MEANING
FOR TODAY AND HOPE
FOR TOMORROW
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST.**

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WHO ARE WE? MINISTRY AT ST. PAUL'S

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Welcoming-Care Group: Elizabeth Sillano and Gill Outen

Choir: Robyn Carl

Rosters: Tiffany Sparks

Thrift Shop: Margaret Marshall & Deborah Walker

Mother's Union: Joy Lloyd

Playgroup: Sarah Combe

Book Club: Ann Caston

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From pg 1:

Thus are we empowered. And what we do as a people and as individuals counts and makes a difference in the world when we follow the example of the Shepherd-King and build his Kingdom.

As followers of this Shepherd-King, we are not just disciples of a guru whose behaviour we imitate. We belong to him as true subjects. Yes, we belong to groups or communities, whether chosen or not, like our families, our social networks, and even our nations. But more than all these identifications, we belong to Christ, the Shepherd-King who laid down his life for the sheep and identified himself with us all who are in dire need of salvation. And this belonging to him is what marks who we are, and our deepest identify.

365 Days with the Lord 2017

