



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

A vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community
growing in faith and love

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY 2022

WORSHIP THEME: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS (BELOVED)

Priest's Message

Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning to reveal, and it marks infant Jesus being revealed to the world, which culminated in the visit from the Magi, strangers from far away lands. In our Gospel reading, Jesus the adult, is baptised in the Jordan by John the Baptist, and this is the start of Jesus' public ministry.



As a new year starts and we wonder what lies ahead. It can be easy to feel alone and forgotten in these difficult and trying times too. The words of assurance from Isaiah 43:1-7 are comforting. Especially *"Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life."* Are particularly comforting when we wonder what will happen next. (43:4) We can rejoice that God's word continues to be steadfast, is powerful in its promise to us, and calls each of us by name through the living waters.

For the human named Jesus, the baptism was something new too. Imagine the surprise when the voice from heaven blesses: "You are my [child], the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." After John immerses Jesus in baptism, God draws near and rejoices in him. In today's readings we are reminded to listen for God in words of hope and encouragement, and in the Holy Spirit's work in our communities.

The voice of God, which spoke from the clouds at Jesus' baptism, still speaks in lives today. It speaks a word of love and promise to all who are baptised, offering identity and belonging. In the form of the Holy Spirit, God's voice also speaks to us in prayer, in ritual and tradition, in loving actions, and in all who thirst for justice.

Where do you hear God's voice in your life?

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR EPIPHANY

Sentence

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

Prayer of the day

Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to implant your justice on the earth; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord his beauty of his holiness.

- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert the Lord whirls the
desert of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory'.
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The one who is coming, is greater than I said John.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sundays' Readings

16th January: The Second Sunday after Epiphany – Abundant Love

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

This Week

Sun 9th Jan	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Eucharist with hymns (no mass setting in January)
Tue 11th Jan	Parish Office re-opens
Thu 13th	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sun 16th	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Eucharist with hymns (no mass setting in January)

The Anglican Parish of Glenelg acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

PARISH NOTICES

THURSDAY 10AM SERVICE RESUMES THIS WEEK

The midweek Thursday service will recommence at 10 am Thursday 13th January.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to everyone who helped over the all the Christmas Services. Especially those who filled in at a moment's notice due to other parishioners isolating awaiting COVID test results. These are times when we often have to change things at the last minute, your willingness to help is much appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can be given to the clergy or parish office. Confidential prayers can also be offered by the clergy and a small prayer group.



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Yvonne Thomas, Samuel, Jean, Peta, James, Dawn, Pat Carter, Di Besson, Paris D'Souza, Amelia Stevens, Joanna Muspratt, Jennifer Elbe, Brian Johnson

It's always great to welcome visitors to our churches at St Peter's, Glenelg and St Martin's, Glenelg South.

At **7:45am (St Peter's)** you will need this news sheet and a green prayerbook (p.119). At **8:45am (St Martin's)** you will be greeted with a news sheet, prayer & hymnbooks to use.

At **10am (St Peter's)** you only need this news sheet as the service is on the powerpoint screen.

Feel free to sit anywhere - there are no specially reserved seats.

Toilets are located, at St Peter's, along the passageway, under the projector screen. At St Martin's, they are in the corridor adjacent to the worship space.

Feel free to join in with all aspects of worship as you feel comfortable. Please be aware that visitors are warmly welcome to receive communion with us.

We love to meet new people so you are very welcome to stay for a cuppa after the service, but don't feel bad if you need to get away - there's always next time.

We hope you find inspiration and blessing in your time spent here.



DONATING TO OUR PARISH

Regular Planned Giving can be directed to Parish of Glenelg (AFSA) BSB 705-077 Account Number 00041211 (please use your surname and initial SMITHJ PGP).

One off/occasional donations, that are separate to regular PGP, can be made to Anglican Parish of Glenelg BSB 705-077 Account No.00000033

Heritage Conservation Fund (tax deductible): Ensure the donation is designated for

The Anglican Parish of St Peters Glenelg. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa>

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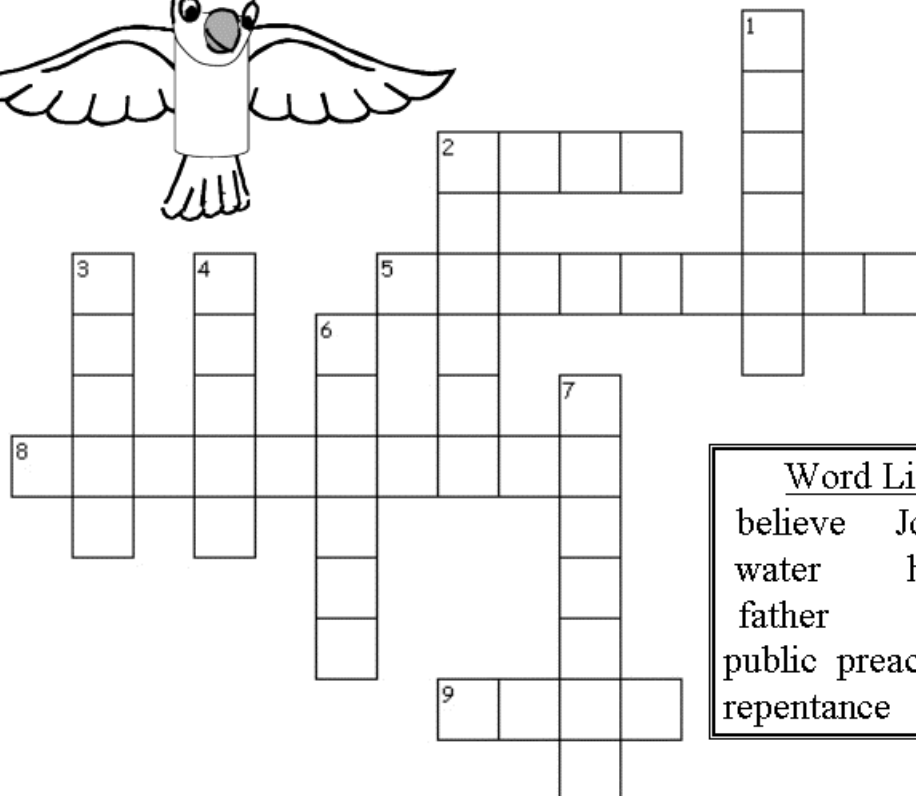
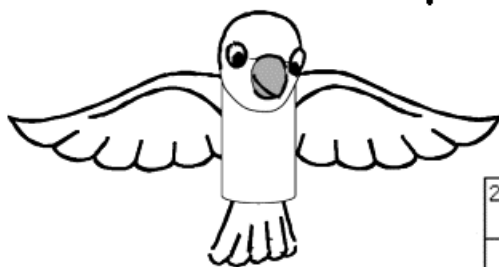
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Jesus is Baptized Crossword



Word List:

believe	Jordon
water	honey
father	John
public preaching	
repentance	dove

Across

2. He prepared the way for Jesus.
5. John the Baptist was doing a lot of this along with baptizing others.
8. As a Christian it is important to ask for forgiveness and mean it, this is called_____.
9. This came out of the sky to Jesus right after he was baptized.

Down

1. Baptism is a _____ display of our belief in God.
2. The name of the river where Jesus was baptized.
3. Something sweet that John ate in the wilderness.
4. This is used a symbol to wash our sins away.
6. We are should be baptized in the name of the _____, Son and the Holy Spirit.
7. This is the main thing you need to do before you are baptized.

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