

Dates for the Diary

- No Wednesday or Saturday Services in Apollo Bay in January
- 25th January—Parish Council Meeting 1pm
- 3rd February—Wednesday Services resume
- 6th February—Saturday Evening Services resume
- 10th February—Bible Study resumes Wednesday
10.30am
- 17th February—Ash Wednesday
- 22nd February—Parish Council 1pm
- 24th February—HOY!



The Lighter Side of Life

An oldie but a goodie!



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Anglican Parish of the Otways

3rd January, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord



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Welcome to worship today.

Thankyou for adhering to our COVID restrictions:

- Use of Hand sanitiser
- Keeping 1.5 m apart
- Wearing a mask
- Not mingling in porch

Your co-operation is appreciated

Regular Services

St Aidan's Apollo Bay:

10am Sunday
10am Wednesday
6 pm Saturday

Christ Church Carlisle River

1pm-1st & 3rd Sundays

St Anselm Beech Forest

1pm-2nd Sundays

St James Forrest

4pm-2nd & 4th Sundays

Direct Deposit Details

Anglican Parish Otways
BSB 633 000
ACC No: 1685 8009

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. Celebrations around the parish were joyous and thank you to Sylvia who arranged the flowers in Apollo Bay. They were very much appreciated by all who attended.

Thank you to those of you who supported Richard and I with the loss of Jenny's much loved Uncle just before Christmas. It was a difficult time made easier by the love of our parish family.

On Tuesday night, Chris White took a nasty fall and has broken the neck of his femur. He is in the ICU at the Alfred Hospital in a serious but stable condition. Please pray for him and Rita as it is likely to be a long recovery.

For the first time in months we actually have some things in our "Dates for the Diary" to look forward to! Things will begin again in February, mid week services, Bible Study and Hoy, so spread the word. Any one wishing to join our bible study needs to let Jenny know so books can be ordered. It is always a lovely time of reflection, challenge and encouragement so don't be shy, come and join us.

Richard and I will be taking this week off. If you need anything during this time, ring the parish phone and a warden will see to your needs.

May the Lord bless you with peace and joy.
Jenny



Prayer of the Week

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life be led to the vision of your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings. Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

ABM Reflection

One of the Greek kings the middle east before the time of Jesus called himself *Seleucius Epiphanes* meaning God manifest or revealed. He was one of the most oppressive and hated of all the kings of the Greek East. - Quite a different revelation here! The Epiphany as the Showing of the Christ to the Gentiles (i.e. us). If we deal with the text and not the Christmas postcards, we have an undisclosed number of wisemen, who represent the Gentile world; and 3 gifts - and what symbolic gifts they are! Gold for a king; frankincense for the divinity of Jesus and myrrh suggesting preparing for burial. Like all good Christmas theology, we see the birth of Jesus in the shadow of the cross.

- Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,
Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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Prayer Points

Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church in Nigeria
- For the diocese of Bunbury.
- For the parishes of St John's Ballarat and Fikombaro
- For the life of Raymond Heathcote and Majorie Lippy

Petitions

- Peter, Summer, Lorna, Chris, Bernie, Anne-Marie, Ed and their families, the Heathcote and Lippy families recently bereaved.
- For our Prime Minister and Federal parliamentarians.
- For God's blessing on the New Year
- For people suffering from natural disasters.