



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

9th February 2025
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Dear Parishioners,

‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’
Isaiah 6:8

Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ ... they left everything and followed Him. Luke 5:10b-11

The call to follow Jesus can come at anytime and in a variety of ways. And once we respond to that call to follow, there is a call to ‘go’, to spread the good news and to bring others into God’s kingdom.

There is a moment of decision, then perhaps courage to take the first step, then can I suggest persistence and flexibility is required in continuing. We see this in our Gospel reading today. Simon Peter, after a long, fruitless night of fishing, reluctantly obeys Jesus’ suggestion to cast his nets once more. Miraculously, this time, the nets overflow with fish. This moment of success did not come through Peter’s original plans or efforts, but through his willingness to embrace the unexpected. This was an important first step. God’s ways are not our ways. We often come to God with our plans, but His ways often unfold differently, in surprising ways. Just as Peter needed to trust Jesus’ unorthodox instructions, we are invited to trust that God’s plan might not always align with our own, but it will be far richer and more rewarding. In our own lives, we face moments of frustration or disillusionment when things don’t go according to our carefully crafted plans. Yet, if we continue to show up—patiently, faithfully, and flexibly—open to God’s surprises, when we yield to God’s grace and timing, as Peter did, we may find ourselves participants in a greater work than we could have imagined. But we need to take the first step. This year in Anglican churches across Australia there is a call to share in our communities the sense of HOPE that can be found in Jesus. The resources say: ‘We are inviting every Anglican Church in Australia to join together to proclaim the hope of Christ, between Easter Day and Pentecost in 2025. Imagine every Anglican Church, in every town and city, in every suburb and community, all working in the same season to proclaim hope in our uncertain world.’

My hope is that we have the courage to say ‘Here am I; send me’.

Best wishes, Revd Cathy

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 16th February AGM Friends of the Cathedral

Sunday 16th February—Choral Evensong @ H.T. Cathedral. 5.00 p.m.

15th March—Car Boot Sale /Cake & Bake Sale / Plant Sale.

Artisan Markets: 2025: Saturday 3 May & Saturday 29 November

HOPE 25 The Anglican Churches across Australia are getting ready to bring HOPE into their communities. There will be a range of opportunities and activities in which to get involved. The main events will take place during the six weeks between Easter and Pentecost. However, as we prepare there will be Lenten studies with a daily reflection and weekly study groups. There are also resources and videos online. <https://hope25.com.au>. You will be hearing more about this, but in the meantime, we can pray this prayer: *God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world: by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen*

It was a delight to have **Reverend Cathy** back with us last week at St George's and St Michael's, and to have her lead us in the Eucharist and Bible Study on Tuesday, and this week we are pleased to welcome Fr Alan into our midst at both St Michael's and St Paul's.

Thank you all who supported the Trade Table on the 26th, the table raised \$304. It was so good have so much fresh garden produce for sale. Well done gardeners! And of course, well done cooks!

We have decided that we will not have another Trade Table for the next two months, as the Car Boot and Bake Sale falls in the middle on Saturday 15th March, and we do not want to overload our cooks. Please keep your cooking energy skills for the Bake sale for that date.

Please keep in mind our appeal for contributions to the cooks! Any donations of cash or butter, eggs etc will be greatly appreciated. Please see Sue Wheeler.

A note to those folk who took plants home to care for them, please continue - prune, feed, get them looking their best, Our plant stall has always proved to be quite popular. And of course, anyone else with green thumbs and some plants suitable for sale. Also, the appeal for contributions to the upgrading of the car park, and the insertion of glass planes in the doors of the hall., any donation appreciated. An envelope in the place marked accordingly will suffice.

Fr Neil and Sue will be back with us next Sunday, and we look forward to their return. Fr Neil will hit the road running, with St George's at 8.00am and St Michael's at 9.30am, and then the AGM for the Friends of the Cathedral in the afternoon, followed by Evensong at 5.00pm. It would be good to see both of these well supported by us

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 10th February—

Genesis 1; 1-39. Psalm 104: 33-37; Mark 6" 53-56

10.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

Tuesday, 11th Genesis 1: 10-2:4a Psalm 8; -32. Mark 7: 1-13

9.30 a.m., Morning Prayer @St. Michaels' Hall.

10.15 a.m., Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.

8.30 a.m.—1.00 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).

5.30 p.m. Goju Kai Karate (Purbrick Hall)

Wednesday, 12th Genesis 2: 4b-9:10-14). Psalm 104:26-32; . Mark 7: 14-23.

9.30 a.m., St Michael's Craft Group—Hall.

10.00 a.m., Eucharist @Cathedral—Lady Chapel.

5.00 p.m., Bell ringing practice—Cathedral.

6.30 p.m. Sing Australia (Purbrick Hall)

Thursday, 13th Genesis 2: 18-25; -24. Psalm 128; . Mark 7: 24-30

10.00 a.m., Eucharist at St John's Chapel.

8.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).

Friday, 14th Cyril and Methodias Missionaries to the Slavs

Genesis 3: 1-8. Psalm 32: 1-8; . Mark 7: 31-37.

9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

Saturday, 14th Genesis 3: 9-24; . Psalm 106: 20-24. Mark 8: 1-10.

Sunday 16th February, The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Eucharist @Holy Trinity Cathedral—Lady Chapel (+CEB)

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist @Holy Trinity Cathedral (+CEB)

9.30 a.m., Eucharist @St Michael's, Wangaratta. (CC)

11.00 a.m., Eucharist @St. Paul's Glenrowan.

5.00pm Choral Evensong @ Holy Trinity Cathedral

Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20;. Luke 6: 17-26.

FEBRUARY FOCUS:



CHRISTIANS CARING

**Shampoo & Conditioner. Milo. Jam varieties.
Sweet Biscuits. Tinned Beans. Tinned Spaghetti.
Tinned tuna varieties. Chunky Soup.**

Dog food, as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.

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The World Australia , Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain,
Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

Churches in our Nation :Churches of Christ, South Australian Churches

Schools, TAFE Colleges , Universities

All involved in Education Chaplaincies and SRE

Anglican Church of Australia

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Bishop Mark Short (*Monica*) Clergy and People

The Diocese of Wangaratta

The Victorian Council of Churches

VCC President (2023-2025) Deacon Joseph (Joe) Leach

VCC Deputy President (2023-2025) Fr Dr Jacob Joseph

Executive Officer: The Rev'd Sandy Boyce

Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry

Volunteers and chaplains.

Our Parish: For different groups and activities recommencing after the holiday break. That the Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Those in Need: Warren Gould. Mark Heaton. Gwen Benstead.

Shirley Cameron. Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.

Jenny Moulder

Year's Mind: 10th February—17th February.

10/02/99 Floreen Dorothy Ingarfield

14/02/2004 Trevor Allan Colson

15/02/2020 Margaret McCormick

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*) {*Epiphany 5*}

Father of all

Who gave your only begotten Son

to take upon himself the form of a servant;

and to be obedient even to death on a cross,

give us that same mind as was in Christ Jesus,

that, sharing in his humility,

we may come to be with him in his glory,

where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please remember to wear a name badge at Church.

With clergy coming and going and hopefully some visitors too, it helps with conversation and fellowship. It would be helpful if you would keep your badges on during morning tea, as that is when most of the interaction occurs. We will resolve the issues of where to put them before you leave, perhaps a spot in the hall