



OUR MISSION:

*Living and telling the good news of Jesus Christ,
reaching out to all in love and service.*

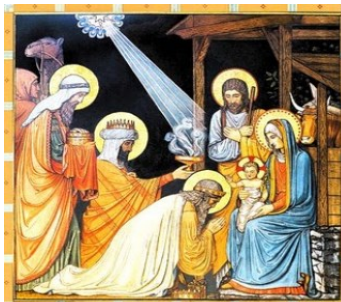
OUR VISION:

To be an outward looking Church

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

5th January 2025

*Prepare us, O God, to welcome the events
and the people that mark turning points in
our lives. Stir our imaginations to honour
the dreams that send us in new directions.
Grant us the courage to follow the signs
that lead to another road. Amen*



Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: God has destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1.15–16

Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God, in whose sight a thousand years are like a watch in the night: guide us now and always, as you have led us in times past, that our hearts may learn to choose your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: This Sunday

Isaiah 60.1-6

Ps 72.1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

Next Sunday

Isaiah 43.1-7

Ps 29

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-22

Sunday Services in our Region

- **Gympie** - St Peter's @ Anglicare (*see info below*) ► 8.30 am
- **Rainbow Beach** - Good Shepherd Church ► 9.30 am
- **Tin Can Bay** - St John Vianney's Catholic Church ► 7.30 am (*1st & 2nd Sunday's*)

WELCOME!

*We're glad and thankful to have your company today as we, together,
welcome the New Year and settle in to our extraordinary worship venue for the
next weeks.*

Prayers

Pray for the Church:

Worldwide: *The Church in Wales*

National: *The Diocese of Ballarat*

Our Diocese: ● *The Parish of Mt Gravatt* ● *Gold Coast Hospital Chaplaincy*
● *Coomera Anglican College, Coomera*

Local:

Ministry: *Hospital Chaplains, Nursing Home Visitors*

MU Ministry: *Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonderful fellowship we share as members of Mothers Union worldwide. We thank you that we can bring all our requests to you. We pray that your name will be honoured and glorified so that men and women every where will turn to you, seek your forgiveness, and live for you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

In Need: *Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Bruce Barton; Annette Collins; Val Deans; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Baby Louis; Jenny; Graham & Val McClurg; Smith Family: Robbie, Lisa and children; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Melodie Zylstra*

ABM Reflection

Samuel was clothed in the linen ephod of service in the temple. And the epistle speaks of being clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and above all in love. Like Samuel we too serve God through our lives, our worship, and above all through doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- We pray that we may be filled with love, binding together all else, as we serve God and others.
- Give thanks for the work of and witness of *La Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church

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This Week's Readings

First reading from the Prophet Isaiah 60.1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,

**²That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**

³Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

**⁴May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.

⁶**May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

¹¹All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.

¹²**He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.**

¹³He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.

¹⁴**He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

A reading from Ephesians 3.1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2.1-12

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

(Pause for reflection)

For the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

NEWS AND NOTICES

WE HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL START TO THE NEW YEAR.
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT OUR TEMPORARY WORSHIP VENUE.
SEE YOU HERE AGAIN NEXT WEEK



**THANK YOU TO ANGLICARE GYMPIE FOR GENEROUSLY
SHARING THEIR SPACE WITH US WHILE WE ARE IN NEED OF
AN ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP VENUE.**



Baptism next Sunday at Rainbow Beach

Next Sunday, the Killalea family join our Rainbow Beach congregation for the baptism of Hailey and Connor. Proud parents Craig and Shirely were married at Good Shepherd in 2019.

Fancy That Op Shop is closed for the Christmas - New Year break.

We'll reopen on Monday, 13th January 2024.

How to contribute financially to our Parish

For those who would like to contribute, please see the options below.

1) Deposits may be made by internet transfer from your bank direct to our Church Bank Account using the following information:

Account Name: Anglican Parish Gympie **BSB:** 704-901 **Acct Number:** 0000 5910

Please use all the four zeros when entering the Acct No.

2) Using the QR Code to donate via Commonwealth Bank BPoint Credit Card website

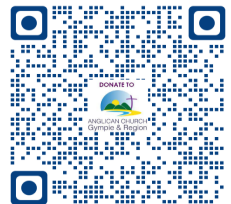
A) If viewing on your computer or smart phone - click on the QR Code and it will take you to the B-Point website to make a donation by credit card **OR**

B) If reading a printed copy of pew sheet - hover your smart phone over the QR Code to link you to the BPoint website

Our bank details are already linked so you only need to add your details, credit card number & reference: E.g. "Giving General" "... Appeal" "Giving Tree". etc

3) Parish Direct via ANFIN - An easy way of giving regularly:

Forms are available at the back of the Church or Church Office.



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