



St Alban's Charlestown, St Martin's Kahibah

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A place for everyone, serving the Kingdom of God, following Jesus Christ.

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Sunday 6th – 27th January, 2019

Welcome to everyone who is visiting us today.

Please join us for morning tea in the hall.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6,

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new

You bring hope alive in our hearts

And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year

For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us

A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God

And live forever to praise Your glorious name. **Amen**

Epiphany

As in so many other cases, we have here a word which comes to us from the Greek, and it means an appearance, a showing forth. The Book of Common Prayer fixes this feast day for January 6th and subtitles it, "The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles."

The beginnings of this celebration tend to be lost in the mists of time, although in one form or another it can be traced back even to the end of the second century. As it started and developed, the celebration commemorated Christ's manifestation in various ways – His baptism in Jordan by John the Baptizer or His birth at Bethlehem. Gradually, however, as the Western Churches took up the observance of January 6th, they focused on its significance on the coming of the Magi to worship the young child. Under the influence of such Psalms as Psalm 72, v. 10-11, the Church viewed the Magi as kings representing all nations, and thus the visit of the wise men came to be regarded as a manifestation of Christ to all nations, to non-Jews as well as Jews, to "the Gentiles".

It is particularly fitting that the Epistle for the day should be taken from St. Paul's writings, because St. Paul was the one man of the apostolic age who more than any other emphasized the universal meaning and mission of Christ as the Saviour of all men, of all nations, of "the Gentiles". How appropriate then, that the Feast of St. Paul's conversion (January 25th) is observed in the Epiphany season

Most Christians are "Gentiles" and so the celebration of the Epiphany should be an occasion of special rejoicing for us, because it symbolizes our inclusion among those for whom our Lord lived and died and rose again. Epiphany symbolizes and emphasizes the universality of God's love, the universality of Christ's saving mission, the universality of His in-dwelling. He is not just for the chosen few, He is not just for the good, the faithful, the believers. He is for all men, for the sinners, the wicked, the unbelievers – "all sorts and conditions of men". It is not without reason that we say in the General Thanksgiving at Morning Prayer that "we do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men."

<http://christchurchanglican.org/anglican-faith/seasons/>

Preparations for 2019

Dear Alban & Martin Saints

I hope in amongst all the heat you've been able to know the bright light of Christ coming! It was a treat to spend Christmas with you.

Congregation appreciation!

In the next few weeks I would like to gather some folk from each church to work together on something of a brag book or Church appreciation about the faithful folk who have ministered and still minister from our current sites and some of the precious moments from peoples' lives. If this is something you'd like to explore or join in please be in contact with me.

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Annual Meetings and reports.

I am anticipating an Annual Meeting on Sunday 10th February 2019.

Over the next few weeks there will be a facility for you to register as an Elector of the parish. Please take the chance to sign in (even if you think you are already signed on) and to check your contact details for accuracy.

The date will be confirmed soon as Diocesan Council has to approve the new shape of Parish Council as outlined in Bishop Peter's letter some weeks ago.

Many blessings on your ministry and plans for 2019

Julia

Australia Day – Saturday 26th January, 2019

*We bless you, God of the universe,
for this land,
for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.
We bless you for our history,
with all its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope.
Give us in our diversity
tolerance and respect for each other
and a passionate commitment for justice for all.
Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

Did you know?

- The animals on the Australian coat of arms are the Emu and the Kangaroo. The reason for this is that neither animal can walk backwards instead they can always go forwards, symbolising Australia's desire to do the same.
- The sheep-to-person ratio is higher in Australia than in surrounding regions like New Zealand. In Australia there are 75 million sheep to 25 million -people, that's a ratio of three to one.
- Almost a quarter of Australian residents were born abroad.
- We read more newspapers than any other nation, per capita.
- The Dingo Fence is the longest fence in the world stretching over 5,530 kilometres. It is about twice as long as the Great Wall of China.
- Melbourne has the largest Greek population outside of Athens.
- Some of the most famous Australian inventions include the wine cask, black box flight recorder, electronic pacemaker, electric drill, Vegemite, Wi-Fi, and the ultrasound.
- Marn Grook or marngrook, is the Gunditjmara name for game ball, given to a number of traditional Indigenous Australian recreational pastimes. It's believed to be the true predecessor of AFL.
- We are the only continent without an active volcano.
- It's illegal to walk on the right hand side of the footpath.
- Despite how hot Oz is, the Australian Alps receive more snowfall than Switzerland.
- When Australia first began building their railroad they brought over wild camels. Today, around 1 million wild camels roam the Australian deserts

In Our Church we pray for Strength, Peace and Healing: Rev Ruth and John, Mark Ross, Pryor family, Ken Lott, Lindy Reed, Esther Hammond, Betty Percival, Claire Tamlin, Don Armitage and all our friends who may need a special prayer.

We give thanks and pray for the faithful departed: (connected to our parish)

Eve Ball, Maisie Goodwin, Iris Waterson, Betty Farrell, Max Farrell, Lila Youman, Nance Anderson,, Marj Booth.

Readings for January

Sunday	6/1/2019	<i>Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.1-12</i>	<i>Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 Matthew 2.1-12</i>
Sunday	13/1/2019	<i>Isaiah 43.1-7 Acts 8.1-17</i>	<i>Psalm 29 Luke .15-22</i>
Sunday	20/1/019	<i>Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.1-11</i>	<i>Psalm 36.5-10 John 2.1-1</i>
Sunday	27/1/2019	<i>Neremiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31</i>	<i>Psalm 19 Luke 4.14-21</i>

January 2019

St Albans - 8.30am - St Martins - 10.00am

Sunday 13th January - Baptism of our Lord

<i>Prayers:</i>	Ruth Bath	<i>Reading:</i>	Robert Kear
<i>Sacristan:</i>	Ro Reed	<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Rosemary Menhenick, Brian Taylor
<i>L.L. Ass:</i>	Lorraine Adams	<i>Music:</i>	Elaine Davis
<i>Sound:</i>	Helen Joice	<i>Welcomers:</i>	Helen Firkin, Sandra Whyte
<i>Morning Tea:</i>	Julie Cooper, Evelyn Gibson	<i>Counting:</i>	Vaughan, Anthony

Sunday 20th January – 2nd after Epiphany

<i>Prayers:</i>	Lorraine Adams	<i>Reading:</i>	Evelyn Gibson
<i>Sacristan:</i>	Bev Rigby	<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Lorraine Adams, Tricia Jessop
<i>L.L. Ass:</i>	Stuart Bell	<i>Music:</i>	Elaine Davis
<i>Sound:</i>	Helen Joice	<i>Welcomers:</i>	Neville, Sue Thomas
<i>Morning Tea:</i>	Brian Taylor, Jane Campbell	<i>Counting:</i>	Greg, Doug

Sunday 27th January – 3rd after Epiphany

<i>Prayers:</i>	Jane Conway	<i>Reading:</i>	Jane Conway
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Sacristan: Evelyn Gibson
L.L. Ass: Neville Thomas
Sound: Helen Joice
Morning Tea: Tricia Jessop, Joan Chilvers

Sanctuary: Stuart Bell, Brian Taylor
Music: Robert Joice
Welcomers: Rosemary Davies, Jane Campbell
Counting: Joan, Ewart
