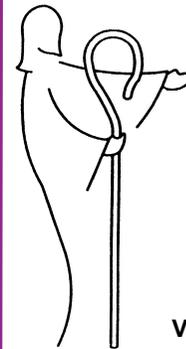


For your hands while you pray



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Regular Service times:

Wednesday: 9am Service

Every Sunday of the month

7am Eucharist

9am Family Eucharist

For Your Prayers!

Our Parish Family Prayer List this week

Mabbs Sutton, Alison Vercoe; Bob & Kay Wagner; Rhonda & Leslie Whiting.

Prayers for Healing: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest", Marjorie, Tony, Margaret, Marie, Jan, Catherine, PamMcD, Paul, Ross, BobW, Tamara, CherylW, Janelle, Des, AndrewW; Cherrine, Brian, JackB, GrahamB, PeterS, Josephine, Sharon, Rachael, Jill, Iris, Sherryl, Reg, David, Charlotte, Lorraine, James, Michelle, Fr Robert, BillH, VickiA JanH, Warren, Janetta, Todd, JohnF, BrianD & those known only to the Lord.

Special Needs:

Edna, Janetta, Jan, Laura & Jarrod; MatthewF, CoralD, ArthurA, Greg & Joanne, Dr Mike & Jean, Yvonne & Alan and those known only to the Lord.

School Chaplains: Fr Iain, Julie, John, Lynne, Luke, Paula, Kelly, Tanya, Steve P, Steve T, Lynn, Selina, Evan, Kelli & Brenda, May & District Co-ordinator Lisa Hardie.

Missionaries with CMS - Bruce & Libby Hayes & Family and the people of Nepal. Please continue to pray for the people of Nepal

Eagles Wings—COAT: Pray for all involved with Eagles Wings who we support through COAT.

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer chain please call the prayer chain co-ordinator Pam Edgerton Ph:41527759.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany—17th January, 2021

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel!

John 1.41, 4

	17th January—2nd Sunday after Epiphany	24th January—3rd Sunday after Epiphany
O.T.	1 Samuel 3.1-10	Jonah 3.1-10
Psalm	139.1-5, 12-18	62.5-12
N.T.	1 Corinthians 6.12-20	1 Corinthians 7.29-31
Gospel	John 1.43-51	Mark 1.14-20

We are our bodies, we are our DNA, the millions of switches which gave us this characteristic or that one, our mother's eyes or our grandfather's nose. The Psalmist tells us that God knows us absolutely, better than we know ourselves. God knows our bodies for God made them. It is not just God who knows us though. Nathanael knew that Jesus was the Son of God because Jesus knew Nathanael first. As the father knows us we can know the Son.



Give us grace to relax into the comfort of being known absolutely by God, the joy of belonging to God's body and the hope of seeing God's Son.

This week's update from COAT: Welcome to 2021! We have had a nice break and enthusiastic now to work hard to raise funds for our children in Eagles Wings.

The children are all going well and enjoying school. They are busy with many activities and quite unaware of the pandemic still raging around the world. We continue to keep the children within the grounds for their safety. We're happy to say that little Jing Yi came up from the government orphanage to live in Eagles Wings recently and is fitting in well with her family and her big 'sisters' love playing with her.



HEALING MINISTRY: If you would like prayers for healing please let us know and we will put them on the Prayer Chain.

A recent article written by Rev'd Andrew Schmidt:

A few years ago, when I started working as a school chaplain I did a post-graduate teaching degree, which taught me quiet a lot. The longest lasting lesson has been about teachers and people who teach subjects. I was in the latter group, I loved my subjects, Math and Religion, and would happily try and share that love with anyone. Teachers on the other hand are an amazing type of human being, because their specialty is not a subject, but students.

I was talking to a teacher friend about her current area of fascination, which was all about the power of belief to affect a change in people. In one sense that comes as no surprise to me. I have seen many people make a change in their lives through the power of faith. One recent example is of a person who has tried once again to quite cigarettes, helped by the belief that God does not want him smoking himself into an early grave. I don't know if he will succeed long term, but his faith has given him the drive to dust himself off and try again.

My teacher friend however was sharing with me that her students' brains are actually physically altered, at a neurological level, by the belief that they can
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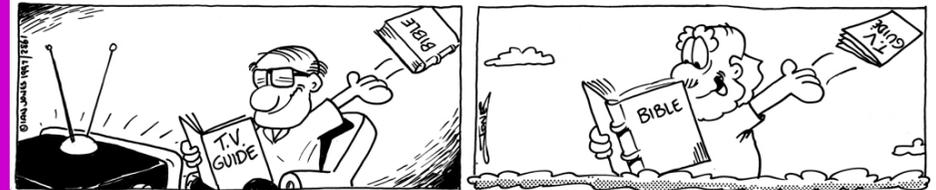
PARISH FAMILY NEWS
Birthday

17th Coral Dilger
20th Lurlene Rimmington
21st Colleen Bakes & Jayden Wedemeyer

Years Mind

17th Shirley Trott (mother of Jenny Wedemeyer)
23rd Dot Antrobus (Parish family)

"FINALLY, BROTHERS, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE...IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY... ..THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS" (PHILIPPIANS 4:8)



undertake a task. Being told that they have the capacity to do something, by a person that has earned their trust, through time and energy and through their actually achieving victories has the power to shape a brain so that it can do even more. It is oversimplifying but it seems that there is evidence for the aphorism, 'if you think you can, or if you think you can't you are right'.

In my way of seeing things, the experience of God and a community that is accepting of people in their brokenness, and which has built into it the belief that we can all change to be better people is deeply empowering for that change.

AGM:

The parish AGM will take place on
Sunday 7th February at 10:30am
in the Ministry Centre.

A reminder that all AGM reports will need to be
in the office **by Tuesday 18th January.**



The cookie jar is feeling sad! She didn't get enough to eat last week. Please feed her notes and coins so we can pay to have the church cleaned and the grounds maintained.

