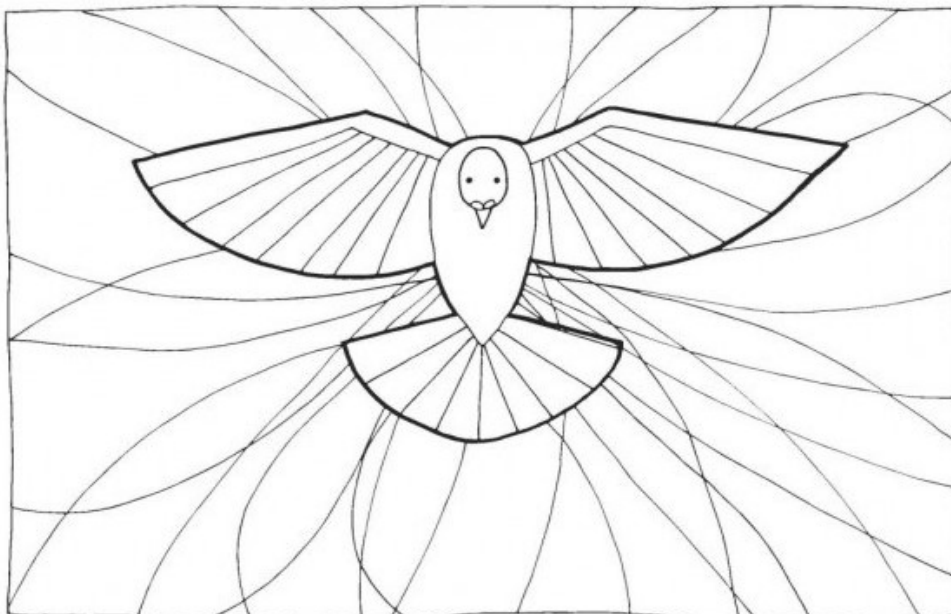


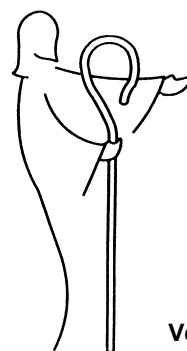
## For your hands while you pray

Baptism of Jesus ... the Spirit descending like a dove ...  
Mark 1:4-11  
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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

Noela Sankowsky; Peter & Val Skyring; Peter & Margaret Cooper-Smith; Joan Stringer.

**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 & 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.

## The Baptism of Our Lord—10th January, 2021

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10.38

	10th January—The Baptism of Our Lord	17th January—2nd Sunday after Epiphany
O.T.	Genesis 1.1-5	1 Samuel 3.1-10
Psalm	29	139.1-5, 12-18
N.T.	Acts 19.1-7	1 Corinthians 6.12-20
Gospel	Mark 1.4-11	John 1.43-51



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Water and light and voice; these are inextricably linked. God created light from the face of the deep by vocalising the creative injunction. The voice of the Lord is generative, it makes things. In Genesis, the light of creation is made; in the Gospel, the light of the world, Jesus Christ is revealed. God's voice declares Jesus to be God's Son after his ritual death and resurrection in water.

# PARISH COUNCIL call for NOMINATIONS

Do you have special talents you can bring to Parish Council this year? Why not consider nominating for a position.

Nominations close at the end of January and application forms are available from within the church or the parish office.

*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.*



**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: Luke 1.63-64

He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

In the lead up to Christmas, in church we read many of the stories around the birth of Christ. One of those stories is of the birth, and naming, of John who became John the Baptist. In the story John's father Zechariah is unable to speak, and so when the child is born the community asks his mother what to name him. She responds with his name, and the community resists that answer, so they ask Zechariah. Zechariah affirms in writing the name, 'His name is John', which frees Zechariah to speak.

I was struck by a resonance between this story and the tradition amongst transgendered people to choose a new name and discard their old or 'dead name'. I don't want to say it is an exact parallel, it clearly isn't, but as I say it resonates.

Many people in the community find it difficult to accept the implications of a

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## PARISH FAMILY NEWS

### Birthday

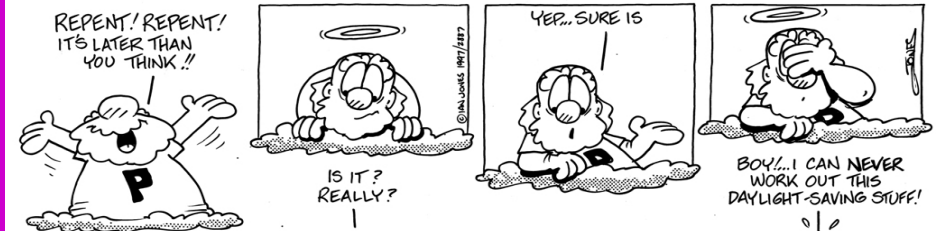
11th Reg Dean & Andrew Schmidt  
11th Shanley Butcher  
15th Mike George

### Anniversary

13th Warren & Margaret Darnley  
16th Les (RIP) & Dot Sutton

### Years Mind

11th Elsie Rimmington (Parish Family)  
13th Sarah Dennis—16th Thomas Dennis (Parish Family)



Person revealing themselves as transgender, which often manifests itself through a resistance to use the new name.

There is also a resonance with the Father, Zechariah who is unable to speak until affirming the name. There are many families that find conversations around gender issues difficult, such that they make authentic communication impossible. Being able to use the true name of a person, the name that their soul responds to opens up conversation, and while the conversation may be painful, as it involves a shift in thinking, it can be no more painful than a refusal to face the truth.

## AGM:

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

All AGM reports will need to be  
in the office  
**by Tuesday 19th January.**

Thank you.

# AGM