



## Community News

### 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



We have found  
the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God,  
the king of Israel!  
John 1:41,49

#### Weekly Church Services

##### Batemans Bay

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Holy Communion

**9.25am** 2 EAR FM

**6.30pm** Soaking

**Thursday: 10am** **Recommences 18<sup>th</sup> January**  
Holy Communion

##### Readings:

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-18 (Page 503)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Page 929)

John 1:43-51 (Page 863)

##### Readings:

**Monday:** Psalm 50:20-24; Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Psalm 89:19-27; Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Psalm 144:3-10; Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Psalm 56:8-12; Mark 3:7-12

**Friday:** Psalm 57:7-12; Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Psalm 80:1-6; Mark 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
Mark 1:14-20

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**CHURCH:** The church office is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9am-1pm and Fridays 9am-3pm.

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**ANGLICAN NEWS:**

**2024:** Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Books are available for worship –they remain in the back of the pews. The Common Cup is available for our Communion Worship. We offer individual cups for those who do not wish to use the Common Cup.

**HAND SANITISING:** COVID and Flu– please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other's space.

**POSTAGE STAMPS:** Please keep and drop any used stamps into the office for Helen Barbic.

**LENTEN STUDY:** Bishop Ian has identified a Lenten Study that the parish will undertake this year. It is hoped that all parish small groups will do the study and Bishop Ian and Doug will offer extra groups as well. The 5 session Study: Unanswered Prayer is an opportunity to prayerfully process some life's most painful questions, with 24-7 Prayer founder Pete Greig and co-host Gemma Hunt. Each session includes a video, a guide for small group discussion and practical ideas for prayer.

<https://unanswered.prayercourse.org/sessions/> The study is based on Pete Greig's book [\*God on Mute\*](#), which explores the topics in the course in more detail. The study will commence the week of 19 February with training for group leaders on 9 February. If you are not in a small group but would like to do this study please put your name on the clipboard in the office.

**SERENDIPITY SINGERS:** The Manor's singing group are in need of singers, they have rehearsals once a week on Wednesday afternoons, 2.00 to 4.00pm. Please phone Noreen Ralston-Birchall on 0408996896 for more information or to sign up.

**ART EXHIBITION:** Currently on at the Bay Pavilion, is a display by Ruth Halverson, called Precious Life, Through Visions and Dreams. Go along and have a look, you will be touched by her insight and faith. Will be on display until the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**KOLN CHAMBER PHILHARMONIE:** A musical group from the Koln Philharmonic will perform concertos from Vivaldi, Mozart and Paganini at the church on Friday 9 February from 8pm. Bookings will be required. Further details in the new year.

**PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER:** For support ring Elizabeth Dean 44724330.

Please take time to read our prayer list and ask God for one or two people on it to pray for, not necessarily people you know: Phillipa Shepherd, Veronica Newson, Dora Coma, Harry Lewis, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Keith Sutherland, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Annette Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Jonathon and Leticia, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson, Susan Bateman, Richard Austin, Eric Strachan, John Wilkinson, Marjorie Duns, Ken Ormston, Katrina Nicolls, Kerry-Lee Smith, Judy Charman and Jane.

**Bible Study:** Is in recess recommencing Sunday 22 January.

### **Sunday 14 January – Follow Jesus!**

God calls each one of us to follow him. His call may look and sound similar to those of other Christians we know but in truth each call is unique and specific to the individual who is called. Psalm 139 tells us that God sees and knows our inmost being and his call to each one of us takes that into account. We are called to life, but we are also called to purpose.

**Traditional:** Here is Love [Here is Love Welsh & English Original Lyric Video HD by Worship 4 You - YouTube](#)

**Contemporary:** Blessed Be Your Name

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTpTQ4kBLxA&ab\\_channel=MattRedmanVEVO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTpTQ4kBLxA&ab_channel=MattRedmanVEVO)

**Reading: John 1: 43- 51.** The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the

prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

**Thoughts.** Do you remember when you first heard the voice of God calling you to follow him as a disciple? For some this call was coincident to their call to salvation and flowed directly from it. For others who had perhaps grown up with faith always present it is like a gentle awakening to the idea that there was more – a richer deeper journey with God into the depths of faith. The call to Phillip and Nathaniel in this passage differs in process from the call to Andrew and Simon Peter that immediately proceeds our reading. For me who had no real faith to start from salvation came suddenly and it lifted my heavy burden and gave me incredible peace. The call to discipleship would be 6 months later but it would be equally sudden and transformative, and it happened in a stable. The call to discipleship often reveals to the disciple a new revelation as to the depths of Gods intimate knowledge of you, your dreams, aspirations and your past glories and defeats, your brokenness and your competencies and begins to reveal to you his intent in your redemption of calling you to use all of these as resources for his kingdom. This clip gives an artistic telling of Nathaniels (in yellow robe) call starting with the failure of his dreams and his call to God – to encourage your reflection: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mlAAXwoDAA&ab\\_channel=HiNature](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mlAAXwoDAA&ab_channel=HiNature) The subtitles at the end are intentional.

**Prayers:** We pray for all leaders of Government in Australia and worldwide, especially where many people are fearful.. We pray for hostages to be restored to their families and peace and peace to come in Gaza and for de-escalation of violence in Lebanon, Syria and the Red Sea. We pray for our Christian witness; Holy Spirit live in and through us. Whatever we do, whether in word or deed, may we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. We pray we will have an awareness for those in need and that we will do what we can for those in need and poverty. We give thanks for Camp Pelican and the Merry Beach Mission just completed. We give thanks for our families, homes and the community in which we live and work and ask that you bless them. We give thanks for the many visitors to our area and ask that they be refreshed by their holidays and that they encounter Christ in our midst as they visit. We pray for comfort and reassurance for the frail, the sick, those with chronic illness and for their carers, families and friends. We also pray for those who remember the loss of loved ones at this time and ask by your Spirit that they know God’s comfort.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

**Traditional:** Take My Life and Let it Be [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4l5bTdZ8M&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuTKdkFbx68JxCo0xmtG81A&index=200&ab\\_channel=ChetValleyChurches](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4l5bTdZ8M&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuTKdkFbx68JxCo0xmtG81A&index=200&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches)

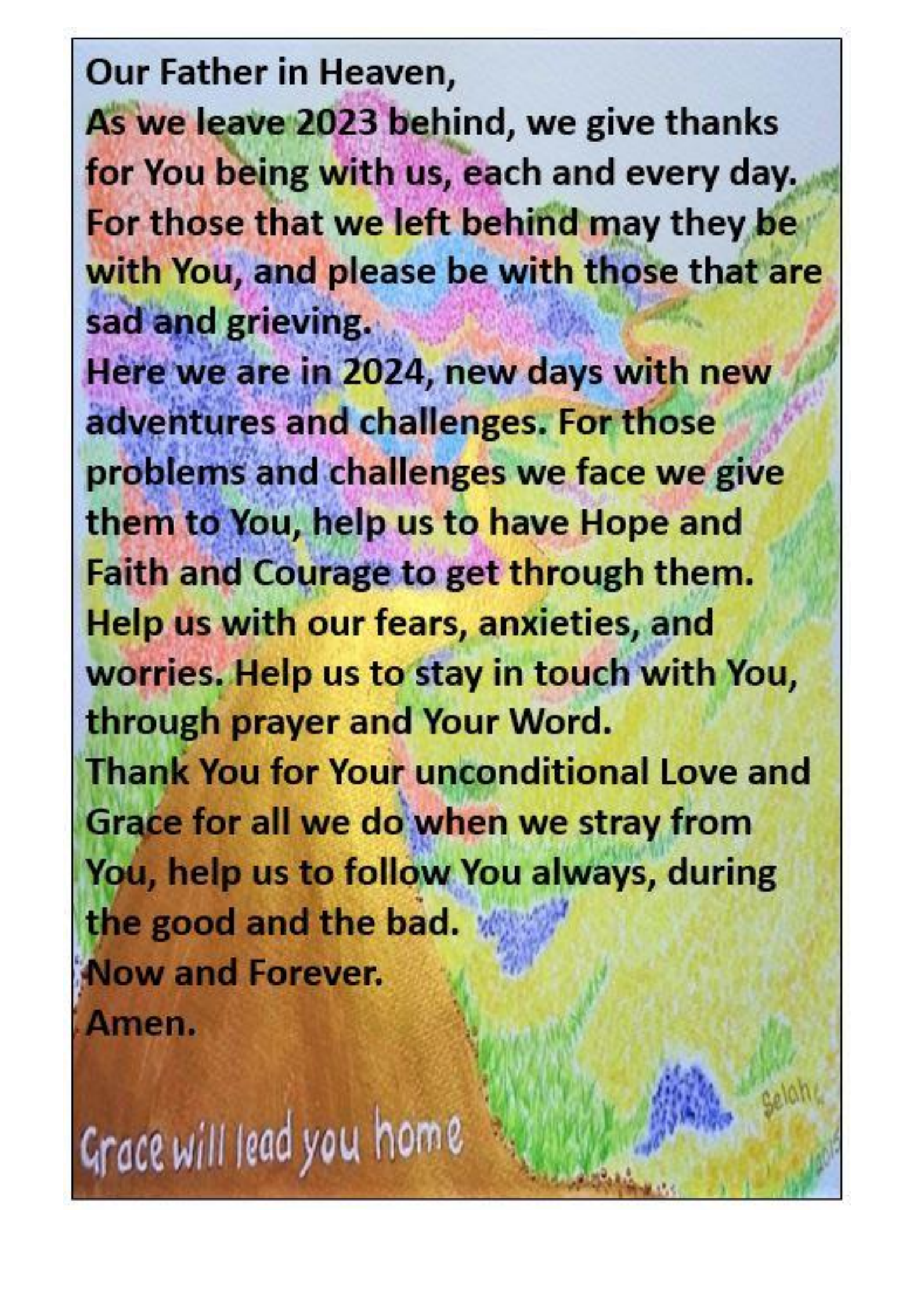
**Contemporary:** Way Maker

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZRwn\\_Thg2Q&ab\\_channel=itsallaboutyouJesus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZRwn_Thg2Q&ab_channel=itsallaboutyouJesus)

**Blessing:** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the blessing of God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forever **Shalom**

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**Our Father in Heaven,  
As we leave 2023 behind, we give thanks  
for You being with us, each and every day.  
For those that we left behind may they be  
with You, and please be with those that are  
sad and grieving.**

**Here we are in 2024, new days with new  
adventures and challenges. For those  
problems and challenges we face we give  
them to You, help us to have Hope and  
Faith and Courage to get through them.**

**Help us with our fears, anxieties, and  
worries. Help us to stay in touch with You,  
through prayer and Your Word.**

**Thank You for Your unconditional Love and  
Grace for all we do when we stray from  
You, help us to follow You always, during  
the good and the bad.**

**Now and Forever.**

**Amen.**

*Grace will lead you home*

*Selah*