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PARISH OF WEST WYALONG
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Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.

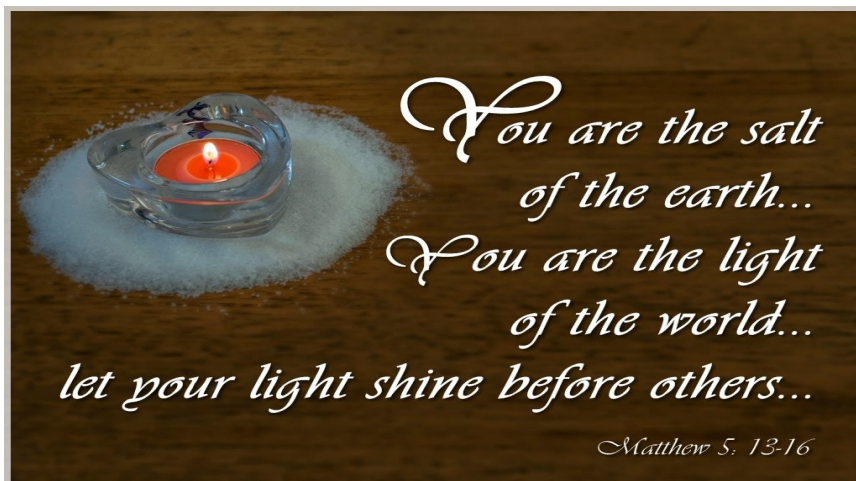


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FEBRUARY 5TH YEAR A 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.



Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5: 16

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

1 ‘Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. 2 For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 3 “Why have we fasted,” they say, “and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?” ‘Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. 4 Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord ? 6 ‘Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will

be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I. 'If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 112

**1 O praise the Lord. Blessed are they fear the Lord:
and greatly delight in his commandments.**

**2 Their children shall be mighty in the land:
an upright race who will be blessed.**

**3 Riches and plenty shall be in their house:
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.**

**4 Light arises in darkness for the upright:
gracious and merciful are the righteous.**

**5 It goes well with those who act generously and lend:
who guide their affairs with justice.**

**6 Surely they shall never be moved:
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.**

**7 They will not fear bad tidings:
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**

**8 Their hearts are confident and will not fear:
they will see the downfall of their enemies.**

9 They give freely to the poor:

their righteousness stands for ever,

their head is uplifted in glory.

10 The wicked shall see it and be angry:

they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;

and the hope of the wicked shall fail.

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1 Corinthians 2: 1-13

1 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. 6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' – the things God has prepared for those who love him – 10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his

Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to ...

Matthew 5: 13-20

13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

14 You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them, 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

19 Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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What does God want of us?

At certain times we can ask, “What does God want of me?” In these verses, Moses gives a simple answer to this question (Deuteronomy 10: 12-13) by outlining the essentials.

- 1. Fear god, that is, have reverence for him.*
- 2. Walk in all God’s ways.*
- 3. Love and serve God with all your heart.*
- 4.*

This is a very simple outline of what is required of us to maintain our faith. How often we cloud the issue about the essentials of faith by inserting man-made rules and regulations. This only leads to being tired out and frustrated from trying to please God.

Concentrate on the real requirements that God requires of you and discover his peace. In brief, respect God, follow his ways and love him and your neighbour as yourself.

*Count
-YOUR-
blessings*

BCA

Hopefully, most of you know that part of our being here at St Barnabas is that we serve as Bush Church Aid Field Staff. Hopefully also you know a bit about BCA, maybe you're a BCA supporter – if you are, thank you!

For those who are perhaps unfamiliar with Bush Church Aid and the work it does, I thought it might be helpful to provide a bit of an overview.

BCA began in 1919, when a group of 26 men and women gathered at St Andrews' Cathedral in Sydney to form the Bush Church Aid Society, with the aim of reaching Australia for Christ.

BCA has been involved in ministries such as hostel accommodation, bush hospitals, flying medical services, church planting, chaplaincy, SRE and supporting ministers in church right around Australia.

Today, there are Bush Church Aid Field Staff in 19 of the 23 Anglican Diocese in Australia, working in all manner of ministries. Our slogan is 'going the distance' – that is we will go anywhere, no matter how far, so that people hear about Jesus and are brought into relationship with the living God.

Part of the joy of being Bush Church Aid Field Staff is that the incredible support we receive from people all around Australia. Each month, BCA produces a prayer diary, where each day, particular field staff are prayed for.

We also have 'link churches' – churches that we have a special relationship with and who support us in prayer and encouragement, and who love to hear what God is doing in our church.

Caitlin and I are delighted to be serving as Bush Church Aid Field Staff here at St Barnabas, as together we go the distance for Jesus in our local community.

If you want to know more about BCA, chat to us or check out the website:
<https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/>

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Prayer Requests

Our Nation : Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



Worldwide Church: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

National Church: We join with the Church throughout Australia who today pray for the Diocese of Bathurst, for Bishop Mark Calder and Susan, the clergy and people. Pray that they will be faithful and fruitful and have the joy of seeing the Lord at work through them.

Bathurst Diocese: The Parish of Oberon: Praise God for the appointment of the Revd Jonny Lush to the parish of Oberon and ask God's wisdom and strength for Jonny and Liz in their first year of ministry there. Thank the Lord for those who have carried the load in these past few years when they were without a minister. Praying for Bishop Mark and Susan especially for safe traveling as Bishop Mark visits all the parishes with the Commissioning services.

Other needs: Pray for the nursing, ancillary and domestic staff in nursing homes, hostels, and aged care facilities and for the residents. Pray that our older citizens will be cherished and loved and that those who care for them would be given grace and patience.

Parish: We are thankful to God for His ongoing provision for us, and pray that He would guide us in His infinitely great wisdom for how we can faithfully serve His Kingdom in our community.

Community: St. Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Can Assist Committee, Far West Committee, Community Transport and their drivers. Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital.

We pray for Healing for: All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

Faithful Departed: We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: William Berick, Joe Stubbs, Ivy Thompson, Betty Porter, Laurie Cobb, Ronald Collins, Alice Rothacker, Dot Kalms, Ernie Fealy, Robert Downey, Geoffrey Luelf, Marion Leadbitter, Sue Bloomfield, Lynette Mrowka, Phillip Templeman, Colin Dudley Staniforth.

ANGLICARE

HOLY COMMUNION

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A.

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Licensed Lay
Minister on Duty

Marie Seckold

Isaiah 58: 1-9a **Noel Staniforth**

1 Corinthians 2: 1-13 **Jan Heffer**

Matthew 5: 13-20

Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE "FIVE MARKS OF MISSION"

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. Teach ,baptise, and nurture new believers.
3. Respond to human need by loving service
- 4 Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
- 5 Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 **Caitlin Klouth**

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 **Susan Haines**

Matthew 5: 21-37



Next Service 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

SIDE PERSONS:

Gwen Downey



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MORNING TEA



Helen West



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

CHURCH CLEANING



BRASS CLEANING



FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath

Frank Magrath
Terry Butcher



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COUNTING TODAY

Service Schedule



Service for next Sunday:
Holy Communion 9.30am

We welcome everyone

BIRTHDAY:

Congratulations to those celebrating No Birthday's or Anniversaries this coming week.



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Welcome Gift

Thank you to all those who have donated towards the Welcome Gift for Steven and Caitlin Klouth so far. Feel free to continue as the Gift will only be handed out on the 11th February at his Commissioning Service.

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The Commissioning of Rev Steven Klouth will take place on **Saturday, February 11th at 11am, here at St. Barnabas Anglican Church.**

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The Catering Committee will be providing sandwiches at the finger lunch after Rev Steven's Commissioning Service on the 11th February. Parishioners are asked to help by bringing along a slice/cake or suitable finger food.

There is a list at the back of the Church where you can add your name and what you plan on bringing,

Many thanks to all.

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Notes to Remember:

- *At Parish Council Meeting, it was decided that fund raising events could and should be held this year.*
- *The First event Pan Cake Night on Tuesday 21st February.*
- *Second event End of Day Light Breakfast.*
- *The Catering committee have been asked to organise these events, but they will require a lot of help.*

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A Sure Way to A Happy Day

Happiness is something we create in our minds—

It's not something you search for

And so seldom find.

It's just waking up and beginning the day

By counting our blessings and kneeling to pray.

It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent

And accepting what comes as a gift heaven-sent,

It's giving up wishing for things we have not

And making the best of whatever we've got.

It's knowing that life is determined for us

And pursuing our tasks

Without fret, fume, or fuss...

For it's by completing what God gives us to do

That we find real contentment and happiness, too.