



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

*We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of this region.
All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.*

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Cathedral Parish Vision: *"People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.* **23rd January 2022**
3rd after Epiphany

Sentence from Scripture

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' *Luke 4.18*

The Prayer of the day

Life-giving God,
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your
kingdom
and to teach with authority:
anoint us with your Spirit,
that we too may bring good news to the
poor,
bind up the broken-hearted,
and proclaim liberty to the captive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A Prayer for a new Dean

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your wisdom give to this
Cathedral parish a pastor after your
own heart, who will walk in your
ways, and with loving care watch
over your people. Give us a leader
of vision and a teacher of your
truth, an encourager who will equip
us for ministry, and enable us to
fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose,
wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous
hearts, for Jesus' sake. **Amen**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays – 9.00am only

Meditation in person: 4.15pm Mondays

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month **TODAY**
St Alban's Kilmany No services in January
St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month **TODAY**

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Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Naomi McDonald 5144 5922

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student Hemirose Igo at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Prophet Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' *Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,

and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

Its rising is at one end of the heavens,

and its circuit to their farthest bound:

and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

the command of the Lord is true,

and makes wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,

and rejoice the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure,

and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:

the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,

and righteous every one.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey,

than the honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,

lest they get the mastery over me:

so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation

of my heart be acceptable in your sight:

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from The first Letter to the Corinthians

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. *1 Corinthians 12.12-31*

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ *Luke 4.14-21*

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection on today’s readings of the third Sunday after Epiphany.

Nehemiah (8:1-3,5-6,8-10) is a story of Ezra reading from “the book of Moses” with interpretation offered by the Levites, a given context of public worship during which listening and reflecting upon scripture become a deeply personal and communal encounter with the living presence of God.

Paired with the Luke reading (Luke 4:14-21) another context is presented where those present are invited to listen attentively to a passage from scripture. Jesus, a Nazareth ‘lad’ comes to his hometown where, due to his recent reputation throughout Galilee, he is invited, upon entering the synagogue on the Sabbath to read from the great prophet Isaiah (who spoke often of the coming Anointed one of God).

In an atmosphere of silence and attentiveness, ‘all eyes fixed on him’ (v20), Jesus announced ‘today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing

(v21). Ancient, prophetic words become Jesus' mission statement, Isaiah's prophecy is embodied and to be fulfilled in him.

As God's anointed, Luke shows in his following chapters how Jesus enacts/lives out this promise. The key in these readings is 'listening with understanding' to the immensely rich spiritual, cultural, religious, and historical contexts in which all scriptural passage is embedded. Attentiveness to God's Word, individually and together, is the process by which we grow in understanding of what it means to be baptized, to be saturated with the Holy Spirit, to know our need of God and have the 'sight' to recognize Jesus as God incarnate.

On this Sunday we are invited to deepen our dedication to reading and praying scripture, to hear how the Spirit revives, liberates, sustains, unites, and gives life. Our relationship with God in and through Jesus is how our God-given gifts as described in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 can be exercised, in order to live the way of Messiah where the divine favour knows no boundaries and has no favourites. His love is beyond description and comprehension but knowable in our lives, personally and corporately as the Body of Christ.

With kind regards

Liam Matthews Locum/acting dean

Gathering together in worship.

Understandable concern has arisen across the Diocese regarding 'safe' church worship given the alarming rise in Covid-19 infections. The Lay Canons of the Cathedral and myself, your Acting Dean remain committed to live-streaming our Sunday Eucharist, maintaining the Covid-safe social distancing, wearing masks and signing in upon arrival for the service.

HOWEVER, we fully understand should some of you prefer to participate, only, in the Eucharist through the live-stream. If this be the case and you would like to receive the sacrament at home, then please contact the named individuals below so we can carefully arrange, on a rotational basis, to bring you Holy Communion

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Until the end of January, there will be **ONLY ONE** Sunday morning Holy Communion Service at 9am and these will **be open to all**.

Meditation is on Monday to Friday on line and in person in the cathedral on Mondays at 4.15pm

The 10 am service each week is live streamed.

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