

Psalm: 8

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- ¹ O Lord our Governor: how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- ² **Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted: by the mouths of babes and sucklings.**
- ³ You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries: to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴ **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers: the moon and the stars which you have set in order,**
- ⁵ What are we, that you should be mindful of us: what are we, that you should care for us?
- ⁶ **Yet you have made us little less than gods: and have crowned us with glory and honour.**
- ⁷ You have given us dominion over your handiwork: and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
- ⁸ **All sheep and oxen: and all the creatures of the field,**
- ⁹ The birds of the air and the fish of the sea: and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.
- ¹⁰ **O Lord our Governor: how glorious is your name in all the earth!**

Prayer of the Week

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life be led to the vision of your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

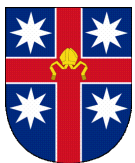
A Parish Prayer for Growth

God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, and Power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Faith

Loving God, I bring before you,
_____,
I pray that they would come to accept Jesus into their life. Give them Joy and Peace in knowing You through Jesus and help them to be guided by the Holy Spirit, seeking to follow Jesus in all that they do. **Amen.**

Diocesan Prayer



God in whom we live, and move and have our being, we thank you for Jesus Christ who is the Good News. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be people who transform lives, make disciples and grow communities, that your glory may be revealed in all creation. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Readings for 8th January 2023 — The Baptism of our Lord
Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17



St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Tweed Heads

Our Vision: Transforming lives through Jesus Christ.
Our Mission: Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ,
Making disciples and Growing faith communities.

THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS 1ST JANUARY 2023

WELCOME



Sentence: God spoke of old by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. Hebrews 1.1-2

Collect: God our Father,
you gave to your incarnate Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation:
may every tongue confess
that he, who for our sake became obedient to the law,
is both Lord and Christ, to your eternal glory;
for he now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

Numbers 6: 22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-21

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Weekly Services:

Sunday 9.00am, Wednesday 10.00am

Reflection

Around the Anglican Communion today, and beyond, many people will be singing the hymn, *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*. It was written by John Newton, who also wrote *Amazing grace*. Newton knew the power of Jesus' name and how it could soothe sorrows, heal wounds, drive away fear, make whole the wounded spirit, calm the troubled heart, be heavenly food to the hungry and rest to the weary. This power is because the name Jesus means the Lord is salvation. The name of Jesus tells us who he is and what he has come to offer to us as a baby in a manger in a far-flung part of the Roman Empire. How can we honour the name that is above all others in our lives this year?

- Lord Jesus Christ, may I live in a way that honours your name today and every day throughout 2023
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Text Robert McLean
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Wednesday Services — Holidays

After Christmas there will be a holiday for our Regular Wednesday Services. Wednesday Services will resume on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Notice of Parish Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th February 2023 commencing at 10:30am. This is the 3rd Year so elections are required. Would all event coordinators please have your reports for the AGM into the Parish Office by Friday, 27th January 2023 Thank you.

Scrabble Group

We will be resuming in the New Year
Everyone is welcome.
Any queries please see Barbara Marr

Craft / Friendship Group

We will be having a break and resuming on the 6th February 2023
Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Singing Group

Singing Group will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Our next rehearsal is Thursday 12th January. Starting at 4.00pm NSW Time. Any queries please see Tricia Townend.

Personal Notes

Birthdays:

1st Beryl Burns, 3rd Belinda McIntosh
5th Glynnis Gamble

Wedding Anniversaries:

4th Brook & Maria Koopmans
5th Ross & Del Johnson



Prayer List

The following people are in need of our prayers at this time:

Julie, June, Jeri & Tony de Kievit, Matthew Read, Glynnis Gamble, Martina Benzen, Gwyneth Clarke, Mavis Johnson, Stephen Blaney, Chrissie Carroll, Bill Wordsworth, Louise Talbot, Alan Wyatt, Wendy Crook, Betty Hagen, Betty Bell, Daphne Hawtin, Fay Flaherty, Loretta Flaherty, Joy Kendrick, Iris Pyle, Jacqueline Kerr, Val Chapman, Barbara, Cressa Bartosek, Margaret Dudgeon, Trish Hooley, Cliff Boyd, Janis Hepburn, Wynn Gilliland, Christine Charlton, Colin Hawtin, Nancy Walker, Mervyn Fitzpatrick, Elan, Robyn Hobson.

Church is committed to protecting your privacy. People on this list have requested prayer.

Please contact the Parish Office for any changes to the Prayer List

Coming up

Sunday 1st January 2023 @ 10.30am **Sausage Sizzle after Church today**
Wednesday 22nd February 2023 **Welcome the New Year.**
Sunday 26th February 2023 @ 10.30am **Ash Wednesday**
Parish Annual General Meeting

Notes from Exciting Holiness "Collects and Readings for the Festivals of the Church Calendar"

"The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus—1st January"

The celebration of this scriptural festival marks three events: firstly, the naming of the infant Christ as Jesus; secondly, the circumcision as the sign of the covenant between God and Abraham 'and his children forever', thus Christ's keeping of the Law; and thirdly, traditionally the first shedding of the Christ's blood. The most significant of these in the gospels is the name itself, which means "Yahweh Saves" and so is linked to the question asked by Moses of God: 'What is your name?' 'I am, who I am', was the reply, hence the significance of Jesus words: 'Before Abraham was, I am.' This feast has been observed in the Church since at least the sixth century.

"The Epiphany—6th January"

The subtitle in the *Book of Common Prayer* of this, one of the principal feasts of the church, is 'The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles'. This emphasizes that, from the moment of the incarnation, the Good News of Jesus is for all: Jew and Gentile, the wise and the simple, male and female. Nothing in the Greek text of the gospels indicates that the magi were all male; even the idea that here were three and they were kings is a much later, non-scriptural, tradition. The date of this feast goes back to the tradition of the Eastern Church, which celebrated both the Nativity and the Baptism of Christ on the 6th January, whilst the West celebrated the Nativity on the 25th December. As often happens, the two dates merged into a beginning and an end of the same celebration. The Western Church adopted 'the twelve days of Christmas' climaxing on the 5th January, the eve of Epiphany, or 'Twelfth Night'. The implication by the fifth century was that this was the night on which the Magi arrived. The complications of dating became even more confused with the changing in the West from the Julian to the Gregorian Calendar, the Eastern Church refusing to play any part in such a radical change. So this day remains the chief day of celebrating the incarnation in Orthodox Churches.

Suggestion Box

Planning is underway for 2023. If you have any IDEAS, Please place them in the box at the rear of the Church. The box will be here until 29th January 2023. Or you can speak to the Wardens or Rev Dway.

Lectionaries for 2023

Lectionaries for 2023 have arrived and are available at the back of the Church. Payments can be made with the envelope provided in the Lectionary and placed in the offertory at the front of the Church.

Supporting our Parish Ministry

A Big Thank You to All who financially support our Parish either at Worship or electronically. We now have a new Bank Account with the Commonwealth Bank.

If you would like to contribute electronically to the mission and ministry of our Parish, you can use the following account. Direct Debiting to our St Cuthbert's Parish Account

Name: ST CUTHBERT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA TWEED HEADS
BSB: 064410
Account No.:10395636

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