



29 January
2012

Including St Peter's, Sutton
and St Andrew's, Wamboin

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Thursday marks the 20th anniversary of the Rev'd Ken Batterham's ordination to the priesthood. Today we celebrate with him at the 8am service and invite you all to morning tea to congratulate him after the service. Ken will also celebrate at the 8 am Eucharist on Thursday, 2 February. (Photo: Richard Jones)

*Our vision is to be a vibrant Christ-centred community that engages
and transforms the heart and soul of Canberra.*



From the Rector

CONGRATULATIONS SHEILA

Congratulations go to our Director of Music, Sheila Thompson, who was awarded an ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (OAM) for service to the community of Canberra as a church organist and musical director; Director of Music, St John the Baptist Anglican Church, since 1988; Organist, since 1988; Co-Conductor, U3A Choral Studies Group, since 1994; Volunteer Organist/Pianist; St Andrew's Village and Jindalee Nursing Homes, since 2001.

St John's has enjoyed a long tradition of musical excellence, which has continued under Sheila's stewardship. She has a performance degree in pipe organ from the Canberra School of Music and is a teacher of piano and organ.

St John's pipe organ was built in 1981 by Ronald Sharp, who built the organ at the Sydney Opera House. As a gifted organist and performer Sheila has enhanced our worship life and has promoted organ and church music to the wider population of Canberra. There is a shortage of people who can play the pipe organ and as a teacher Sheila has encouraged others to learn and play the pipe organ for future generations.

We live in an age where churches have to pay for Directors of Music and organists. In my last parish in Melbourne this was a substantial cost to our budget. Sheila has acted in this capacity at St John's in a completely voluntary capacity.

We value Sheila's enthusiasm and exceptional commitment to the music and people at St John's. I have found that nothing is too much trouble for her and that time and time again she is prepared to 'go the extra mile'. Such is her commitment to volunteerism, church music, worship and belonging to our faith community.

We thank you, Sheila, for all you give to both our St John's community and the wider community of Canberra.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Epiphany 4 (BCP)

PREACHERS at ST JOHN'S

Morning Services: The Rev'd David Hill

Celebrants / Officiants

7.00 am	EUCCHARIST (BCP)	The Rev'd David Hill
8.00 am	SUNG EUCCHARIST	The Rev'd Ken Batterham
9.30 am	CHURCH FAMILY EUCCHARIST	The Rev'd Paul Black
11.15 am	SUNG MATTINS (BCP)	The Rev'd Paul Black

ST ANDREW'S, WAMBOIN

5.00 pm Eucharist

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev'd Vicky Cullen

Morning scripture readings

Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of power and might, when your awesome presence was too much for your people to bear, you sent prophets to guide, to each, and to call us back to the ways of life. In the fullness of time, you again dwelt powerfully with your people, sending your Son Jesus to open our eyes, that we might see your ways anew; to open our hearts and minds, that we might understand and proclaim your teaching for all to hear. **Amen.**

CLERGY AVAILABILITY

Are you a newcomer or a visitor? Please make yourself known to a clergyperson or a sidesperson. If anyone has any pastoral need or concern, or would like to discuss any issues from today's services or any other matter, a member of the clergy would be pleased to meet with you. Please contact the parish office to arrange a meeting.

BISHOP STUART'S PRAYER FOR HEALING SERVICE

Bishop Stuart's Prayer for Healing Service will be at 7 pm this **Wednesday, 1 February** in the Church (these services are held on the first Wednesday of each month).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH START-UP SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, 5 February** we welcome back all the young people from their Christmas holidays with a fun session after 9.30 am church. There will be activities (including a jumping castle) and a shared brunch. This is also the time for you to meet with Children's Church and Greenhouse leaders and enrol your children for the year. Please bring a plate of food to share, either sweet or savoury, and plan to enjoy the time following the service. We expect to wind up around noon. For more information please contact Michael Richards, our youth worker. Michael's contact details are on the back of the pew sheet.

CHURCHYARD WORKING BEE

The monthly working bee will be held this **Saturday, 4 February**, starting at 9.30 am. All are welcome. Please see Colin Lendon on arrival. The main jobs are tidying graves and raking. Please bring your own equipment if possible. A limited amount of parish equipment is available. Morning tea will be provided.

20th Anniversary of Delay in Women's Ordination to the Priesthood

This week marks the 20th anniversary of a significant day in the life of this diocese and the national church. On 2 February 1992, 11 women deacons were not ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Owen Dowling, following a Supreme Court of NSW injunction preventing him from doing so. By the end of 1992, women had been ordained to the priesthood in most dioceses across Australia. This **Thursday, 2 February** all are warmly invited to an evening of recognition of the courage and perseverance which made this possible and a celebration of the ordained ministry of women across the country since that day. The evening will consist of a celebratory Eucharist and "bring-and-share" dinner **at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, commencing at 6 pm**. A plaque commemorating the ministry of Bishop Owen will be placed in the Cathedral at this time.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE LEGAL YEAR CHURCH SERVICE

The Annual Service to mark the commencement of the Legal Year will be held this year at St John's on **Monday, 30 January at 9 am**. All welcome. Judges, magistrates and members of the legal profession are invited to enter the Church in procession. Morning tea will be provided following the service.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be on **Sunday, 26 February** at 5 pm. There will be children's activities during the meeting. Afterwards (around 6 pm) we will enjoy a shared BYO meal. AGMs are important events in the life of every parish community, and we encourage you to be present.

The Annual Report will be distributed on **Sunday, 19 February**. Please submit items for the report by **Friday, 10 February** to admin@stjohnscanberra.org.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Beginning this week the timetable of weekday services will be as follows:

Tue 8am Morning Prayer

Wed 8am Morning Prayer 10am Eucharist (BCP) 5pm Christian Meditation

Thu 8am Eucharist

Fri 9am Morning Prayer.

St John's in "7.30 Report" on ABC TV

The ABC is producing a feature on Duntroon and plans to include film of the imposing plaque in St John's dedicated to General Bridges, who died at Gallipoli and whose funeral was held at St John's on 3 September 1915. He is buried on Mount Pleasant (details in *Firm Still You Stand*.) The item is due to run on the ABC's "7.30 Report" on **Friday, 3 February** or **Friday, 10 February**.

THOUGHT OF NOMINATING FOR PARISH COUNCIL?

Have you ever thought about nominating for our Parish Council leadership team? The Council, comprising Clergy, Church Wardens and Parish Councillors, is our decision-making body. It meets monthly to wrestle with matters ranging from broad strategic directions to the day-to-day administration of the parish.

The new Council will be elected at the AGM. Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to exercise this ministry in the parish. If you would like to talk about it, please speak to a member of the clergy or a current Parish Councillor.

ANGLICAN CHURCH FLAG

The Anglican Church flag now flies on the flagpole. The design reflects the Church's link with the Church of England, with the St George's cross and blue field of St Andrew, and the stars add an Australian dimension. The gold design in the middle represents a bishop's mitre.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St John's will be held in the Robertson Room on **Thursday, 16 February at 6pm**. A light supper will be served. In addition to reports there will be the election of the new committee. Nomination forms are available from Penny Tompsett, 6161 7886, pennytompsett@grapevine.com.au. Charlotte Nattey has been invited to report on the work that the Association of Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (ADFAS) has completed on the building and fabric of St John's.

PARISH FAIR UPDATE

We plan to have our parish fair on the 2nd Saturday of October each year—which is **Saturday, 13 October** this year! To begin planning, stall convenors from our last fair and other interested parishioners are invited to a meeting on **Saturday, 11 February at 10 am** in the Robertson Room.

JAMIESON DEVELOPMENT SALES SHED

The Jamieson Development is installing a sales shed in the former car park. It is expected to be open in February.

COURSES AT ST MARK'S

St Mark's welcomes people who want to expand their theological horizons or enrich their spiritual life but who don't want to enrol formally or submit assignments for assessment. You can receive the Charles Sturt University study guide and set readings and participate in lectures and tutorials. The cost of auditing a subject is \$175 per semester.

Courses for first semester (27 February to 1 June 2012) include:

Introduction to Christian Theology

Rev'd Dr Geoff Broughton

Introduction to Old Testament Studies

Rev'd Dr Jeanette Matthews

Christian Spirituality

Ms Sue Dunbar

For further details, contact St Mark's by **Tuesday, 31 January**: 6272 6252, stmarksadmin@csu.edu.au, www.stmarksntc.org.au

ST JOHN'S CARE



Last week I wrote about the Christmas Room and how good it was.

This week I want to say how wonderful you were during 2011. It was an amazing year for St John's Care. You have to remember that we do this without government assistance— this is something that we do in partnership with Anglicare. What we do is look after Canberrans who are having a hard time and I can assure you that there are plenty who are doing it tough.

Last year we saw 2,933 clients and provided food for 6,111 adults and children. This is an absolutely mammoth task. Just think about the quantities of food that passed through our doors. We try to provide enough food for our clients for at least three or four days. So each of those 2,933 clients would have received at least: a litre of milk, a loaf of bread, pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti, Weetbix, jam or Vegemite, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat dishes and so much more. As a conservative estimate, we gave away more than \$300,000 worth of food last year.

We do it with a smile and a lot of Christian love, the Volunteers at St John's Care are really special people (don't tell them I said that or they will be insufferable), but they are. So loving and caring and for so many of our clients, to be respected as a person is a real novelty.

We do a terrific job, but we can't do it without your support. January is a bit of a lean month for donations, so please get back in the habit of putting something in the basket each week – St John's Care is not about me or the Volunteers , it is about you the supporter.

My wish list for this week: Pasta and Pasta Sauce, School Supplies, Exercise books, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.

Many Thanks

Sue

**Worship this week
at St John's Church**

Monday 9 am Commencement of the
Legal Year Service
Tuesday 8 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday: 8 am Morning Prayer
10 am Eucharist (BCP)
5 pm Christian Meditation
7 pm Prayer for Healing Service
Thursday: 8 am Eucharist
Friday: 9 am Morning Prayer

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2012
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11;
1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39

Preachers

Morning services: The Rev'd
Margaret Campbell

Evening service: The Rev'd Paul
Black

Services

7.00 am Eucharist (BCP)
8.00 am Sung Eucharist
9.30 am Church Family Eucharist
11.15 am Sung Eucharist (BCP)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

**ST ANDREW'S, WAMBOIN
9.00 am Morning Prayer**

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The Rev'd David Hill; Canon Geoff Sibly.

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CHOIR PRACTICE

St John's Choir: Thursday 6 pm

St John's Choristers: Thursday 8pm