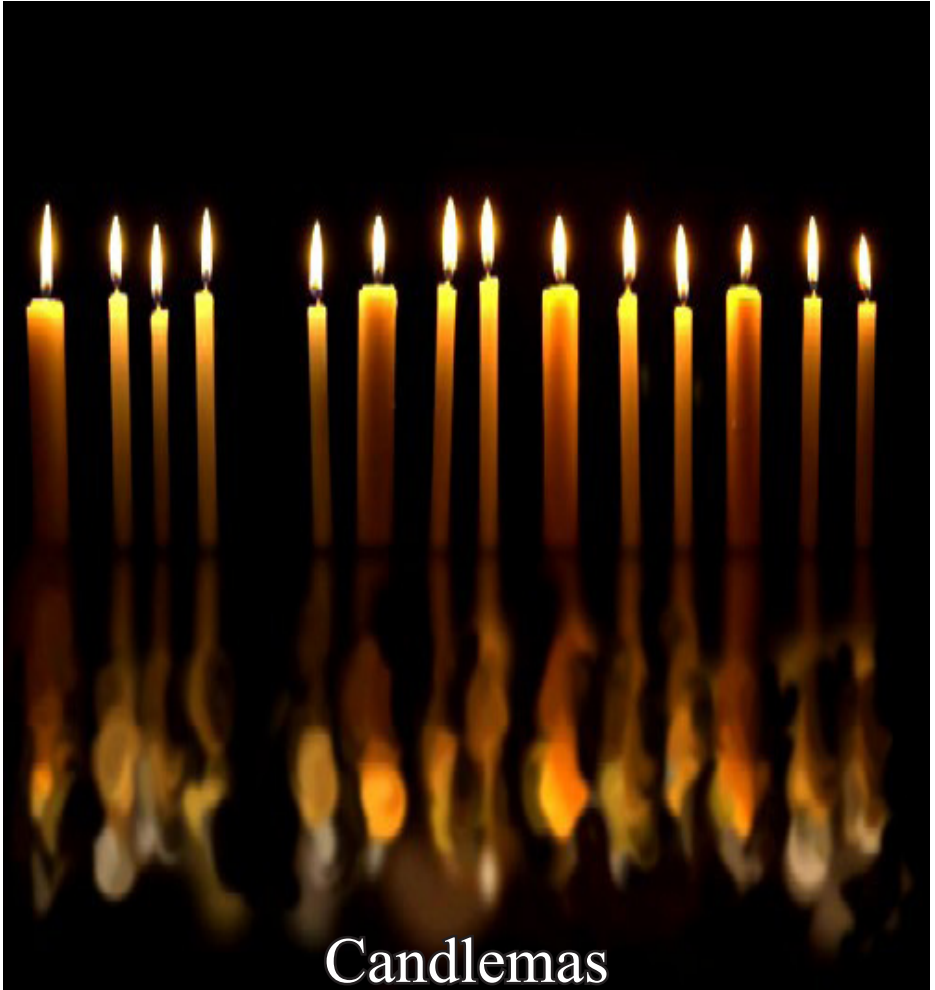


Gisborne Anglican Parish

St John's, Riddells Creek
St Paul's, Gisborne
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon



Candlemas

(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

February 3rd/4th, 2018

Image: Let light transform darkness on Candlemas.
(Groundhog Day)
Image: Kate Braun

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our sidespersons.

Today's worship: To be a light to lighten the Gentiles

Welcome, again, to Groundhog Day! Yes, this is the very day that the movie is based upon. If the groundhog sees its shadow today, it will be another 6 weeks of, well, winter there, but summer here. Seeing the shadow is dependent on seeing the light. Today, we celebrate the *light that shines in the darkness* which is for all the world. Traditionally, candles for use of the Church year were blessed today. Next week, another festival light marks our turning from Christmas to Lent. This is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Light, especially here for us during the height of summer, is very important. In baptism, we are called to let our light shine to the glory of God the Father. Today, as we, God's servants, wend our way in peace, knowing his word has been kept, we take our light into the world to love and serve our Lord.

Readings for today: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple [transferred])

Readings for next week: Transfiguration 2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-12; Mark 9.2-9

Parish Fire Policy:

If a CODE RED day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day.

This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan. Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

The Parish is now on Twitter: @GisborneAnglica #whyashme

The Gathering of God's People

Opening Hymn, during which candles are lit.

Introit Hymn: **TiS 212** Christ whose glory fills the sky

The Presider welcomes the people

Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the feast of our Saviour's birth. Today, on the last day of that Christmas season, we remember the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple. They came to present him in accordance with the law, but he had come to fulfil the prophecy that the Lord God would enter his Temple and greet those who believed in him.

Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple, recognised Christ as the One sent from God and proclaimed him joyfully. Called together by that same Holy Spirit, let us now welcome Christ, who comes to us in the breaking of bread, that we may without fear receive him when he comes in glory.

The congregation hold up their lit candles.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
true light of the world,
and source of light eternal,
shine upon the hearts of your faithful,
that all in this holy place
who are illuminated by these candles
may walk with joy towards the light of your glory.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Candles are kept alight as we sing the song of the angels:

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray

God of light,
your eternal Word
came to share our flesh and blood
and build us into a living temple
for your praise and glory.
Guide us by the Holy Spirit
to recognise and welcome your Christ
however he may present himself to us,
so that on the day of his coming in judgement,
we may be found righteous in your sight,
and our lives may be accepted
as an offering pleasing to you.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the prophet Malachi, chapter 3, beginning at verse 1.

(3.1 – 4)

Psalm 24

Said at St John's and St Paul's

Sung at Church of the Resurrection



The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glo - ry.

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it up on the seas,
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

‘Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?’

‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

‘They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.’
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’
‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’

Setting by John McCann

Hebrews 2.14-18

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

“I am the light of the world,” says the Lord:
“whosoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 2, beginning
at verse 22.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 2.22-40

Breaking Open the Word

After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.

*Today, as we continue the Epiphany season, we say together our Baptismal Creed, the
Apostles Creed.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Fr Dennis affirms the declaration of God's people:

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
✠Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Ministry of Prayer

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of the people.

At the end of the prayers we pray together:

As we, with one voice, offer our prayers, we place the names of those for whom our prayers have been asked on the altar, offering them to you with our gifts as we pray:

**Lord,
bless your people who seek your mercy,
and as you have planted in their hearts
the desire to be one with you,
so let that longing be fulfilled.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with one another.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: TiS 453 We limit not the truth of God

With this bread that we bring
 we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
 we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring.

**Almighty God,
accept the joyful praises of your Church,
and grant that your Son may shine in us
as the light that lightens every nation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer of thanksgiving continues

...in this their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Thanksgiving continues

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.
 **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The prayer concludes...

...in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into
your kingdom.**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:

Happy are those called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Come, this is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Communion

Anthem during communion at the Church of Resurrection:

Christ be with me - J. Pachabel, arranged by Noel Rawsthorne (bn 1929)

Post Communion Prayer

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.

**Take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them;
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

Post Communion Hymn

During the hymn, the candles are lit again.

Thanksgiving Hymn: TiS 324 Lord, now let your servant go in peace

Blessing and Sending Out of God's People

Let us, Lord, depart in peace.

Your word has been fulfilled.

Our eyes have seen your glory:

glory of the only Son and your people Israel.

We are called to be a light to the world.

Send us out joyfully to love and serve the Lord.

Take your light that shines in your heart into the world
that your lives may bring radiance to the darkest corners of this world:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

We go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

*At Church of the Resurrection,
Sonata in F for Flute and Organ 2nd Movement.
Benedetto Marcello (1688-1739)*

Notices:

**Leading our Church into Growth –
Group Gatherings!**



Session 1 - Our Calling (*Telling our story and helping people meet Jesus*)

Tuesday, February 20 1.30pm – Parish Centre
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, February 21 10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

Session 2 - Our Journey (*Growing deeper as followers of Jesus*)

Tuesday, March 6 1.30pm – Parish Centre &
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, March 7 10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

Session 3 - Our Heart (*Worship that helps the church to grow*)

Tuesday, March 20 1.30pm – Parish Centre
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, March 21 10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

Let us come together this Lent to action leading our church into growth!

More information to follow

El Kanah, Marysville, Parish Getaway 2018: Long Weekend, June 8th – 11th. Our attendance supports a Christian organisation in a community still recovering from the Black Saturday bushfires.

For further information, contact Peter Davies 0498 931 738 or email pmd3@bigpond.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb 14

#whyashme Ashing at Gisborne and Macedon Railway Stations 7.15-8.30 am
10 am St Paul's & 8 pm Church of the Resurrection

ASH WEDNESDAY FIRE ANNIVERSARY, Friday Feb 16

Church of the Resurrection open all day for reflection and prayer.

7.30 am Morning Prayer

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Noon: Midday Prayers

8.00 pm Taize style Prayer at the
End of Day.

The next EFM Interlude Book is :

We Are Theologians : *Strengthening the People of God* by Frederika Thompsett and we will continue to discuss it together Thursday 8th February 2018.



RIDDELLS CREEK WHOLE OF TOWN GARAGE SALE

This year: February (not March) 17th.

\$5 to register a garage; \$3 for a map.

Please contact the Neighbourhood House on 5428 7836 or email rcnh@westnet.com.au to register your interest.

Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House Inc.

Open: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10.00am - 3.00pm,

59 Main Road, Riddells Creek 3431.



RIDDELLS CREEK OP SHOP FASHION PARADE

Riddells Creek Community Centre Sunday February 4th 2-5pm.

Entry: \$15 - includes a glass of bubbly, afternoon tea and lunch door prizes.

All items are available for purchase plus much more at our pop up “Op-Shop” Raffles with great prizes for sale at the event. Funds raised support Bristol Night Owls Relay for Life team 2018.

Contact MELISSA HATLY 0417 657 014 prior to the event for tickets.

Ninth Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture: Monday February 19th, 7.30 pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church. Barney Zwartz, Senior Fellow, Centre for Public Christianity. Lecture entitled: *The Challenge of Secularism*. Free admission, and includes supper.

Parish Asylum Seeker Grocery Appeal : Many thanks to all those who donated to the Parish Anglicare Broadmeadows Women’s’ Community House asylum seeker grocery appeal. A grocery delivery was most gratefully received by the House recently. The generous response from our Parish is most appreciated. Janine McDougall, co-convenor, Parish Refugee Support Group.

Christmas Bowl Appeal: Appreciation to parishioners for their support which has resulted in a total of \$1,740.50 being raised for Act for Peace. This amount includes the offertories at all Centres, the donations at the Readings & Carols service plus the raffle. A fine effort.

St Paul’s Guild: Members are reminded of their first meeting for the year, tomorrow Monday 5 February at 1.30pm at the Parish Centre. Any new members would be made very welcome. Enquiries to Elaine, 5428 2522.

Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy: We have received an email thanking us for our donation of \$1,700.00 raised at the Book & Bric-a-Brac Sale. “We greatly appreciate the support of the Gisborne Anglican Parish to the Chaplaincy”, from Bronwyn Tacey, Secretary.