

## What's coming up – Very Soon!

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm LA/LPM Meeting
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8pm Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm Opening of Lucy's Art Exhibition
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First Sunday of LENT

**Pray** that we seek and find our strength in the Divine..... Give thanks for all who serve the common good... and for the opportunities we have to bring life and light to others. Pray for those who work to sustain our community here at St Paul's and acknowledge the generosity we share as maintain this place of peace and worship.. Pray that we may always see ourselves in relation to the poorest, the outcast, the oppressed and the afflicted.... And see ourselves in relation to the Glory of God. Give thanks for the beauty that is around us and within us. Pray that we may know ourselves as the abiding place of the Divine. Pray for each other, and for all who know pain, anxiety, loneliness and conflict. Pray for those whose hands we hold and for those in whose hands we are held. Pray for those who dwell in shadows, make us wise and faithful friends who carry a lamp to them.. Pray for our continued participation in God's creative purpose. Give thanks for those who create peace and who are not afraid...For refugees and asylum seekers and all who offer them hospitality. Give thanks that we have freedom to live and pray that we may bring freedom to others. Pray that we may know ourselves as the abiding place of the Divine.

### Readings for NEXT Sunday

<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b> Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	2 Kings 5:1-14	Dot Taylor
	Psalm 30	
	1Corinthians 9:24-27	Joan Jessup
	Mark 1:40-45	

*Morning & Evening prayer 6.30am & 6.30pm*

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*Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?*

# St Paul's Beaconsfield

## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Welcome to** all who come to worship this Sunday. **Welcome to** all who join us for the first time; you are invited to share with us in Communion and after the service for hospitality in the hall

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### Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Isaiah questions us in today's first reading and so asks us to reflect on our 'knowing' of God.

What do we hear when the Holy Scriptures are read? Do we hear the same as we've always heard, or do we hear something new – something spoken directly to us in the present moment?

Listening to the 'Word of God' is a listening to our own becoming, a listening for the creative life within us and within all..

*Our beginnings are in Eden, O God;*

*our genesis is in you.*

*Open to us the gateways of your presences in life  
and the doors that lead us further into your mystery.*

*Awaken our memory of the garden of our beginnings*

*that we may find ourselves again in you.*

(From Celtic Treasure - Philip Newell)

Here, we renew our strength, so that we may mount up with wings like eagles, and run and not be weary. In our being together we encourage, and are encouraged, we enrich and we are enriched, we Give of ourselves and in our giving we find ourselves given life.

## 1. Eternal, Unchanging

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Eternal, unchanging, we sing to your praise:  
Your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;  
Your servants proclaim the renown of your name  
Who rules over all and is ever the same.

Again we rejoice in the world you have made,  
Your mighty creation in beauty arrayed.  
We thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,  
For love and for hope that no power can destroy.

We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,  
The might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,  
His comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,  
The faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

We welcome **Gwen Powell** in Holy Baptism together with  
her parents and sponsors.

And we give thanks that as one body we grow into our oneness and our  
fullness as we open ourselves to embrace each other.

You yourself are even another little world and have within you  
the sun and the moon and also the stars.

*Origen (200AD)*



## 4. Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the servant King,  
he calls us now to follow Him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn;  
“Yet not my will but yours’ He said

*Refrain*

Come see His hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

*Refrain*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone Him;  
Each other’s needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we’re serving.

*Refrain*

## Car Park Update

We are getting close to finalising plans/contracts for our car park (at last!).  
The wardens have put in a great deal of work to establish a realistic budget  
which has come down from an initial \$172,000 to a current project budget of  
\$61,231. The costs will be shared with the DAMA community housing  
alongside the church.

Thank you to all who are contributing extra to clear our loan account, as this  
will need to be extended to finance our portion of the car park costs.  
Everything (*YES, everything*) that we do in the parish comes from our giving  
and our sharing. We have achieved much in terms of building foundations for  
a sustainable future – and it will be delightful to have the car park looking as  
good as the rest of the precinct.

*We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
We who are many are one body in Christ*  
**For we all share in the one bread**



*All are invited to share in communion, as the  
parish community of St Paul's offers the  
hospitality of the altar to all.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most Loving God

**As revealed in the Child of Bethlehem**

**You send us into the world You love**

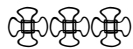
**Give us grace to go thankfully**

**And sight to find our reflection**

**birthed in the Divine Light of Light**

**May we live in the power of your Spirit,**

**and in the presence of Emmanuel Amen.**



#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen**



We meditate on the glory of the Creator;  
Who has created the Universe;  
Who is worthy of Worship;  
Who is the embodiment of Knowledge and Light;  
Who is the remover of all Sin and Ignorance;  
May The Divine enlighten our Intellect.

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

*Sentence for the day*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison*

**G**lory 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*

Everlasting God ... Creator of all Life...  
We are renewed and refreshed in your presence  
And we delight in the power of abundant love  
In Christ is revealed the freedom to serve  
And in community we have the opportunity  
to make real that same freedom as we share  
with each other the blessings of the Divine....

**Amen**

*During the Great Thanksgiving Prayer we echo the words of the priest and  
may join in the responses*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest!**



**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**



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



**The Lord's Prayer (inclusive)**

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Blessed One, our Father and our Mother  
Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,  
and all that your love brings to birth,  
and the fullness of love that will be  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## 3. Praise to the Lord

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty who rules all creation;  
 O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.  
 Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,  
 Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
 Keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
 Have you not seen how all you needed has been  
 Met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;  
 Surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:  
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
 Who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
 All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
 Let the Amen sound from God's people again:  
 Gladly with praise we adore him.

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
 Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**  
 Let give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## First Reading

Isaiah 40: 21-31

**H**ave you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you

from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is The One who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; 23 who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when The One blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? The One who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because the Holy One is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. She does not faint or grow weary; her understanding is unsearchable. 29 She gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

For the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

Though my soul may set in darkness,  
 it will rise in perfect light.

I have loved the stars too profoundly  
 to be fearful of the night.

*An Astronomer's Prayer*

## Psalm 147

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in Love*

1 O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God:  
and to praise him is joyful and right.

2 The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem: he is gathering together the scattered  
outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the broken in spirit: and binds up their wounds.

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in Love*

4 He counts the number of the stars: and calls them all by name.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power: there is no measuring his  
understanding.

6 The Lord restores the humble: but he brings down the wicked to the dust.

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in Love*

7 O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving: sing praises to our God upon the  
harp.

8 He covers the heavens with cloud, and prepares rain for the earth:  
and makes the grass to sprout upon the mountains.

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in Love*

9 He gives the cattle their food: and feeds the young ravens that call to him.

10 He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse: nor does he delight in  
anyone's legs,

11 But the Lord's delight is in those that fear him: who wait in hope for his  
mercy.

**Art Exhibition:** Come to Lucy's art exhibition, 'Colour is its own reward', in  
the hall next weekend and be energised and delighted by an exuberant  
celebration of colour. Opening night is Friday 10th from 6:30 - 9pm and the  
exhibition will be open on Saturday 10 - 3 and after church on Sunday. Part  
proceeds to go to the East End fund, IGWR, and KIVA.

Offers of help with catering and on the night much appreciated; please  
contact Lucy at [undersevenskies@gmail.com](mailto:undersevenskies@gmail.com)

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son*

*Prayer of Approach*

**Loving God,**

**open our eyes to the beauty of your holiness;  
open our ears to the message of your word;  
open our minds to the challenge of your truth;  
open our hearts to the power of your love;  
open our lives to the coming of your Spirit,  
that we may truly worship you,  
now and forever.**

*As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love let us look within,  
search our hearts, and seek God's healing grace.*

**God of the loving heart,  
we confess before You  
those places in our hearts  
where we have refused you entrance:  
people we have refused to love;  
habits we never got round to changing;  
good things we have left undone;  
and ways in which we hurt You, ourselves and others.  
Come to us in the light of Your Christ.  
Shine on those places we have hidden from You.  
Show us new ways to live.  
Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts,  
that Christ may find a home in us.  
Be among us now and forever. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces the absolution*

We are the body of Christ  
**God's Spirit is with us**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

*We share with each other the Greeting of the Peace*

*And we now reaffirm as our own, the faith of the Church*

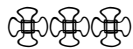
Do you believe in God the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer of all Life?

**W**e believe

that in the Child of Bethlehem,  
the one born from the Tomb,  
all love and grace  
is gathered for the world.

**H**ere God entered our life  
in a way which honoured forever  
our struggle to survive  
our possibilities for newness  
and our ordinary human journey

**H**ere we see our God  
in a surprising way  
a God who travels with us  
a God who loves us to the death  
and a God who comes among us as  
a light breaking into every darkness  
This God we Praise  
This God we welcome into our life  
This God we celebrate today.



God has called us out of darkness into God's marvellous light  
**We will shine as a light in the world to the glory of God**



The Prayers of the people

*We gather up the secrets of many hearts.  
Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom*



## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

**I**f I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. 19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

For the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**

Next Sunday our morning tea will be a celebration and remembering of Eddie's life. There will be champagne! Eddie continues to GIVE to the St Paul's community as his bequest (solar panels) gives us a credit on our energy bills every month.

### **Painting Busy Bee and Breakfast**

New Kitchen/Meeting Room

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00 am start (to avoid the heat)

We will proceed with the inside of the new building, painting the ceilings, walls and doors. The exterior will be done later in the year when it cools down.

Anyone who is willing and able, please come along

Bring drop sheets, paint brushes, rollers and energy with you.

## 2. Love Divine

VU 333

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then, thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Thank You Kimberly, Yvonne, Belinda & Katie for the celebration of your confirmation last Sunday, there was a delightful feel of confirmation for the whole community and so too a knowing that we are renewed and recreated as we share with each other.

Zac Athersmith, one of the children on yesteryear at St Paul's turns 18 this coming week, on 8th February. Thanks for all the help, blessings and love shown towards him and his mum, Jacinta, over the years. Jacinta and Dale

And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. *Anais Nin*

## Gospel Reading



*A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark,  
Chapter 1, beginning at the 29th verse*



### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

**A**s soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The Sermon