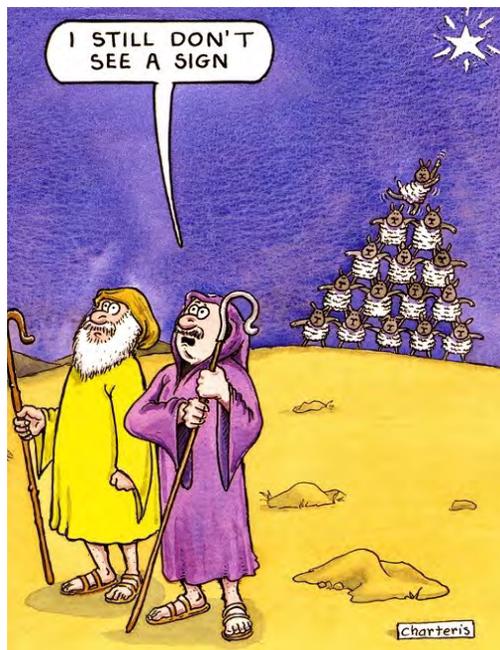


31st January, 6:00pm. Super Moon/Lunar Eclipse Picnic in Amphitheatre (weather permitting).

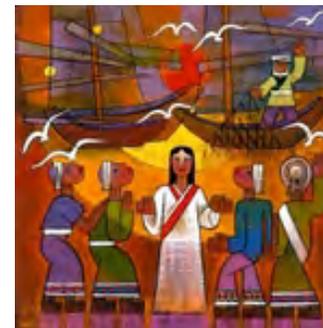


St Paul's Beaconsfield

Third Sunday after 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 hospitality in the hall after the service. All are invited to join in the Elm Dance, a dance for peace, on your way to the Hall.

We welcome back Reverend Dr John Shepherd as our priest and celebrant.



Calling Disciples, He Qi

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." And he said to some fishermen, "Follow me... And immediately they left their nets and followed him."

We too are called out of the everyday, into the abundance of eternal life with the Divine, and so to shape tomorrow.

"Christ has no body now on earth but ours"

BANKING INFORMATION FOR ST. PAULS
General Giving: BSB 706 001, account 30003006 – Anglican Parish of Beaconsfield
Building Restoration (Account name Anglican Parish of Beaconsfield): BSB 706 001, account 30008256 (not tax deductible)
Tax Deductible donations to NATIONAL TRUST BSB 306 089, account 4189329, reference: 1928 AND YOUR NAME
IGWR donations: BSB 706 001, account 30006088
Just Manna donations: BSB 633-000, account 151597085

Readings NEXT Sunday

Lectionary readings are online at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>

28th January	Deuter 18: 15-20 Psalm 111	Zena Rees
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	1 Corinth 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28	Tom Rees

Morning & Evening prayer 6.30am & 6.30pm – Midday Prayer 12noon

Rev. Dr John Shepherd (Locum) & Rev. Michael Jessup

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1. Be thou my vision

VU 567

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
Thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Adapted words from Voices United United Church Publishing House 1996.

*The eye with which I see God is the same eye with which
God sees me.*
Meister Eckhart



2. Dear God who loves all humankind

Tune VU 504

Dear God who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love, interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire, thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!

Adapted words from Voices United, The United Church Publishing House 1996.

Epiphany Gifts

The season of Epiphany is an opportunity for all of us to consider how we can share of ourselves with the St Paul's community and with its work beyond the church precinct. You are invited to review the Epiphany Gift List, or to make a general or targeted contribution, to assist with any aspect of St Paul's upkeep, expenses or work, where you would like to make a difference.





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

Living God,

In this holy meal you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,

Continue your saving work among us,

give us courage for our pilgrimage,

And bring us to the joys you promise.

Most Loving God

You send us into the world You love

Give us grace to go thankfully

And sight to find our reflection

In the cross of love and drawn out from the tomb of darkness

May we live in the power of your Spirit Amen.

All stand for the blessing and dismissal

Priest:

May the God who shakes heaven and earth
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless us with the power to go forth
and live the Gospel.

And the blessings of God Almighty

The Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer,

Be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen

Deacon or PA: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen

(Lines 1-5 of blessing from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

Priest:

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

Deacon or PA or priest assist the children to light the candle

Deacon or PA:

Sentence

*Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for
people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.*

**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

Priest:

Glory to God, wisdom of creation and light of all life

Glory to God, gift of life and Spirit of Love.

Glory to God, our birth, our death and our Divine life in Christ.

Congregation stands and sings the Gloria response

**Gloria, gloria,
 in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria, gloria,
 alleluia, alleluia!**

Priest:

The Collect

God of steadfast Love,
 our rock and our refuge
 We turn ourselves toward all that is good
 for we seek to live in the presence of Love divine.
 In Christ, we hear the Word of life
 and we find our calling, a call of Love.
 Together we seek a path that all can follow
 and so find ourselves as belonging, one to another.
 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 is come again.

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



Priest:

Let us pray in the words
our Saviour Christ has taught us:

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.



Offertory

We bring forward our gifts to the front of the church while music is played



We bring our gifts forward, as the movement more clearly symbolises the movement of "Giving", and coming forward toward the altar symbolises our giving to God.

Prayer over the gifts

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.



Holy Communion

Priest:

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

Jonah 3: 1-10



The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2 "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5 And the people of Nineveh

believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 6 When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. 8 Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged; it is the skin of a living thought.
Oliver Wendell Holmes



Psalm 62: 5-12



Our steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord
Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God: for
from him comes my hope.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation: my strong
tower, so that I shall not be moved.

Our steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord

7 In God is my deliverance and my glory: God is my
strong rock and my shelter.

8 Trust in him at all times, O my people: pour out your
hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Our steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord

9 The children of Adam are but breath, the children of earth are a lie: place
them in the scales and they fly upward, they are as light as air.

10 Put no trust in extortion, do not grow worthless by robbery: if riches
increase, set not your heart upon them.

Our steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord

11 God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say: that power belongs to
God,

12 That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness: for you reward each one
of us according to our works.

Our steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord

**Deacon or PA:**

Prayer of Approach

Loving God,

We open our eyes to the beauty of your holiness;

We open our ears to the message of your word;

We open our minds to the challenge of your truth;

We open our hearts to the power of your love;

We 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 have 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.

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and
keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Priest: *We now reaffirm as our own, the faith of the Church*
Do you believe in God the Gift of love and the source of Life?

We believe

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

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

**Here 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.**



Priest: 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

Priest:

Pray that as we journey through life and into life, that we attend to the direction in which we travel and are mindful of all who walk with us.

Priest:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31



I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Super Moon/Lunar Eclipse Picnic, 31st January 2018

An opportunity for a picnic in the St Paul's Amphitheatre, a viewing of the rising of the Super Moon, and an experience of the Lunar Eclipse.

Wednesday, 31st January, from 6:00 p.m.

Bring your own everything or arrange to share with friends. All welcome.

The programme will begin with a picnic in the amphitheatre, circle dancing watching the moon rise and then the eclipse, beginning at 8.52 and ending at 10.07. The Blood Moon at the peak of the eclipse will be at 9:30

The moon eclipsed in a taint of dark red;

I stood there in awe in wonder.

"Is not the moon dead?"

What of this?" I ponder.

Adam M. Snow



We listen for the Gospel, and open ourselves to hearing the Word – the voice that speaks of divine birth and life lived in the place of resurrection.



Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia



Thank you for being here. Your presence is a light that illuminates the Divine in all Life.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 1, beginning at the 14th verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." 16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

For the Gospel of the Lord – **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon



It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

C. S. Lewis