

## WHAT'S ON?

**Lunchtime Fellowship** at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 31 January. Lunch follows a time of prayer and praise.

**Annual General Meeting:** will occur after service on Sunday, 5 February. Any questions must be submitted in writing no less than two weeks prior to the Vestry Secretary, Dave Dillard.

## WHO'S WHO?

**Rector:** The Revd Dr James Merrick OSB  
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**SAINT MARY'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Baptism of Our Lord, 8 January 2017

## WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S

Relax and rest in God from the past week.

Rejoice with friends and family.

Be renewed by shared prayer, adoration and thanksgiving.

**Children** of all ages are welcome. Our children's programme occurs during the 10.15am service.

**Communion** is open to all baptised Christians. You may drink from the chalice or dip the bread into it. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing; indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

**Coffee, tea and biscuits** are enjoyed after the 10.15am service.

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## RECTOR'S REFLECTION: ONE BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of our Saviour. That Christ was baptised indicates that he entered fully into our condition, that he is fully one of us. He comes to us under Law. He comes to us in our state of disobedience. He works and lives within our alienation from God. He prays with us for renewal. Yet Jesus does not undergo the waters of baptism as one who needs cleansing but as the one who cleanses us. He is the Saviour. In his baptism, the baptismal waters are hallowed and infused with the Spirit of holiness and life. This is why the baptism of Christ parallels the creation of the world. In Genesis, creation begins with the Spirit of God hovering over the waters and a voice saying 'Let there be...'. When Christ is baptised, there is the Spirit descending and the voice of the Father, saying 'Listen to him...' We begin listening to him when we follow him in the waters of baptism and beyond.

## HOLY COMMUNION at 8AM (1970 Liturgy) & 10.15AM (1982 Liturgy)

### I. PREPARATION

#### ANTIPHON

The voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters

#### OPENING HYMN

13, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

### II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

**Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42.1-9

#### PSALM 29: *Afferte Domino*

**R = The voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare. **R**

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"  
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

#### SECOND LESSON

Acts 10.34-43

#### THE GRADUAL HYMN

244, In Christ There Is No East and West

#### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3.13-17

#### THE HOMILY

Austen Barraclough

### III. LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY HYMN 394, O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

**Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen**

#### CONCLUDING HYMN

427, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### INTERCESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Kuching - (South East Asia) the Rt Revd Bolly Lapok & Assistant Bishop the Rt Revd Solomon Cheong Sung Voon

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St Colman's Church, Burravoe - the Revd Neil Brice and Rachel

**St Mary's, Carden Place:** The Revd Dr James Merrick and family; the Revd Jason Hobbs; Mary Allardyce; Jim Alexander; Jimmie and Muriel Bain; the Bretton family; David Brown; and all who are not with us.