

**Parish of Moe-Newborough
St Aidan's, Newborough
5th January – 10am
Second Sunday After Christmas
And Epiphany**



Celebrant: Rev'd Bruce Charles

Welcome to our service today!

Please join us for morning tea following the service.

Hymns	AHB 382	AHB 235	AHB 239	AHB 203
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Sentence: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60. 1

Collect: Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word, who became flesh and lived among us: let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,

**2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**

3 Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

**4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.

**6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.

12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:

and the poor that have no helper.

13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:

and save the lives of the poor.

14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:

and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1.3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Gospel:

The Gospel according to John Chapter 1, beginning at the 1st verse.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



Intercessions for today:

Worldwide Church

- The Church in Wales

Australian Church:

- **Diocese of Ballarat:** Bishop Garry Weatherill
Ven Canon Scott Lowrey to be consecrated as an Assistant Bishop in Feb 2025

Our Diocese:

- Bishop Richard – Leanne.
- The Co-operating Parish of Churchill / Boolarra / Yinnar / Yinnar South: Mrs. Cathie Halliwell (Uniting Church Supply Pastor)
- Gippsland Grammar School and St Paul’s Anglican Grammar School principals, staff and Chaplains

Our Parish:

- We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Darrol and Joanna, hoping to arrive late January.
- We pray for parish councilors as they prepare the Rectory for their arrival

Missions: Anglican Board of Missions (ABM: John Deane)

Special Focus

- School Chaplains & Counsellors
- Our State Schools • SS & RE teachers & all involved in religious education



We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Alisha,

Anne, Beth, Carolyn, Edith, Elsie, Helen, Jan, John, Kevin, Kym, Lina, Pauline, Robin, Sam and Yvonne, along with those others known to us.

We give thanks for the life of Judith Jackson. May she rest in peace and rise to glory. Judith’s funeral will be held tomorrow at St Aidan’s, 1.30pm.

If there are people near and dear to you or people who were part of both Parishes and you would like to have the anniversary of their deaths acknowledged in the prayers, please let Jan Misiurka know.

Pews News

Starting dates for 2025!

Prayer and Meditation group will resume on Wednesday January 8th, 7pm at Madge Vinnell Centre.

Listening Post will resume on Friday 10th January at 10am at Madge Vinnell Centre.

Donation Bin: re-opening on Saturday 11th January.

Op Shops Moe & Yallourn North opening 13th January. Newborough opening Tuesday 14th.

Get Out for Good (G4G) is closed and re-opening on Tuesday 4th February at Madge Vinnell Centre

Parish Prayer

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may listen to one another, speak the truth in love, and bear much fruit in the service of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Account: Moe-Newborough

Parish Council

BSB: 083 773

Account: 915 154 737



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The Week Ahead:

Wednesday 8th January 2025	10.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe 11.00am Service at Narracan Gardens Aged Care 7.00pm Meditation Group resumes at MVC, Anzac St
Friday 10th January 2025	LP Drop In Centre re-opens for 2025. Drop in and share with us over a cuppa!
Sunday 12th January 2025 The Baptism of our Lord	9.30am Prayer time in the Chapel 10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough Celebrant: Canon John Morgan <i>Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7</i> <i>Psalms 29</i> <i>Acts 8: 14-17</i> <i>Luke 3: 15-22</i>

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