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January/February 2016

January	Clem on annual leave returning to the office 22 January
Wed 13 Jan	Wednesday worship resumes
Tues 26 Jan	Australia Day
Wed 27 Jan	Piece of Peace Day
Sun 31 Jan	Baptism Service 8am
Sun 14 Feb	9:30am Back to School Sunday
11-14 March	Anglican Family camp and conference at Phillip Island.

Parish Office
79-81 Pitt St, ELTHAM, 3095.
Tel: (03) 9439 9238 Located in Dendy House (rear of Church). **Open 10am-2pm Tues, Wed, Fri and 9:30am-12:30pm Mon and Thurs.** Phone messages can be left when the office is unattended.

Please submit ALL materials for the weekly bulletin or for printing to the Parish Office, NO LATER THAN 11AM WEDNESDAY (items for the bulletin will only go in if there is space available). If you need to contact the office or visit on a Friday afternoon, please do so before 1pm as it is normally unattended from 1pm to finalize setting up the church for the weekend.

Keeping in Touch:

Clem will be on annual leave from Monday 4 January returning to the office Friday 22 January.

Our love and sympathy to Robert Street on the death of his sister, Berice, on Saturday 19 December.

Congratulations to Jing and Joel Street (son and daughter-in-law of Robert and Annette) on the safe arrival of Owen Robert 3.39kg on Tuesday 29 December. All well.

Meditation Group -every Saturday, 8am and every Wednesday, 9:30am. All Welcome.

Parish Directory
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Assistant Priest: The Revd. Clemence Taplin
Honorary Associate Priest: The Revd. Robert Street

10 January 2016
The Baptism of our Lord
Please join us for refreshments after the service



Prayer of the day
Loving God,
your Son came to seek the lost,
and was baptised with sinners: grant that we,
who have been baptised in his name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, for ever and
ever. Amen.
Epray

We gather every Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am and Wednesdays at 10:30am for worship

Today's Service Details

Readings for this week

Isaiah 43:1-7 S Petty/H Coutts S Archer

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17 F Gravenall M Quintarelli

Luke 3:15-22

Intercessor G & C Carew S Brown-Holt



In Baptism, Christ knits us all together into his body and in doing that we become a part of him here on earth.

The Christian life is one in which we are called to follow Christ in everything that we do, and it's our belief that in us God will recognise Christ. When the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in his baptism by John the Baptist, the voice comes from heaven saying, 'You are my son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'. In our baptisms as well as in our lives we can expect that God says much the same, that we are his beloved children and with us he is pleased.

Pray that God may direct you towards new ways of life to live more closely to him and be more pleasing to him.

Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Australia, and pray that in each of the dioceses God's love for the world may be made known.

Text: The Rev Will Johnston, Assistant Curate, St Peter's, East Maitland, Diocese of Newcastle © Anglican Board of Mission, 2016

Please Remember:

If you are the last one out of the hall or church please remember to turn off all heaters, lights and lock the doors. Please do not alter any of the controls on the audio visual system.

This also includes the office. If you need to use the office please turn off all lights, the printer, computers, heaters and close the blinds when you leave.

This week:

Wednesday morning the front door to the building was unlocked and the door to the Vestry preparation area was wide open.

PRAYER TAPERS

You are invited to light candles for prayer **before & after** the service & **during the peace**

BEQUEST

Have you considered supporting the Parish in your will? See brochure about how to make a bequest.

Next Week's Rosters - 17 January 2016 Second Sunday after Epiphany

3rd w/end of month	8am	10am
Celebrant Preacher	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala	Ruwan Palapathwala Ruwan Palapathwala
Sacristan Assistant	Jean Taylor	Diana Warrell
Greeters & Sides people	John Winkett Margaret Alexander	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
Liturgical Assistant	Clive Noble	Melissa Laidlay
Children's Time		Jenny Bradshaw
Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5 Psalm 36.5-10 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11	Elizabeth Ainsworth Graham Carew	Adrienne Watson Geoff Sandy
Intercessor	Gwen Sharp	Vacant
Communion Assistants	Coralie Carew Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr
Refreshments	Gwen Sharp Carews	Pat & Merryl
Banking Assistant Counter	Jo Norman	Vacant
Flowers	Liz Pryor	
PowerPoint		Liz Pryor

OHS Issue

We have been asked by the CFA not to put any items in front of the Fire Reel Door, in the foyer of the Church. This includes boxes, chairs, baskets and vases of flowers. If there is a fire, the fire reel needs to be easily accessible. Please ensure that we abide by this request as fines can be applicable. Thank you

Christmas Bowl Appeal—Envelopes are now available. This year we are helping children keep safe from deadly diseases in Ethiopia.

The Anglicare Auxiliary thanks parishioners for their generosity in donating towards our Educational Bags project. If people missed donating before Christmas, and would like to donate either money or items like scissors, erasers, little notebooks or project books, items can be placed in the blue laundry basket in the foyer on 10th and 17th January.

The new parish directory will be available in the New Year. In the meantime can you please check that your entry details are all correct by checking the large print outs in the foyer and initialling if correct.

SMS Information—It was decided to start the sms reminder service by rolling it out to the whole congregation who have consented to emails etc. and offering the "OPT out" option. This is done by simply typing STOP when you receive a message and that will automatically come back to the office. If you have any concerns about this please contact Mary on communications@stmargaretsetham.org.au.

Christmas Services

A big thank you for all the preparations and involvement with our Christmas celebrations. There are so many small details which together make up our Christmas intentions. May God's love in Jesus continue to be born in us and all creation.

Readers and CA's - If you are substituting for a rostered person please advise the LA at church before the service.

What's On

Wednesday 10:30am Services will resume on Wednesday 13 January 2016. All welcome.

Anglicare—Tuesday 19 January, from 10am—12noon, packing Educational Bags for Anglicare. Please see Jenny for more details.

Baptism Service—Sunday 31 January at 8am.

Back to School Sunday—14 February, 9:30am for all in Educational work—voluntary or paid. Please note change of time. 8am service will be as usual.

Labour Day Long Weekend Anglican Camp and Conference 2016—Labour Day Weekend – Friday 11 March – Monday 14 March 2016. For people of all ages from Anglican parishes across Melbourne. More than just a few days out of town... it promises exciting activities, inspiring worship, and great opportunities for learning and discovery – or you can simply relax with friends. More details visit this web site <http://www.thelongweekend.org.au/> Brochures will be available shortly.

Hall Hire

Would all parishioners please remember that when the hall is hired out, we cannot use it or access the kitchen. We are very careful with bookings so that they do not overlap. There will be time to set up between hall bookings.

Summer Fire Protocols

Should there be a code red day declared then worship services and any parish functions will be automatically cancelled, so personal fire plans can be activated. If there are any queries, please contact one of the wardens.