



When you listen to a great choir sing the Hallelujah Chorus, you should realise that Handel was inspired by God. Handel wrote the entire Messiah in three weeks. He said the music literally 'came to him' in a flurry of notes and motifs. He wrote feverishly, and as if driven by an unseen composer to put pen to paper. Yet he wrote it when his eyesight was failing, and he was facing the threat of dying in a debtors' prison because of a mountain of outstanding bills.

Most of us find it difficult to create under stress, especially when physical or financial problems are at the root of that stress. And yet Handel did. How?

He credits the completion of his masterpiece to one thing: JOY.

He is quoted as saying that he felt as if he would 'burst with joy' at what he was hearing in his mind and heart. Instead of dying, as he thought he would, he lived to see his oratorio become a cherished tradition and a popular work. And he also saw it succeed in raising vast sums of money for the poor and destitute.

The Bible says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8.10). And one of things Satan will attack is your joy. He knows it's the spiritual and emotional fuel you run on!

Jesus said, "These things have I spoke unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15.11 KJV).

Note the words, 'remain in you.' So, no matter what happens in 2020, keep your JOY!

[Adapted from: "The Word for Today, Daily Devotions, Nov, Dec, Jan 2020, p. 44]

Welcome! It is great that you have decided to join us this morning. As we worship God together, we pray that God will minister and refresh you through Word and Sacrament.

If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Holy Communion in today's 10AM service & other Sunday services in January 2020. Please follow the guidance from the sidespersons as you come forward for Holy Communion.

Please use the **CONNECT CARD** if you have questions about the Christian faith and/or if you are new here. We will love to hear from you and connect with you. Please join us for fellowship (with light refreshments) in the church hall after the worship services. ☺

29 Dec 2019 Christmas 1 [10AM]

Bible reading: Isaiah 63.7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.10-18

Sentence: He (*Jesus*) also said, "I will put my trust in him," that is, "I and the children God has given me." Hebrews 2.13 [NLT]

Prayer: Almighty God, you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word: may this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives as we continue to trust you in all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrations: Joy Williams (31 Dec)

1 Jan 2020, New Year's Day Covenant service & Naming of Jesus [11AM]

(Please bring a plate of food for lunch to share)

Bible reading: Jeremiah 31.33; John 15.1-8

Sentence: "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Jeremiah 31.33 NIV

Prayer: Christ our brother, in you there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female, yet you received the mark of the covenant, and took upon yourself the precious burden of the law. May we so accept in our bodies our own particular struggle and promise, that we also may break down barriers, in your name. Amen.

How to live the New Year

"Life is a journey: I will live it trustingly (Psalm 23.4). Life is a task: I will live it obediently (1 John 3.22). Life is a mission: I will live helpfully (Ephesians 4.32). Life is a contest: I will live it earnestly (1 Corinthians 16.15). Life is a battle: I will live courageously (Joshua 1.9)."

"Life is a book in volumes three—the past, the present and the yet to be.

The past is written and laid away. The present we're writing every day.

And the last and the best of volumes three, Is locked from sight—God keeps the key."

[adapted from: "Church bulletin bits" #2, G W Knight (1983), Baker Book House, pp. 19-20]

Please take this CANDLE with you today and pass it to your friends. Thank you!

5 January 2020 - "unexpected visitors"

Christmas 2 & Epiphany of our Lord

SAM (Holy Communion);

10AM (Family Communion & Children's Church)

Bible readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12.

Sentence: On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2.11 NIV)

PRAYER for the day: Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Abp Philip Richardson); Bishop of Taranaki and Primate (Abp Don Tamihere); Bishop of Polynesia and Primate (Bp Fereimi Cama); The Anglican Church of Australia (The Primate Abp Philip Freier, General Secretary Anne Hywood, Bishop Assisting the Primate John Harrower, The General Synod & the Standing Committee); St Faith's Burwood (Emily Payne); The Parish of Holy Trinity, Lara w. Christ Church, Little River – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

Celebrations: Hilary Jackson (5 Jan), Noreen Beacom (11 Jan), Kingsley Pakkianathen (11 Jan).



12 January 2020 - "the consecration"

Epiphany 1 & Baptism of our Lord

SAM (Holy Communion);

10AM (Family Communion & Children's Church)

Bible readings: Isaiah 49.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17.

Sentence: And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3.17 NIV)

PRAYER for the day: Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: Anglican Church of Australia (Abp Philip Freier); Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); St Jude's Carlton (Samuel Oldland; Peter Greenwood; John Forsyth; Michael Phillips; Chris Porter; Alex Zunica); Primates Meeting in Amman, Jordan (Abp Dr Philip Freier).

Celebrations: Shuvon Willenberg (17 Jan), Kendra Rutgers (18 Jan).

How you can support & participate in our mission!

► PRAY!

- You can set aside time to share and use your talents here!
- You can share your financial treasure. The easiest & preferred way is by direct transfer via the ADF (at no cost to you or the church) or weekly offertory envelopes.
- Garry or the Wardens will provide you with information concerning both systems. All information provided is confidential.
- You can also transfer your donations directly to : "St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425"

PRAYING for all in need of God's hands of healing, comfort & peace,

remembering Audrey, Carmen, Claudette, Cynthia, Doris, Fiona, Grenville, Jean, John, Jim, Nadia, Noreen, Oscar, Patrick, Rayhaan, Seelan, Yacoub, Yvonne, Vishwa and all who we remember in our hearts. Thank you Father for all who were healed and/or recovering! We also pray for all who mourn the passing of loved ones.

PRAYING for our link missionaries Chris, Grace Adams with Micah & Emily :

Pray that God may enable us to keep encouraging our mission partners to engage in world mission, and that our gospel partnerships may grow even stronger for His glory in 2020. We will be re-commissioned at the end of SUTS (at Syndal Baptist Church from Jan 15-18). We'd love to see you there. Pray that the gospel will bring hope to more and more people in TL and for the day when sickness and death will be no more.

2020 - Looking ahead!

- 16 Feb - "What is God doing?" Sunday
- 25 Feb - Shrove Tuesday [6PM] & Wardens' & Parish Council meeting (Church - 7.30PM)
- LENTEN Focus - "DISCIPLESHIP"

If you want to recycle your Christmas cards, please bring them to church and place them in the box marked "recycled Christmas cards." Thank you. ☺

**19 January 2020 - the recruitment
Epiphany 2 & Conversion of Paul the Apostle
SAM (Holy Communion); 10AM (Family
Communion & Children's Church)**

Bible readings: Isaiah 49.1-7; Palm 40.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

Sentence: Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. (Isaiah 49.1 NIV)

PRAYER for the day: Almighty God, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: United Church of Bangladesh (The Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin); Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Registrar Michael Urwin, Clergy & People); Spiritual Health Victoria Council (Cheryl Holmes, CEO); Chinese Mission of the Epiphany Melbourne (Richard Liu); St Thomas', Upper Ferntree Gully – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker)

Celebrations: Max Jumpponen-Molina (19 Jan); Zachary Figueroa (20 Jan), Theodore Rutgers Jnr (24 Jan).

**26 January 2020 - changing jobs
Epiphany 3 & Australia Day
SAM (Morning Prayer); 10AM (Family
Communion & Children's Church)**

Bible readings: Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1-40; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-25

Sentence: As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. (Matthew 4.19 NIV)

PRAYER for the day: Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYING for the Church: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes); Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Ivan Lee, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People);

St Philip's Collingwood (John Raike); St Thomas', Langwarrin w. St Peter's, Pearcedale – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker)

Celebrations: Suzanne Martin, Dillon Loos (31 Jan); Jean Dixon (1 Feb).

For URGENT PASTORAL CARE — call the wardens first (please see page 4)

PRAYER CHAINS:

Cynthia [9704 9705];
Brian [9791 4496];
Vaughan & Noelle [9546 0353]

The Parish Council, Wardens and I, together with our families, wish you and yours a very joyous, blessed & safe New Year! Soli Deo Gloria, Santa ☺

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church notices:



- ◆ **Thanks** to everyone who took an active role in all the Christmas services and events. These include the Bible Readers, the Welcomers/Sides-persons, the Lay-readers/Servers, the musician, the soloists, the Christmas choir and everyone who took charge in preparing the church and served in the hospitality area. **Well done everyone!**
- ◆ As I mentioned last year, I once again encourage all members of the Christmas choir formed for the Christmas celebrations to lead worship as the Parish Choir at the 10AM Sunday service. With God's strength, it takes everyone to transform the culture in this parish!
- ◆ Please collect your copies of the **2020 Parish Calendar, draft Mission Action Plan (2020-2025)** and **worship roster (01 January 2020-05 April 2020)**. Comments on the draft Mission Action Plan to be forwarded to the Wardens. For the worship roster, please arrange a swap if you are not available.
- ◆ **Santa** will be on annual leave from 30 December 2019 and returning on 28 January 2020 (after the Australia Day long weekend). During this period, the Revd. Paul Packiyathan will be the Locum and will be the main contact on all pastoral and ministry matters. Please contact the Wardens in the first instance for all enquiries. **Contact details are on page 4.**
- ◆ The church office will reopen on 31 Jan 2020.
- ◆ Parish Council has arranged for a **CPR First Aid Course** on Saturday 22 February from 9.30AM. This will be useful for everyone. Cost will be partially subsidised with the amount dependent on the number of people attending. Please register interest **EARLY** with Cleoni and attend.

PRAYING for the mission of Anglican parish of St Michael & St Luke:
Living God, you have called us to be the Body of Christ. As we **“renew, revive, reach out,”** may our parish be a sign of hope in this community. May all we do, and all we are becoming, bring praise to your name and draw others to your love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who came to serve and bring us the fullness of life. **Amen**

connect Name: Prayer need/request/feedback:
Address:
Telephone No:
Email:

If you would like prayer for any reason, please come to the front immediately after Communion.

who we are!

The Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke is a part of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. We encourage one another to **RENEW** our relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to partner with the LORD to **REVIVE** God's church and to **REACH OUT** to others as the Holy Spirit reveals.

Our Mission: **“to bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world”**

Our Values: **Scripture, Worship, Prayer, Fellowship & Mission**

our regular services are:

8AM Sunday - Holy Communion (traditional)

10AM Sunday - Holy Communion & Children's Church

10AM (3rd Sunday only - unless indicated otherwise) - “What is God doing?” & Children's Church [ALL WELCOME!]

DURING TERM TIME:

✦ **SUNDAY CLUB** (Kindergarten to Year 6) & **YOUTH GROUP** (Year 7 to Year 12) meets during the Sunday 10AM service (except 3rd Sunday).

✦ **PLAYGROUP** meets every Tuesday morning (10AM-12Noon)

✦ **CARE GROUPS** meet every week to inspire, support/pray for one another & grow in faith (Wednesday 10AM-12Noon in Church office; Thursday 7.30PM in the Vicarage)

If you wish to participate in any of these activities or have questions, please contact the church office for more details. We will love to hear from you!

how to contact us

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parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Vicar: Santa Packianathan [on leave]

Locum Vicar (Jan 2020): Revd. Paul Packianathan [0431 577 446]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [9791 4496]

R UOK Team Coordinator: **VACANT- Please call Santa**

Children's Ministry: Anne Oliver [9791 3879]

Youth Ministry and Parish Crim-Check Administrator: Vaughan Smith [9546 0353]

Play Group: Julia [0400 527 876]

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

Brian Bird, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers, John Singh.

Church Wardens: Larry Loos [9795 7371]; Theo Rutgers [8707 2291]; Ravi Arumanayagam [7018 4706]

Council Secretary & Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097];

Treasurer: Courtney Cook [0409 332 377]

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Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]

Child Protection: 1300 360 391
Kooyoora Ltd: 1800 135 246

acknowledgment of traditional owners of the land:

We gather on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri and Boonerwung (or Bunurong) tribes of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.