

Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church

Queanbeyan, Karabar, Jerrabomberra, Burra, Googong, Michelago

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Parish Bulletin

24th January 2010

Jesus began to teach
in their synagogues
and was praised by
everyone.

Luke 4:15

You are welcome

A warm welcome to everyone.

*You are worshipping among
friends. We trust that in this
time of worship you will know
the joy and healing of Jesus*

*Christ our Lord. You are welcome to join us as pilgrims with Christ on our life's
journey. Our Mission statement: "Growing Communities confident in Christ" is
lived-out by a people of faith who serve our City in the strength of God's love.*

A Man with a Mission

If you were asked, "What is the Mission Statement of our Parish?" What would you reply? In fact it's written in the Bulletin each week - just above this paragraph! It is "Growing Communities confident in Christ". This is also the Mission Statement of our Diocese. What does this mean in practice? Well it is made concrete in six sub-statements - Mission Objectives:

- ✧ To proclaim the gospel;
- ✧ To provide for the worship of God;



The painting behind the altar in the church in Nazareth that marks the site of the Synagogue where Jesus taught.



- ✘ To baptise new believers and teach and nurture all believers;
- ✘ To respond to human need through loving service;
- ✘ To seek to transform the unjust structures of society; and
- ✘ To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation.

These objectives include: the content of and the way we share our faith; our worship and prayer; our life-together in fellowship and pastoral care; our social conscience towards the poor and our care for the world God loves.

When the Parish Council meets we consider what we do under these headings. But every week in church and daily in our prayers we pray our Mission Statement in the words of our Parish Prayer.

Three years ago the Parish Council decided not come up with a set of objectives for mission that we could pin up on a notice-board and forget. Instead we say them in our Parish Prayer. We pray that the Holy Spirit will make Jesus real to us, and then bring unity, renewal and inspiration so that others can see Jesus through us.

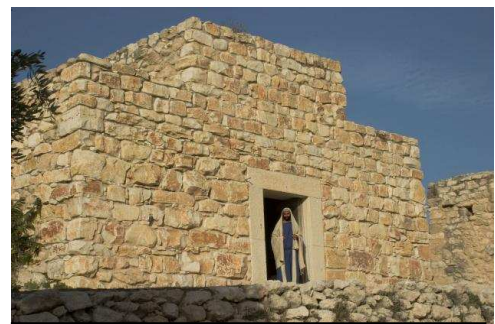
Jesus was a man with a mission and if we want to read his mission statement we find it in today's Gospel reading [Luke 4:18-19] where he quotes from Isaiah 61:1-2

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

It is a statement that is both spiritual and socio-political. The Gospel is good news to those who are poor in spirit [Matthew 5:3] - who know their need of God; and to those who are materially poor, powerless and oppressed. Those of us who believe the good news of God's love demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus are called to share that love by kindness and speech; and show that love by our solidarity with those who are marginalised or oppressed.

Our Parish Prayer

**Faithful God,
pour out your Spirit
on the people of our parish,
and grant us a new vision of
your glory.
Unite us in worship and witness;
Renew us as bearers of hope;
Inspire us to share with others
the fire of your love.
And so may Jesus who is our
life be seen in all we do and say.
Amen.**



Reconstruction of a 1st
Century Synagogue

Archdeacon Ian Palmer



News and Notices

- ❖ **James** is on holiday until after Australia Day. **Thank you** to **Gayl** for assisting in leading the worship over the past weeks.
- ❖ The **evening services at Jerrabomberra** begin again next Sunday 31st January.
- ❖ **Australia Day**. Usually the Parish Council meets for a BBQ at the Rectory on Australia Day. This year the PC is organising **A Parish Barbeque for everyone - all are welcome!** It will be from 6pm outside the Old School Hall at Christ Church on Tuesday 26th January. Please bring meat and something to drink. Phil Grienke is organising some games. Come and have fun together!
- ❖ **A Quiet Weekend for women "Towards Freedom"** from 19th - 21st February at The Hermitage Mittagong. Accommodation in the beautiful and spacious grounds is in individual bedrooms with ensuite. There will be good food, good company and time for quiet and for being open to the presence of our loving God. The weekend begins with dinner on Friday and ends after lunch on the Sunday. Cost \$190. For more information take a leaflet or talk to Liz at the Rectory on 6299 3920
- ❖ **The readings for the coming weeks invite us to look at Jesus.** At Christ Church on Sunday mornings we continue this theme: 24th Jan - **the Mission of Jesus**; 31st Jan - **the Rejection of Jesus**; 7th Feb - **the Call of Jesus**; 14th Feb - **the Transfiguration of Jesus**.
- ❖ **During Lent this year** [Ash Wednesday is 17th February and Easter Day 4th April] **we plan a change in the ministry in the Parish.** We are very conscious that while each of the clergy have different gifts and that people relate to the priests and deacons as people and that these trusting relationships are built up over time; nevertheless we are a single Parish and to share resources and ministry experience can give people a very great encouragement. So for Lent and Easter we are, as it were, "swapping pulpits" on a Sunday. James will be leading the services at Christ Church and Ian those in Burra and Michelago. We pray that everyone will be enriched by this experience and that it will be for the glory of God.

Parish BBQ

**Australia Day
Tues 26th Jan
From 6pm
Old School Hall**

Bring meat and
drink come and
have fun



Readings for Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – 31st January

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Prayers for the coming week

Prayers for God's people: Remember those in need of our prayers including: Lyn Boucher, Lyn Lyon, Russel Avery, Joan Cobcroft, Donna Deluca, Joan Hogan and Nin Collet: those who mourn the loss of loved ones;

Sunday: Continue to pray for the people of Haiti and for relief efforts.

Monday: Pray for all those who are ill at home or in hospital.

Tuesday [Australia Day]: Pray for our country, its leaders and governments.

Wednesday: Pray for our young people returning to school over the coming days. Pray for teachers in our congregations and for James's ministry of chaplaincy at Jerrabomberra Public School.

Thursday: Pray for local businesses in Queanbeyan, for those who run them and for leaders in our community.

Friday: Give thanks for the leadership of Bishops Stewart & Trevor and pray for the mission of the Church in our Parish and Diocese.



Saturday: Pray for those preparing to lead our worship tomorrow.

Regular Sunday Worship

Christ Church	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion [with Sunday School]
St Matthew's (Karabar)	9.45am	Prayer and worship
St Paul's (Burra)	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Family Worship
Jerrabomberra	5.00pm	Contemporary worship Community Hall
St Thomas' Michelago	9.30am	Holy Communion [1 st & 3 rd Sundays]

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: Christ Church

Saturday 6pm Eucharist: the Chapel of the Celebration Community [15 Callum St]

Clergy Team

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