



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—
JANUARY 29TH 2023

February 3: First Anglican Service on Sydney Cove,
conducted by Richard Johnson, Sydney 1788

European Australia: Christian beginnings

The Church of England arrived in this land with the First Fleet, mostly in the soldiers and convicts who belonged to this, the established Church in England. Just one clergyman, the 35-year-old Rev'd Richard Johnston, a man of Evangelical conviction, was on board the fleet's eleven vessels. He was there only because of political pressure from the Eclectic Society, a group of evangelicals, including William Wilberforce and John Newton, interested in missions and prison reform.

On 3 February 1788, 'under some trees', Johnson conducted public worship for the first time in the new colony, using the Book of Common Prayer, and preaching on Psalm 116:12. On 17 February he celebrated Holy Communion in the 'markee' of Lieutenant Clark, who resolved "to keep this table as long as I live, for it is the first table that ever the Lord's Supper was eat of in this country".

His 'flock' consisted of soldiers who mostly mocked him, convicts who mostly ignored him, and a few Aborigines, with whom he was unable to make real contact. Johnson supported Phillip's policy of befriending the Aborigines, took a native girl, Abaroo (Boo-ron) into his family, gave his daughter an Aboriginal name Milbah (b. 1790), and once remained as a hostage while Bennelong visited the Governor. Johnson faced a nigh-impossible task. He was required to conduct services, keep watch on public morality, oversee schoolmasters and act as magistrate. The authorities saw him as useful for keeping order among the convicts — but refused to help with a building. He worked hard for twelve years, taking services, visiting, baptising, marrying and burying while having to tend his own farm — his main solace from the pressures of life.

When Phillip was succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Francis Grose in 1792, Johnson's time of troubles began. The next year, Johnson, despairing of getting a church built by the government, irritated Grose by putting up a wattle and daub chapel at his own expense — a cost of £67 12s 11½d — only to see it later burnt down. Governor Hunter (1794–96) was more sympathetic, recompensing Johnson for the cost of the chapel.

Johnson supervised the colony's schools, and helped establish an orphan's institution, but was worn out and, after applying for sick leave in 1798, returned to England (with Hunter) in 1800. He died on 13 March 1827.

Sources include Ken Cable, 'Richard Johnson' entry, ADB.

A very warm welcome is extended to the **Reverend Maureen Beattie**. We are delighted to have her back with us today and also next week

An equally warm welcome is extended to the family of **Jasper Nathan-Gordon Woodstock**.

Jasper is being presented today for baptism, and we are delighted to welcome Jasper, his parents Jaimee and Trent and Godparents Belinda and Anthony, their family and friends



WWW.com—articles and photos are being collected for the Autumn edition—thank you to those who have contributed photos of Christmas activities—but more articles, pics etc are needed. Please email to parish or hand to Margaret or Pal

TODAY—as has been the practise of the last few months, Jean Martens has organised the trade table for today, the last Sunday of the month.

Please buy!

The fresh garden produce that has recently been made available has been very eagerly snapped up!

Fr Neil & Sue are on Leave until Monday 6th February.

On Sunday 29th January and Sunday 5th February, The Rev'd Maureen Beattie will be leading our Worship.

Diocesan Quiet Day

—Saturday February 4th

@ St Stephen's, Rutherglen.

10.00am—2.00pm

No charge, BYO Lunch

Bookings to Fr Scott 0418-254-158

All members of Parish Council, Churchwardens, Parish Treasurers & Synod Representatives

are invited to a

WORKSHOP on Saturday 18th February at Trinity House.

10.00am—3.00pm



WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday 30th January

Psalm 37. 1-17; Ruth 1. 1-18; Philemon 1-25

Tuesday 31st

Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus & Silas
Psalm 148; Ruth 2. 1-16; James 5. 1-6

Wednesday 1st February

Psalm 74; Ruth 3. 1-13; 4. 13-22; Luke 6. 17-26
9.30am, Craft Group—St Michael's Hall

Thursday 2nd

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Psalm 8; Deuteronomy 4. 1-14; 1 John 5. 1-5
9.30am, Morning Prayer @ St Michael's
Malachi 3. 1-4. Psa 24. Heb 2. 14-18. Luke 2. 22-40

Friday 3rd

FIRST ANGLICAN SERVICE AT SYDNEY COVE, 1788
Isaiah 61. 8-11 Psalm 116. 11-18;
Philippians 4. 4-8; John 6. 25-35

Saturday 4th

Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d 865)
Psalm 112. 1-9; Isaiah 29. 13-16; Mark 7. 1-8

Sunday February 5th 2023—Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist @ St George's

9.30am Eucharist @ St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.00am Ante Communion @ St Paul's

Isaiah 58. 1-9a. Psalm 112. 1 Cor 2. 1-13. Matthew 5. 13-20

Sunday 29 January 2023

In his 'sermon on the mount' Jesus tells us about the kinds of people who will be blessed by God: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted, the reviled. We can see that none of these are what would normally be thought of as successful people. God's values do not align with worldly attainment. Those who will be blessed by God have already been dismissed by the world as being irrelevant failures, yet God's heart treasures them. How can we renounce things like status, power, and worldly wealth for those things that God finds value in?

- Lord Jesus Christ, may I always value what you value, eschewing those things of no ultimate significance.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Sunday 29th January 2023—4th Sunday after Epiphany

- ◆ **The World:** Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia.
- ◆ **Australia:** Non Government Organisation workers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Chinese Methodist Church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:**
Theological Colleges, their staff and students: Trinity, Melbourne, VIC
St Francis', Brisbane, QLD. Ridley, Melbourne, VIC. Wontulp Bi-Buya,
Cairns QLD. St Barnabas', Adelaide, SA. Nungalinga College,
Casuarina NT. St Mark's Canberra, ACT. John Wollaston, Perth, WA
Moore, Sydney, NSW.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Pray for those who no longer come to worship.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Trent. Emily. Brady. Kate Jessup. Vi Bussell.
Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Neliya Don Leonard.
Nancy Backlund. Ross Backlund.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 29th January —4th February:**
[29/01] Alison Reith. Grace Kelly. Betty Moran. Frank White.
[30/01] Miodrag Miller. Eric Yarrington. [31/01] Nola Evans.
[02/02] Alice McPhie. Joy Rosser.
[03/02] Janet Honey.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week—pray daily

O Lord,
you have taught us
that all our doings without love are worth nothing:
send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you;
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**