

The Anglican Parish of Semaphore

Saint Bede's

'Nurturing the Soul of Semaphore'

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kurna people and respect their elders past, present & emerging

Welcome to worship

8.00 am and 9.30 am Holy Communion

The Baptism of Our Lord

12th January 2025



Hymns:

- I TIS 59 All people that on earth do dwell
- G TIS 270 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry
- O TIS 596 Fill my whole life, O Lord my God
- R TIS 420 Holy Spirit go before us

**St Bede's welcomes all, gathering in faith, serving in love,
and proclaiming the abundant life with hope through
Jesus Christ.**

**We are a church that values:
Reverent sacramental worship
Gracious hospitality
Generous outreach
Comprehensive Christian formation**

Our Parish Prayer

Gracious Father,
your loving providence
has brought us into the sacred fellowship of this parish.
Help us to praise you with such holy worship;
serve you with unselfish love;
and to give so generously for the spread of your kingdom
that we may be worthy members
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
faithfully fulfilling our mission
to make known your truth,
help the needy
and proclaim the abundant life in your name,
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sentence

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Luke 3.22

Prayer of the Day

Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to implant your justice on the earth; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A reading from Prophet Isaiah: 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the

end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

*Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.*

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.
*The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
*He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.*

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
*The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'*

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
*The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning so now and for ever. Amen

A reading from the letter Acts of the Apostles 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3: 15-22

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

We pray for the world and the Church:

The world: For peace on earth

The Church:

The Church of the Province of West Africa: Primate: Archbishop Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith

Adelaide: Ingle Farm and Para Hills: Joseph Chung (Virginia)

Willochra: Eastern Eyre Peninsula (Cleve, Cowell, Kimba):
Hellena Thom

The Murray: Onkaparinga Valley (Balhannah, Hahndorf, Woodside):
David McDougall (Andrea)

National: Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey (Leanne)

St. Bede's Mission and Ministry: Fr. Stephen and Julie.

Prayer Requests from ... for

Myrine & Max Wilson

Gloria Datson

Fr. Donald Grey-Smith

Bishop Garry Weatherill

Ila Neighbour

Fr. John Thompson

Luise Humby

Ann for her sister-in-law **Michelle.**

Gloria for **Margaret Workman**

Terry and Joyce for **Phillip Rooke**

Sigrid for her nephew **Darrian Fuss**

Dorothy for **Jan and Jeff**

Gwen for **Kelly Tunbridge**

Faithful Departed

Alan Hemmings

Years Mind: Kath Williams, Clara Sayer, Marilyn Wilson,
Jan Kouba, Janine Idle, Ted Raggatt, Jody Jones, William Payne,
Bob Owen,

ABM Pew Reflection

Isaiah's words are a wonderful encouragement in a time of distress and a reminder that God's people have nothing to fear since God has redeemed them. They can pass through fire and water without harm. The psalmist also talks of the powers of destruction, and yet the people will be saved and blessed. Images which are present as we read of the baptism of Jesus who entered the waters of baptism that we too may know him as God's beloved Son.

- We pray for all preparing for baptism; and for those of us already baptised, we give thanks for those who led us to putting on Christ in the waters of baptism.
- Give thanks for the Church of Ceylon, which covers most of Sri Lanka, remembering their ministry in a multi-religious context.

Text: Brother Christopher John SSF
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Prayer of the week

Almighty God, by whom the world has been filled with the light of your incarnate Word: grant, we pray, that as he kindles the flame of faith and love in our hearts so his light may shine forth in our lives; who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Have Your Say

On **Sunday 19th January**, at 11.00 am, please plan to come to the 2nd Open Forum about re-developing the church-hall site in order to enlarge the mission of St. Bede's and generate an additional source of income.

Next Roster (19th January)

Welcoming: Anne Muir

Morning Tea: Dorothy Thorpe, Julie Farrell

Lay Assistant/Readers Jessica Rose

Intercessor: Julie Moore

PowerPoint/Zoom: Karen Fagan, Diana Geier

Alpha

Beginning on the **17th February**, an **Alpha course** is being offered through the combined efforts of St Paul's and St Bede's. The diocese is participating in a **Season of Hope** and we are being asked to engage in an activity which can bring hope to our community. What is more hopeful than the good news of Jesus and an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask difficult questions and help each other on our journey in faith?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space, where people can explore life, faith and meaning.

We will alternate with St Paul's in hosting the ten weeks of the course

Any flowers you have in your garden that can be placed in the church are always welcome - they always add a bright spot so don't hesitate if you have some blooming bougainvillea or spiky kangaroo paws. Plenty of vases in the vestry. Thank you.

Bede's Bazaar will open again on **13th January**. Please do not leave donations in that period. Thank you for your support with good quality second hand clothing.

Breakfast@StBede's will recommence on **14 January 2025**.

Diary Dates

Breakfast@StBedes and Bede's
Bazaar in Recess until mid-January

19th January

2nd Parish discussion about future
mission possibilities on site.

Next week's readings:

The Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm 36: 5-10

1 Corinthians 12: 1-12

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Bede's Bazaar

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm

Bede's Breakfast

Tuesday 8.30-10.00 am.

Community Garden

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