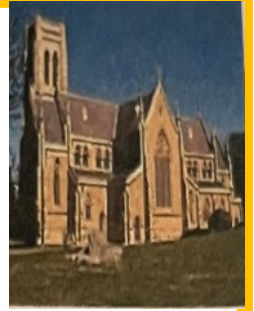




**The cathedral Church of
St Saviour's Goulburn
Mother Church for
The Anglican Diocese of Canberra &
Goulburn**



Sunday 11th of January Baptism of our Lord

Preacher: 8am and 10am: Dean Gavin

Presider: 8am: Dean Gavin

10am: Canon Anne



Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Midweek Services

Monday 9:30am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 9:30am - Eucharist

Cathedral Mission Statement

As the mother church of the Canberra Goulburn Diocese and Cathedral of Goulburn, St Saviours seeks to be a haven for nurturing Christians and fostering new faith in Christ. In the love of Christ and the grace of the Holy Spirit the Cathedral community is committed to reinforcing the wisdom of the Anglican tradition and engaging with the ever changing world.

We Are Committed to :

Prayer and joyful worship

The ministry of hospitality

Serving the broader community

Supporting those from diverse backgrounds including those with special needs

Supporting Goulburn and the Diocese in good times and in times of adversity

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and His ownership of all things. (Psalm 24:1) We recognise that He gave stewardship of these lands upon which we meet to the First Nations Peoples of this country (Acts 17:26). We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now. We pay our respects to the people of this land and their elders/leaders, both past and present, and those emerging.

Adapted from BCA Indigenous Resources

<https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/content/indigenous-resources/gk9320>



Introit Hymn

Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

Sentence

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' Matthew 3.17

Collect

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.**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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.

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison,
God who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
God whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
God who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity,
restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

Shirley Erena Murray
1931-alt.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



<https://pastorsblog.com.au/2024/01/07/the-story-of-our-baptism-mark-14-11-2/>

Offertory Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

To him who left the throne of heaven
to free us all, let praise be given;
and praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749
Tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt.

Final Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams 1717-91
tr, Peter Williams 1722-96 and William Williams *alt*.

Our Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God whose hand has guided and sustained your Church through many generations, accept our prayers for this Cathedral church, bless all who serve within its walls and strengthen the hands of those who seek to ensure its future. Make it a constant witness to your glory and a place of peace and joy: for the sake of your Son our Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer for St. George's Cathedral,

Our God, as you nurture the Body of Christ in different places, we ask your blessing for our sister church, St. George's in East Jerusalem. In these difficult times, may your Spirit sustain, guide and protect your people there. Bring peace to all as they witness to your presence. In Jesus' name. Amen .

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby/Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

From the Dean's Desk: *Baptism.*

The history of baptism is inseparable from the Church's understanding of identity, belonging, and transformation. From its earliest expressions, baptism has functioned not merely as a ritual act, but as a decisive crossing, from old life to new, from isolation to communion, from death to life.

Long before Christianity, water was already charged with religious meaning. In Judaism, ritual washings (mikva'ot) were used for purification and restoration to community. Against this background, the baptism practiced by **John the Baptist** emerged as a radical prophetic sign: a once-for-all immersion calling Israel to repentance in preparation for God's coming reign. It was into this charged and expectant context that **Jesus Christ** stepped. Jesus' baptism was, from the outset, a scandal. John's baptism was for repentance, yet Jesus was proclaimed as sinless. Early Christians struggled with this apparent contradiction. Why would the Holy One submit to a rite intended for sinners? The Gospel writers do not evade the difficulty. Instead, they present Jesus' baptism as an act of profound solidarity. By entering the waters, Jesus aligned himself fully with humanity—not from above, but from within. He stood among those confessing failure, fear, and longing, sanctifying the waters by his presence and redefining holiness not as separation but as self-giving communion. This scandal reverberated in the early Church's theology of baptism. To be baptised was not merely to be cleansed, but to be joined to Christ's own movement downward and upward: descent into the waters of death and emergence into resurrection life. As Paul would later articulate, baptism unites believers to Christ's death and resurrection, incorporating them into his body and mission. Baptism thus became the foundational rite of Christian identity, preceding status, moral achievement, or understanding.

Across the centuries, the Church's baptismal practice has developed diverse liturgies and emphases, yet its core meaning endures. Baptism remains an act of divine initiative before human response, a sign that grace precedes worthiness. It marks not an escape from the world, but a commissioning into it. For today's Church, baptism remains deeply relevant, and deeply challenging. In a culture shaped by achievement, self-definition, and exclusion, baptism proclaims a counter-narrative: that identity is received, not earned; that belonging precedes behaviour; and that God meets humanity not at the pinnacle of spiritual success, but in the muddy waters of shared human life. The ancient scandal of Jesus' baptism continues to unsettle, reminding the Church that its life begins not in purity preserved, but in grace embodied.

CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY
FOR THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY IN NEED.

Next time you are doing your shopping please consider purchasing some long life staples ie tins of soup, long-life milk etc. We are handing out food parcels at the Community Dinner on Monday evenings.

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday in the Mary Thomas Room.

Come and join us.

Thank You to Joan Gilroy, Paula Clegg, Peter Ogilvie, Elizabeth P. & Heather B. who set up and bring food for us each week.

Please assist them in any way you can by carrying used cups to the bin, plates to the sink, etc.

Regular Meetings:

Parish Council meetings 2025: tba 2026.

Chapter Meetings 10-12noon: tba 2026

Cathedral Markets on the first Saturday of the month: tba 2026

Mothers Union: Our first meeting for 2026 will be in February when subscriptions for the year are due. Please bring the exact amount of \$35 in cash. This covers Mia Mia magazines and the year long Prayer Booklet. The yellow covered Service Book is an extra \$7 which all of you already own. Meetings are 1.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please put the following dates in your diary: 12 Feb, 12 March, 9 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov (Advent Service and Luncheon). In Canberra, Lady Day Service on Wednesday, 25 March at 10am at St Simons Kaleen. Canon Anne to preach. All are welcome.

The Cathedral Craft Group: Our first meeting will be Friday 16th January (then every 3rd Friday). Bring any craft you happen to be working on or join in and work on the group project. This month the group project will be Valentine Card for sale at the Cathedral Markets. For more information ring Rev'd Theresa on 0408762651

Anglican News:

<https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>



If you are a visitor to our service today or a new resident to Goulburn, **WELCOME !**

We hope you are uplifted by the worship and enjoy your time with us .

Please make yourself known to our Clergy.

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BSB : 032 721

Account : 280 248

Reference : Ministry

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Second Sunday after Epiphany 18th January 2026

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-14

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

