

Notices

Welcome to John Rowe, our organist for today and next week.

Recommendations from the Pastoral Relations Committee of Yarra Yarra Presbytery following the consultation visit by Rev Rob Gotch, Rev Brendan Byrne and Mrs Ruth Crawley on Sunday 6th August: These recommendations are contained in a Consultation Report for the Congregation - prepared by Rev Arnie Wierenga.

Copies of the following documents are available on the Resource Table:

- (1) The reply from the Church Council to the detailed 16-page Consultation Report
 - (2) Summary Report - Consultation Report for the Congregation
- Electronic copies of both documents have also been emailed where possible.

January 28 Congregation Meeting after church: Presbytery minister the Rev Arnie Wierenga will be present on 28th January to answer questions and comments arising from the Consultation Report for the Congregation.

Auburn seminar: All are invited to discuss the future of the congregation. The aim is to meet once a week at a suitable day/time period and then to repeat this pattern in subsequent weeks – probably 3 meetings in all. Please indicate your availability to attend seminars during the month of February. Return the completed form as soon as possible to Warren or Pat (by email: concise222@gmail.com).

Name:	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Seminar February 2018:			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

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The Auburn Newsletter

Hawthorn Uniting Parish

Sunday 7th January 2018

Service Today	Next Sunday
10am Worship Service	10am Worship Service
Rev Dr James Donaldson	Rev Ivan Poole

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.
Please remain for tea or coffee in the church after the service.

Epiphany of the Lord

Organ prelude:

Call to Worship

Dear Lord, in sending us your Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through his birth, our lives have been filled with joy and love and peace. Through his incarnation, our lives have been touched by eternity. Through his life of love, we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.

His name is above every name. We proclaim today that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is the Light in our darkness: The King of Glory, The Prince of Peace. For in Him, we are born anew and have life abundant through his grace. In Him, we are delivered from sin and given the power to become your children. In Him, we have your presence, your power and your purpose for our being.

In sending your Son Jesus, the Christ Child, the Light of the world, you revealed your glory to the nations. You have brought unto us the riches of faith, the full wealth of assurance, the transforming presence of your Spirit; and the hope of eternal life.

Sunday Service
10 am weekly

Holy Communion:
monthly:
10 am: 3rd Sunday

Music in Liturgy:
monthly:
10 am: 4th Sunday

Morning Coffee
10.15am monthly
1st Thursday in the
Eileen Pawsey
Room

Church Council:
7.45 pm monthly
1st Wed in the
Pawsey Room

Church Lunch:
12 noon in the Hall
monthly 3rd Sunday

*NB: Dates and times
may occasionally
change documented
in the pew sheet
notices*

You have in Christ, brought us into the good news of the Gospel and into union with him, that we might share in the promises of God and the covenants of heaven.

You sent a star to guide seekers of wisdom to Bethlehem that they might worship the Christ child. Your signs and witnesses in every age lead people from every place to worship him. We praise you that through Him we are saved and have been brought near unto you, through the life and work of Jesus. We praise you that we have been shown your abundant mercy and been richly blessed with the gift of your love.

We thank you for men and women, in our own day, who have found in Jesus Christ, the goal of their search in life: The One who is worthy of being followed; The One worthy of their devotion; The One in whom they have believed and; The One to whom they have given their lifelong devotion and commitment. We thank you for those who have responded to God's risking love in Jesus Christ and who have walked in faith the path that Christ has led them.

May we here at Auburn ever follow their example and plunge into the unknown in search of God in Jesus Christ, that we too may find The One worthy of our best gifts and adoration. May this congregation ever be full of people who follow the star and who risk themselves to find the Saviour: people and pilgrims who are prepared to reach out to explore faith and to venture forth into the unfamiliar future in our own day and generation. May we ever find a home in our hearts, for the living Christ.

Hymn 215: *Ye servants of God*

Prayers of Praise Thanksgiving and Confession

Hymn 314: *As with gladness men of old*

Ministry of the Word

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29 (UiW p. 266)

Acts 19: 1-7

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 4-11

Hymn 309: *Angels from the realms of glory*

Sermon

Offering

Offering Prayer (*Said together*)

O God Our Father.

On this first Sunday of the year,

Give us hearts to love and serve you.

Enable us to show our thankfulness

for all your goodness and mercy

in the daily expression of our lives.

May we offer ourselves to you afresh this day

that our lives might show forth our praise

and our witness express the fact that, like wise men of old, we have found the Christ child, and joyfully worship him.

Amen

Hymn 317: *Love came down at Christmas*

Benediction

Organ Postlude

(You are invited to remain seated until the end of the postlude)

Reader: Alan Chuck

Next week: Wendy Chuck

1 Sm 3: 1-10;

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20;

Flowers: Avril McHugh

Next week: Daphne Arthur

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18;

John 1: 43-51;