

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday Patchwork Group meeting @ 12.30pm  
Tuesday Friendship Group meeting @ 10am  
COGs meeting @ 1.30pm  
Wednesday Golf Group meet @ 6am  
Ash Wednesday @ 10.30am, 7pm  
Parish Council @ 7.45pm  
Thursday Lenten Study @ 10am  
Woodlake Service @ 11am

**Patchwork Group** – reconvenes for the year this Monday. Anyone is welcome to come along. If you'd like to know more about this group, please contact Bobbie 0428 371 885.

**Lenten Study** – *Where Do We Go From Here?* a Lenten study produced by ABM is what we will be studying this year. If you're interested in being a part of the group, please speak with the Reverend Josie, or put your name on the board in the Hall, where there is more information about the course. The first session will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.

**Please pray for:** Paul; Frances; Isla; Albert, Ivan; Peggy; Peter; Stephen; Amanda; Ernie & Irene; George & Maureen; Lois; Barry; Fred & Joan; Cameron; Ron



*Happy birthday to Trish Laws on 17<sup>th</sup>*

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## Welcome to Worship



## Transfiguration

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...**

### Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

**Sentence:** It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 4:6*

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness, from  
glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Today's readings:

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-12  
Mark 9:2-9

### Next Week:

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15



## **Transfiguration – Mark 9:2-9**

*Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.*

Today's Gospel is Mark's account of the transfiguration of Jesus. In the event witnessed by Peter, James and John on the mountain, the promise of the first covenant (Moses the great law giver and Elijah the great prophet) converges with the fulfillment of the new covenant (Jesus the Messiah).

Throughout Israel's history, God revealed his presence to Israel in the form of a cloud (for example, the column of cloud that led the Israelites in the desert during the Exodus – Exodus 15). On the mountain of the transfiguration, God again speaks in the form of a cloud, claiming the transfigured Jesus as his own Son.

Returning down the mountain, Jesus urges the three not to tell of what they had seen, realising that their vision would confirm the popular misconception of an all-powerful, avenging Messiah. The mission of Jesus

the Messiah means the cross and resurrection, concepts Peter and the others still do not grasp.

What the disciples saw in Jesus on the mountain was the divinity – the very life and love of God – that dwelled within him. That love of God lives within each one of us, as well, calling us beyond our own needs, wants and interests.

Love that calls us beyond ourselves is “transfiguring.” In the transforming love of Christ the Messiah-Servant, we can “transfigure” despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community.

The Jesus of the Gospel comes with a heavy price: the glorious Christ of the Transfiguration will soon become the Crucified Christ of Good Friday. Accepting the God of blessing is easy, but when that God becomes the God of suffering who asks us to give readily and humbly to others and to forgive one another without limit or condition, then we begin to insulate ourselves from the relationship God invites us to embrace. In risking the pain and demands of loving one another as Christ has loved us, the divinity we recognise in the Jesus of the Transfiguration becomes for us the eternal life of the Jesus of Easter.

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