

**5 JANUARY 2025**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**



**Today's Services**

**Saint Luke's, Rosewood**  
8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

**Next Week**

***Saint Luke's, Rosewood***  
*8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)*  
*5:00pm Prayer & Praise*

***All Saints, Marburg***  
*10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)*

**Today's Bible Readings**

Isaiah 60.1—16  
Psalm 72.1—7, 10—14  
Ephesians 3.1—12, 20—21  
Matthew 2.1—12

***Reflect on today's sentence***

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*  
*Isaiah 60.1*

**As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.**

### Prayer of the Day

Lord God of the nations,  
we have seen the star of your glory  
rising in splendour:  
may the brightness of your incarnate  
Word pierce the night that covers the  
earth, signal the dawn of justice and  
peace, and beckon all nations to walk as  
one in your light.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your  
Word made flesh,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal  
light,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**



### **Rev'd John's Sermon Outline**

Matthew 2: 1-12. The Magi

True Servants of God led by the Holy Spirit. Wise men from the East of Jerusalem and Wise unto Salvation, they wanted to see Jesus.

1. vs 9- 10 They trusted God and followed the star to where the young child was - they rejoiced exceedingly.

This was their Crowning point of their Faith!

2. We are called to step out and believe God with exceptional Faith. The Magi traveled into the unknown.

So did Abraham in Genesis 12:1.

3. We as a church continue to seek God for guidance in delighting in His Word and live fearlessly .Joshua 9. 9 ' Be strong and courageous.

\* Our Sovereign God is greater than 'all the works of darkness that we will encounter.' 1 John 4:4.

Like the Magi and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we do not set limits on what God can do! The Promise in Eph 3:20 is for you and me . 'Exceedingly, abundantly more than we can imagine'

Let us pray and believe this Promise for the parish of Rosewood.

# Our Community

We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ

## Parish Council Meeting

Our first Parish Council meeting for 2025 will follow today's service at St Luke's. This service will be a thanksgiving for our retiring Parish Councillors, particularly Sandy Vigar, Graham and Margot Badham who have given many years of service to our Parish.

We will be commissioning our new Parish Councillors.

*Rev John Simons*

*Colin Clifford*

*Christina Marre*

*Anne Parker*

*Sue Schultz*

*Mark Robinson*

*Susan Dunne*

*Joan Clifford*

*Desley Greensill*

*Robbie Henry*

*Marie Kavanagh*

*Carin McGovern*

*Becky McKallister*

*Suzie Smith*

*Locum Tenens*

*Warden*

*Warden*

*Warden*

*Treasurer*

*Synod Rep*

*Synod Rep*

*Parish Councillor*

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A special morning tea will be shared following the service.

SAVE THE DATE

5 Jan—Epiphany Service, followed by Parish Council meeting

15 Feb—Rosewood market

2 Mar—Annual General Meeting

## ***Why we should be a praying Church***

**Martin Luther:** “Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.”

**John Wesley:** “I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.”

**Billy Graham:** “Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian.”

## **Prayer for the Archdeaconry**

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyzes and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus’s Name.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer Requests**

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

2025 Parish Councillors, Mitch, Bishop Cam, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of Saint Anne’s.

### ***Pray for those whose need is ongoing:***

Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Yvonne and Ian Hillard, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

## **Parish Directory**

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*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”*

*Isaiah 43.18—19*

**Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:  
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