

10th February	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
11th February	12.30 pm Archdeaconry Farewell for Bishop Brad	tbm
	3.30 pm Wedding Interview	Curlewis
	7.30 pm Commissioning Nay Htoo Khin	for Lara Little River Parish
14th February	6.00 pm Valentines Day Cinema	Epiphany, Meredith
17th February	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
18th February Ash Wednesday	12 noon Deanery Meeting	Christ Church, Little River
	7.00 pm Communion w/ Ashes	St Paul's Inverleigh
21st February	11.00 am Opening of Community Centre	CT Monastery Teesdale
24th February	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
3rd March	7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
4th March	11.00 am Communion	Estia Health Bannockburn
14th March	8.30 am Men's Breakfast	Parish Ministry Centre

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Not found in the Bible

14 popular sayings absent from the pages of Scripture

- Cleanliness is next to godliness.
- God works in mysterious ways.
- Moderation in all things.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- The eye is the window to the soul.
- The lion shall lay down with the lamb.
- If God brought you to it, He'll bring you through it.
- This too shall pass.
- Pride comes before the fall.
- To thine ownself be true.
- God will not give you more than you can handle.
- Ask Jesus into your heart.
- Hate the sin, love the sinner.
- Everything happens for a reason.

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith
 8th February 2026—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JESUS IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW

Following the way of Jesus, as Disciples, is to fulfil all the law and the prophets.

We all know what happens when a revolutionary party suddenly finds itself in power. It's one thing to shout angrily from the sidelines, but quite another to form a government and run a country. All sorts of things have to be organized and dealt with which a rebel movement can happily ignore.



When this happens, two questions are asked. First, can

this movement really do the basic things that a government can do better than its predecessor? Was it just making a lot of noise which now turns out to be hot air, or can it really deliver the goods? Second, can it remain true to itself and its original ideals even though it's now in power? Will it, in turn, become corrupt and just like all other governments, starting off in a blaze of glory and good intentions and ending up riddled with corruption and muddle?

Jesus was starting a revolution all right - but it was a different sort of revolution from all the other ones that were bubbling up in his days. And he had to do two things at the same time. First, he had to show the Jews of his day that this movement really was the fulfilment of all that Israel had believed and longed for. Second, he had to show that he and his followers really were living by (and also dying by) the new way he was announcing.

This passage [concerning salt and light and being the fulfilment of the law] shows how Jesus himself held the two together. He was indeed offering something utterly revolutionary, to which he would remain faithful; but it was, in fact, the reality towards which Israel's whole life and tradition had pointed.

The passage, then, is a kind of gateway to all that will follow, and its theme is clear. Jesus is calling the Israel of his day to be [the Israel God

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Worship Today: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sentence: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

Collect: Faithful God, you have appointed us as your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone of your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16;
Matthew 5:13-20

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 491 – Father welcomes all his children; 448 – Blest are the pure in heart; 250 – Christ, when for us you were baptised; 609 – May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Bannockburn: *Lord I come to you*; 10,000 Reasons; Majesty; Father welcomes all his children; Here I am, wholly available; *Such love*; My goal is God himself; *I believe in Jesus*

Meredith: *Lord I come to you*; 10,000 Reasons; Here I am, wholly available; May the mind of Christ my Saviour; My goal is God himself; I believe in Jesus

Intercessions: God of all mercy, hear our prayer.

World: peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia, Sudan, Iran and all places in conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan, Venezuela and all developing nations; for Denmark and Greenland; where there is natural disaster; injustice, loss of freedom, racism, misogyny and death, where there is lack of education, health services, employment, food; nations that are food bowls for world; all national leaders to justice and peace in their nations.

Church: to share the good news of God's kingdom in an uncertain world; Bp Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Brad as he prepares for the Diocese of Adelaide; to be salt and light in our communities; For Rose Riches and family; the development Youth and Family Community Cinema; Parish Council as they continue to work for viability.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples on whose country we live and the work of reconciliation; for all who come into our communities that in diversity they will be welcome and safe; those who are recovering from fire and floods; those facing interest rate increases; the Bannockburn Food Relief Project; for all farmers and graziers;

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Jesse Osborne, Phil Dickson, Paul Duke, Josie Andrews, Josie Harvey, Steve and Stacey Copland, Mawut Gotbaai, Timothy and Weng Deng.

DATE NIGHT



FREE CINEMA Double Billing



6.00 pm
**Church of the Epiphany,
Meredith**
Saturday February 14
Interval and Refreshments Included

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intended it to be], now that Jesus is there. What he says here can now be applied to all Christians, but its original meaning was a challenge to Jesus' own contemporaries. God had called Israel to be the salt of the earth; but Israel was behaving like everyone else, with its power politics, its factional squabbles, its militant revolutions. How could God keep the world from going bad - the main function of salt in the ancient world - if Israel, his chosen 'salt', had lost its distinctive taste? In the same way, God called Israel to be the light of the world (e.g. Isaiah 42.6; 49.6). Israel was the people through whom God intended to shine his bright light into the world's dark corners, not simply to show up evil but to enable people who were blundering around in the dark to find their way. But what if the people called to be the light-bearers had become part of the darkness? That was Jesus' warning - and also his challenge. Jerusalem, the city set on a hill, was supposed to be a beacon of hope to the world. His followers were to be like that: their deep, heartfelt keeping of God's laws would be a sign to the nations around that the one God, the creator, the God of Israel, was God indeed, and that they should worship him.

Jesus wasn't intending to abandon the law and the prophets. Israel's whole story, commands, promises and all, was going to come true in him. But, now that he was here, a way was opening up for Israel - and, through that, all the world - to make God's covenant a reality in their own selves, changing behaviour not just by teaching but by a change of heart and mind itself.

This was truly revolutionary, and at the same time deeply in tune with the ancient stories and promises of the Bible. And the remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person. He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hill-top, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his father, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest fulfilment of the law and the prophets.

That's why these sayings, originally applied to Israel, now apply to all those who follow Jesus and draw on his life as the source of their own. How does this challenge affect us today? Where does the world need salt and light right now, and how can we, through following Jesus, provide it?

N T Wright. *Matthew for Everyone, Part 1*, WJK 2004:39-41



Cowboys would put a lantern on their saddle at night so they could find the trail when they were far from home.

This was early Saddle Light Navigation.

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Ps 89:39-53
Jeremiah 16:1-15(16-21)
Philippians 3:1-16

Evening: Ps 91
Genesis 24:1-21
Luke 4:1-15

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 92 & 93
Jeremiah 17:1-18
Philippians 3:17-4:7

Evening: Ps 94
Genesis 24:22-49
Luke 4:16-30

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 95 & 96
Jeremiah 17:19-18:12
Philippians 4:8-23

Evening: Ps 97 & 98
Genesis 24:50-67
Luke 4:31-44

Thursday

Morning: Pss 99 & 100
Jeremiah 18:12-23
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Evening: Ps 103
Genesis 25:5-11, 19-34
Luke 5:1-11

Friday

Morning: Pss 101 & 102:1-11
Jeremiah 19:1-20:6
1 Timothy 1:12-20

Evening: Ps 102:12-28
Genesis 26:1-17
Luke 5:12-26

Saturday

Cyril (d.869) and Methodius, Bishop *Missionaries*
Missionaries to the Slavs

Morning: Pss 108 & 109:20-30
Jeremiah 20:7-18
1 Timothy 2

Evening: Ps 119:105-128
Genesis 26:18-33
Luke 5:27-39



**IT'S BETTER TO
WALK ALONE
THAN WITH A
CROWD GOING
IN THE WRONG
DIRECTION.**

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**Next Sunday 15th February
LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
8.00 am Holy Communion**

Inverleigh

**10.00 am All-Age Communion
Bannockburn**

**5.00 pm Holy Communion
Meredith**

Readings

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February

**7.00 pm Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes**

St Paul's Inverleigh

Parish Council have requested a
Lenten preaching series on
Stewardship.