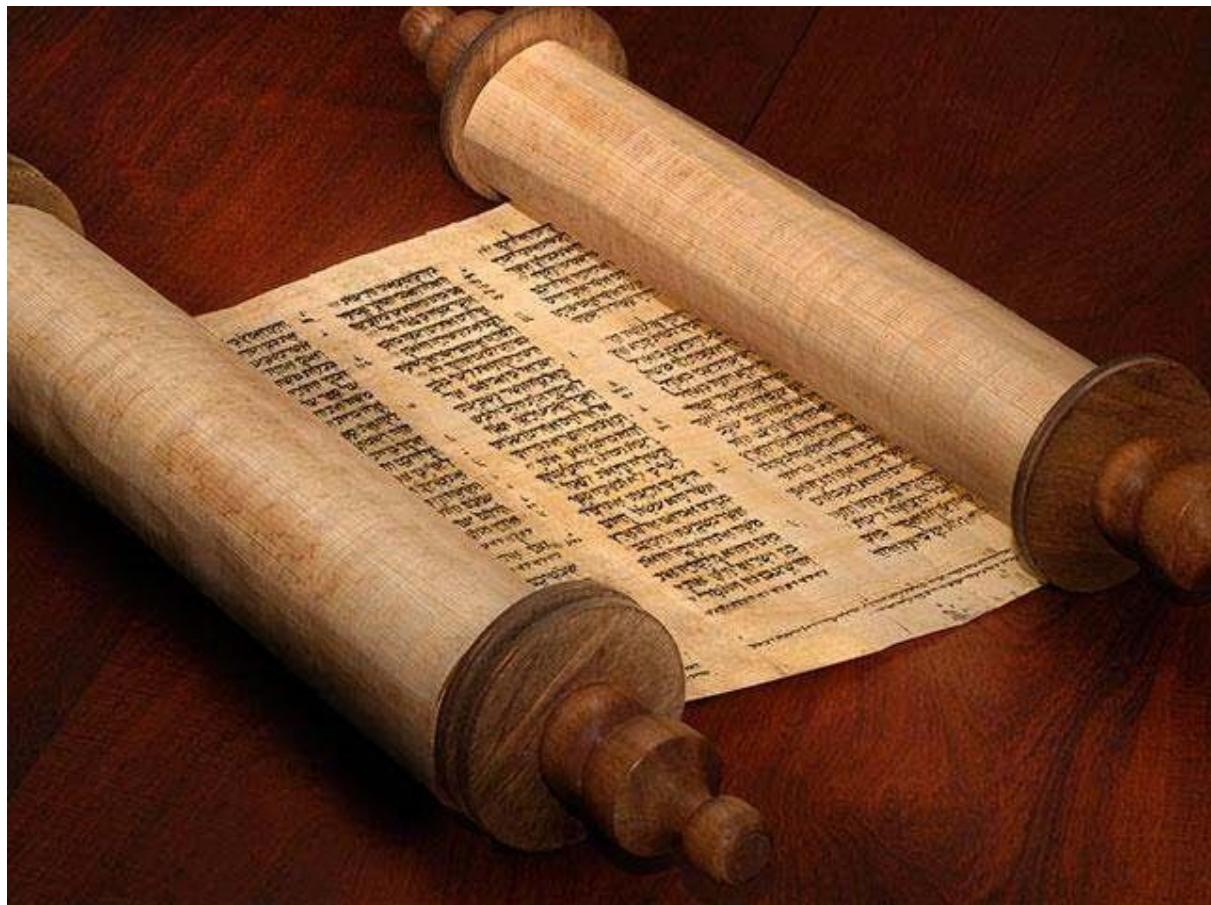




CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds ...



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
23 JANUARY 2021

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us today.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of ‘common prayer’ in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves (‘our souls and our bodies’) for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community. We are delighted that you are here: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Baptism within a celebration of the Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

When COVID restrictions permit, the Cathedral is open every day. Free WIFI is available in the Cathedral and throughout our gardens.

You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



Visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news and information

www.graftoncathedral.org.au

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Acknowledgement of Country

Entrance Hymn:

Holy Spirit go before us [TIS 420]

1. Holy Spirit, go before us,
every mind and heart prepare
for good news of life in Jesus,
for the joyful hope we share.
Gently lead the lost to safety,
gently teach them Wisdom's way,
till they come to seek you gladly,
till we find the words to say,
2. Holy Spirit, come and help us,
give us words to speak of Christ.
Teach us how to tell all people:
deepest darkness can be light!
Help us tell how faithful God is,
and how Jesus sets us free;
take our words, and make them gospel,
so that many may believe.
3. Holy Spirit, stay to show us
how to serve as Christ served us.
May our words of love be grounded
in love's actions, first and last.
Your good news is news of justice,
and the strong befriend the weak
in your service, till compassion
builds the peace the nations seek.

Elizabeth J. Smith, 1956-

The president greets the people.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.'

— Luke 4.18

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Invitation to Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence is kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you
in thought word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise (Gloria in excelsis)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Life-giving God,
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom
and to teach with authority:
anoint us with your Spirit,
that we too may bring good news to the poor,
bind up the broken-hearted,
and proclaim liberty to the captive;
though Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Old Testament

Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech of language: nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world;
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgments of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous everyone.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be lean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Gospel

[Luke 4:14-21]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the

captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

The Sermon *The Right Reverend Dr Murray Harvey, Bishop of Grafton*

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen .**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray that all the Lord's people may be anointed with his Spirit. God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Keep your Church steadfast in observance of your ways to be a witness to all people. Guide and inspire all who are called to your service, enabling us all to fulfil the different tasks entrusted to us.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all people the spirit of cooperation for the common good. Teach us to use our resources for the relief of suffering and the spreading of peace and harmony. Guide us to discern and plan for future mission and ministry in this place.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Bless us in our families, to enable us to care for one another in the knowledge that we are one in Christ. Inspire us to respect those with whom we associate and work and to honour what they do. We pray for those suffering the effects of the COVID situation, and those in need who have asked for prayer: Kathryn Douglas, Max Kelsall, John McAnally and Tammy Uren.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that those who have died in their earthly bodies may be made whole in the heavenly body of all the faithful. Comfort those who mourn with the good news that all are one in Christ. In years mind we remember: Robert John Stuart Duff, Kevin McLennan, Olive McAteer, Thelma Thompson and Edna Hastings. We offer our prayers through Christ in whom all Scripture has been fulfilled.

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Together we pray the Cathedral Prayer

**Living and eternal Christ, bless the ministry of this Cathedral
as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to
pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our
minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of
your life, your death, and your resurrection, now and always . Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace: of the increase of his government
and of peace there shall be no end.

South African Prayer Book

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace in a COVID-safe manner.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory hymn:

Community of Christ [TIS 473]

- 1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

- 2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.**

- 3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound –
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread and tears of anguish
into joy.**
- 4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.**

Community of Christ. © Shirley Erena Murray 1931–2020

The gifts are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross,
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name.
for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND HOLY COMMUNION

The president breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Agnus dei (Lamb of God)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The president elevates the consecrated elements and calls the people of God to the Table of Jesus.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hymn:

God gives us a future [TIS 687]

1. **God gives us a future,**
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.
2. **We must leave behind us**
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.
3. **Holy Spirit teach us**
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life, and
find our future there.

[Elizabeth J. Smith, 1956-]

Prayer after Communion

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

The Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty; the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude: *Toccata in C major P.455 – Johann Pachelbel*

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PARISH AGM

The AGM will be held after the 9.00am service on 20 February 2022. All welcome. Can you please ensure that all reports for the Annual Report are sent to the Parish Office by **Monday 31 January** to enable compiling of the report so that it is available in the Cathedral a week prior to the meeting.

AUSTRALIA DAY

**AUSTRALIA DAY EUCHARIST WEDNESDAY 10.00AM
@ Grafton Cathedral**

You are invited to Market Square from 1.00 pm Wednesday.

To celebrate and listen to stories, share culture and have a complementary lunch of Aussie and Indigenous food.

AUSTRALIA DAY

MARKET SQUARE - A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday 26 January 2022 | 1PM - 5PM

Enjoy an Aussie meal and sample traditional bush tucker
Experience Aboriginal culture, arts, crafts and music
Come share your story and be part of history

Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

ENTERTAINMENT
Welcome to Country
Maanyung & Manduway
Dion Drummond
Ryan Martin Trio
Kids Games
Jumping Castles

Rotary **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

Around the Parish this Week

Today	<p>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</p> <p>9.00am – Cathedral Live Online: https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/this-sunday</p> <p>10.30am – Parish Consultancy Meeting</p>
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer 8.30am and 5.30pm. You are welcome to join us Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–4.00pm</p> <p>Cathedral Bookshop from 25 January 9.30am–3.30pm</p> <p>Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm</p> <p>Cathedral Pantry Mon, Tue & Thr</p> <p>Wednesday worship (Australia Day) 10.00 am</p> <p>If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.</p> <p>PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS</p>
Next Sunday	<p>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY and THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE. Festival Choral Eucharist and Candlemas Blessing (9.00am) Cathedral: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>
	<p><i>Please visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news, additional information, and the text of sermons as well as video recordings of many special moments in our life as a faith community:</i> www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>



Cathedral Bookshop – reopening Tuesday 25 January



Cathedral OpShop & Food Pantry

OpShop: Monday – Friday 10.00 – 4.00

Pantry: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10.00 – 2.00

Cathedral Parish Directory

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Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin	Brian Holley	Kay Metcalfe
Cheryl Cook	Max Kelsall	Eileen Rogan
Sue Cotter	Fay Kelly	Val Rogers
Kathryn Douglas	Ruth Kingsley	Tammy Uren
Gail Gilmore	Joan Marr	Jessie Usher
Gladys Gray	John McAnally	

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Robert John Stuart Duff, Kevin McLennan, Olive McAteer, Thelma Thompson, and Edna Hastings.