



***THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

***(Sunday 15 December 2013)***



St John  
the Evangelist

Anglican Parish  
of Dee Why

## **WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S CHURCH, DEE WHY** **(on the corner of Avon Road and Oaks Avenue)**

*St John's is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching, fine art and music, warm fellowship and outreach. It remains as Dee Why's oldest institution.*

*We are an Anglican parish in the Catholic Tradition of Anglicanism, which:*

- *welcomes everyone*
- *seeks to live the life of Christ in community*
- *reaches out in love to others to share this life*

*If you are a baptised communicant Christian from another Church you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us today, or you may choose to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Please join us for refreshments after all services.*

**as we celebrate**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**15 December 2013**

### **8:00am Holy Eucharist**

Hymns: 216, 153, 264 (TIS)

Setting: *A Parish Eucharist* (Michael Dudman)

### **10:00am Family Eucharist with Godly Play**

Hymns: 216, 153, 291, 264 (TIS)

Setting: *Holy Trinity Mass* (John Ross)

Motet: *Song of the ship – German trad.*

Voluntary: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Bach)

### **11:30am Christmas Nativity Play - practice**

### **6:00pm Evensong and Litany**

Hymns: *See printed hymn sheet*

Psalms: 11, 14

*St John's Anglican Church acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to all Aboriginal people, and to their families past and present.*

**For St John's Christmas Program**  
**– please see opposite page**



## FROM THE RECTOR

15 December 2013

**Dear Friends,**

*In this Sunday's gospel we find John the Baptist shut in prison, full of shadows and forebodings. He is assailed by doubt. The Messiah whom he believed he had recognised does not act as the unrelenting executor of God's judgement against sinners. Confused and helpless, John sends to Jesus to enquire: 'Are you really the one we have been waiting for—you who are non-violent, forbearing and forgiving?'*

*This question echoes down the centuries and challenges us today more than ever, faced as we are by God's apparent silence and passivity before our own dechristianised society. We expect answers from the gospel, but instead the gospel seems to pose us further questions!*

*The credentials brought by Jesus to his mission were of a quiet but persistent kind. The love of God which he offers to sinful humanity is the sign that the kingdom is at hand.*

*With every blessing,*

**Fr Steven Salmon, Rector**



## 6:00pm Saturday 21 December Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

### Christmas at St John's

Wed 18 Dec	<b>Special Weekday Christmas Eucharist</b> 10:00am (for those unable to attend Christmas Day)
Sat 21 Dec	<b>Christmas Working Bee</b> 9:30am
Sat 21 Dec	<b>Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</b> 6:00pm
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Service</b> 5:00pm Carols Singing 11:15pm <b>Midnight Mass</b> 11:45pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Dawn Holy Communion Liturgy</b> 6:30am <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 8:00am <b>Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry</b> 10:00am <b>Community Christmas Lunch</b> 12noon
Sun 29 Dec	<b>Feast of the Holy Family and First Communions</b>



*Candles burning in the Church for the month of December  
are in loving memory of  
Margaret Doreen Williams  
from her son Glen Kinging and all the members of her family*

## PARISH NEWS

**Advent** is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation both for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, and for his second coming. Traditions include the “Advent Calendar” often used for children to count the days ‘til Christmas, and the Advent Wreath used at St John’s.

**Empty Christmas Tree:** St John’s is again supporting the Dee Why Women’s Refuge, helping needy families to enjoy some gifts and festive food on Christmas Day. *Please leave your gifts (new, unwrapped presents or hamper food) that you wish to make **by Wednesday 19 December** for Deacon Sandra to deliver.*

**Special Christmas Eucharist, Wednesday 18 December, 10:00am:** In the week before Christmas, the Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist will be a special service, followed by morning tea in the hall, for **parishioners and friends who are unable to come to Christmas Day services.** Some may need transport, and will be grateful for assistance. We also need others to welcome those who do come. *If you need transport or can help please speak with Deacon Sandra or call the office (9971 8694).*

**Working Bee – A Job for everyone – next Saturday 9:30am!** Our pre-Christmas working bee will be held following the 9:00am Eucharist on **Saturday 21 December** at St John’s. This is our chance to spruce up the Church and Parish Centre, help in a very practical way, and of course enjoy a cuppa and a little fellowship. *Please speak with Robyn or Bev after the 8:00am Eucharist or Tony after 10:00am about what to bring and what to do, or just turn up with sleeves rolled.* No help too small or big, young or old!

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols:** This highlight in St John’s year on **Saturday 21 December, 6:00pm** is not to be missed. *If you are able to come, please bring a plate of food to share for supper.*

The traditional service tells the story from the fall of humanity, through the promise of the Messiah, to the birth of Jesus, in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the Prophets and the Gospels, and is interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. The format was drawn up in 1880 for use on Christmas Eve and has since been adapted and used by churches all over the world. The best-known version is broadcast annually, featuring carols sung by the Choir of King’s College, Cambridge.

**Children’s Christmas Service, Tuesday 24 December, 5:00pm:** This is a special Christmas occasion for all children, with carols, prayers, a presentation of the Christmas Story and singing by Playtime mothers. There will be a group of young people playing Christmas Carols before the service, which lasts around 30 minutes. *Please bring children, grandchildren and tell friends and neighbours.*

**Happy Birthday** to Lillian Miles (16<sup>th</sup>), and to Howard Butler (21<sup>st</sup>)

**Anniversary Congratulations** to Wendy and Dudley Johnson (15<sup>th</sup>), and to Harry and Patricia Sara (20<sup>th</sup>)

**St John's Christmas Day Lunch:** *If you know someone who may be on their own at Christmas please book and come with them, or just encourage them to reserve a place by entering their name on the list in the lobby, phoning the office (9971 8694) or speaking with Lynette Johnson either after the morning services or on 0408 254 125. Thanks to all for generous offers to help and donate.*

**Christmas Bowl:** Envelopes for the Christmas Bowl Appeal are available today. Why not leave your envelope on your dinner table on Christmas Day, and give at least the cost of one person's meal at your Christmas Dinner? Please hand in your envelope either on Christmas Day or on the Sunday after Epiphany (5 January 2014) as your gift for Jesus in the poor. Alternatively, you can send your donation directly to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

**Christmas Eve Nativity Play:**

Practices have been scheduled for the cast at these times:

<i>Sunday 15 Dec</i>	<i>11:30am</i>
<i>Monday 23 Dec</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Tue 24 Dec</i>	<i>3:30pm</i>

**Op Shop:** St John's Op Shop raised \$2,722 on Saturday 4 December. The end-of-year barbecue was enjoyed by all our workers. Many thanks to all who helped to achieve this result and finish a successful year. Special thanks to Ken Eltham. There is a need for new helpers next year, helping on the day (the first Saturday of each month) and in setting up and stocking stalls on the preceding Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. *If you can set aside some time each month, to help the Op Shop outreach, please speak with Bev Bingham.*

**Christmas cards:** For your Christmas Greeting needs, please see Valda Ashover, who has a supply of ABM and other charity cards. If browsing at the table in the church you can also find books that may be suitable as gifts.



**Red Cross Blood Service:** The Mobile Blood Service is at Dee Why Surf Club from Monday 16 to Thursday 19 December (12:30 to 7:00pm). *Pease see details at the back of the Church.*

**Welcome to our  
Youngest Parish  
Family Member:**

Penelope Faith born  
20 November 2013.  
Congratulations to  
parents Sandy and  
James.



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**St John's Christmas Newsletter** - If you haven't taken your copy, please do so today. Also, please check for friends, neighbours or people in your street; personal delivery is far more friendly than a posted letter.

*St John's Parish seeks to be environmentally aware and responsible in our use of resources.*

## THE WEEK AT ST JOHN'S (school holidays schedule)

The church is open during the day for personal prayer. Morning and Evening Prayer is normally said each day (except Tuesdays) at 8:15am and 5:15pm.

Mon	16 Dec	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
Tue	17 Dec	10:00am-1:00pm 7:15-8:45pm	Café Choir Practice
Wed	18 Dec	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Special Weekday Christmas Eucharist</b> (for those unable to attend Christmas Day)
		5:30-8:30pm	Street Mission Wednesday Café
Thu	19 Dec	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
Fri	20 Dec	<b>9:00am</b> 10:00am-1:00pm	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) Café
		<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> (A priest is normally available in the Church for Confessions from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm or contact Fr Steven for other times)
Sat	21 Dec	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
		<b>9:30am-12:30am</b>	<b>Working Bee – a job for everyone!</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</b>
Sun	22 Dec	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
		<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Family Eucharist with Godly Play</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Evensong and Litany</b>

Morning Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

### Christmas at St John's

*please see page 3 of this pew sheet*

### Christmas Holidays are here!

- Children's weekday (**Playtime**), young people's (**Youth Group**) ministries, **Caritas**, **Mothers' Union** and **Wednesday Bible Study** have all broken up.
- **Office** and **Café** - closed from Christmas, and running on a skeleton basis in January.
- **Evening Prayer** (Vespers) will be said in the chapel in lieu of **Evensong** on 29 December and on Sundays in January.
- **Sunday morning Eucharists**, **Godly Play**, and **Crèche** (unsupervised), and the **Daily Weekday Eucharists** to continue through the holidays.
- No **Choir** at Sunday services (or the Tuesday Choir practices) for January or the first two Sundays of February.
- **Street Mission Wednesday Café** to continue (except Christmas Day).
- No January **Op Shop**.

Please see the "Week Ahead" page in coming weeks for details of when ministries resume next year



## ***WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER***

### **Those who are ill:**

Louise, Margaret Baker, Bob & Margaret Brownley, Kay Burton, Stephen Butler, Fr Maurice Collins, Betty Coward, Nora Davidson, Pat Duke, Robyn Dunn, Gary Fenton, Leslie Flood, Clarrie Greaves, Marie Hansen, Kathy Harbord, Peter Huckleby, Pat Kennedy, Sue Kinging, Alexander Kwan, Fr Robert Long, Grace MacKay, Paul MacKay, Esther Maudson, Joan Morgans, Ross Morgans, Bill Peters, John Posener, Anne Ranse, John Ridd, Olwyn Rogers, Kevin Ross, Barry Stovold, Alle Tesoriero, Lindsay Walker, Stephen Ward, Noel Warr, Florence Watts, Margaret Woodcock

### **Others in need of prayer:**

Belinda, Larka, Anita, Donna, Russell, Thomas, Jasmine and Ryan, David, Greg, Leah, Lisa, Mark, Fay Baker, Virginia Baker, Elizabeth Balharry, June Bennett, Sue Booker, Cameron Browne, Brian Butler, Craig Butler, Shirley Butler, John and Norma Byles, Rosemary Calder, Susan Caldis, Eileen Cameron, Dorothy Cole, Beryl Cornish, John Cranfield, Fr Jim Cranswick, Hilary Dowe, Barbara and John Emmett, Anne Evans, Jean Field, Tom Fisher, Kevin Flicker, Stella Greaves, Arthur Greenwood, Kath Gumbleton, Norma Halford, Eric Hastings Snr, Michelle Hayden, Margaret James, John Lang, Alec, Midge Lee, Joanne Lucock, Helen Mayall, Lois Maze, Bob and Vivienne McMullin, Lilian Miles, Byron Moore, Grayden Moore, Del Natrass, Rebecca O'Donnell, Jessica, Angus, Daniel and Lucy, Stephen Palmer, Evelyn Peterson, Fiona Peterson, Joan Preuss, Tom and Isabel Ridgway, Debby Roberts, Fran Romanis, Harry and Patricia Sara, Bob Satchell, Pam Seddon, Lena Simpkins, Don Stephens, Jill and Kareena Sutcliffe, Cass Tane, Brian Taylor, Jennifer and Michael Taylor, Joan Taylor, Phil and Margaret Turley, Audette Vaughan, Cynthia Watts, Val West, John Wickes, Kath Yabsley

### **Those who died recently:**

Robert Bailey, Nelson Mandela, Thea Cooper, Pauline Hourigan, Pat McLean, Leslie McAdam, John Schofield (bishop)

### **Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:**

Joyce Moyle (15<sup>th</sup>), Ray Pontin, Vida Greenwood, Ursula Cranswick, June Smithers (16<sup>th</sup>), Reg Moulds, Doreen Williams (17<sup>th</sup>), Kenneth Bennett (18<sup>th</sup>), Moss Christie (19<sup>th</sup>), Jeanette Bass, Bonnie Langston (20<sup>th</sup>), Michael South, Ivy O'Neill (21<sup>st</sup>)

## 15 December – Advent III – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	John Emmett Howard Butler Sue Dimock	Tony Johnson Bob Brownley Margaret Brownley	Valda Ashover
<b>Readers:</b>	John Emmett Roz Peterson	Barbara Emmett Cynthia Watts	
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Lee Hansen	Denise Soltau	
<b>Chalice:</b>	Robyn Couch	Valda Ashover	
<b>Servers:</b>	Jess Rynd Alma Ondevilla Brian Butler	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Chris Salmon	Robyn Couch Kathe Swales Roz Peterson
<b>Morning Tea:</b>		Denise Soltau Robyn Courtney	
<b>Godly Play</b>	- <b>Storyteller:</b> - <b>Door person:</b>	Katherine Ward Alma Ondevilla	

<b>Cleaning:</b> Alan Plambeck, Ken O'Donell	<b>Brass:</b> Pam Fisher	<b>Grounds:</b> Pam and Don Fisher
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## 22 December – Advent III – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Lee Hansen Dianne Greenhalgh Stan Jeffery	Tony Johnson Denise Soltau Barbara Emmett	Ray Phelps
<b>Readers:</b>	Peter Cunningham Margaret Winters	Briedelia Wiggins Roger Soltau	
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Glen Kinging	Dudley Johnson	
<b>Chalice:</b>	Graeme Couch	Adam Roberts	
<b>Servers:</b>	Roz Peterson Robyn Couch Anne Seddon	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Chris Salmon	Robyn Couch Roz Peterson Alma Ondevilla
<b>Morning Tea:</b>		Wendy Johnson Dudley Johnson	
<b>Godly Play</b>	- <b>Storyteller:</b> - <b>Door person:</b>	Valda Ashover Neridah Byrne	

<b>Cleaning:</b> Heather Andrews	<b>Brass:</b> Joan Butler	<b>Grounds:</b> Mark Ashover
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**Reading sheets** are available on the lobby table for Sundays 22 December to 2 February. *If you are rostered, please collect your readings.* The Christmas Day Rosters will be finalised this week.