

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Sunday 22 December 2013)



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22 December 2013

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Hymns: 271, 265, 272 (TIS)

Setting: *Parish Eucharist* (Michael Dudman)

10:00am Family Eucharist with Godly Play

Hymns: 273, 265, 294, 272 (TIS)

Setting: *Holy Trinity Mass* (John Ross)

Motet: *The Angel Gabriel – trad.*

Voluntary: *Lob sei dem allmachtigen Gott* (Bach)

6:00pm Evensong and Litany

Hymns: *See printed hymn sheet*

Psalms: 123, 131

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 more information please visit our website www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au

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



FROM THE RECTOR

22 December 2013

Dear Friends,

When Matthew tells of the annunciation to Joseph, he is not concerned with the latter's psychological reactions. He is simply trying to answer the question: 'Who is the Messiah?' For Matthew, Jesus 'who will save the people from their sins' is the ultimate heir of Israel, and it is Joseph who gives Jesus a place in the genealogy of David.

Joseph was informed from the outset about the expected birth (and by what more likely person than Mary?). He thought it was his duty to efface himself before this mystery, in which he seemed to have no role. But God intervened, and made clear to him that although the child in Mary's womb was of 'the Holy Spirit', he, Joseph, would have to guarantee its legal status and recognise it as his own. By means of Joseph, the house of David was to accept 'God-with-us' (Is 7:14) in this son, and so welcome the whole program of salvation from the incarnation to the ascension (Mt 1:23, 28, 20).

With every blessing,

Fr Steven Salmon, Rector



Christmas at St John's

Christmas Eve	Children's Christmas Service 5:00pm Carols Singing 11:15pm Midnight Mass 11:45pm
Christmas Day	Dawn Holy Communion Liturgy 6:30am Holy Eucharist 8:00am Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry 10:00am Community Christmas Lunch 12noon
Sun 29 Dec	Feast of the Holy Family and First Communions

St John's Christmas Tree: St John's has again been supporting the Anglicare "Toys 'n' Tucker" appeal and the Dee Why Women's Refuge, helping needy families to enjoy some gifts and festive food on Christmas Day.

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



*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: Today is the last Sunday of Advent, a season observed as a time of expectant waiting prior to the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The Advent Wreath used at St John's symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent; the first candle is attributed to the Prophets, the second to John the Baptist, the third (the rose coloured candle) to the Virgin Mary, and the fourth to the Church. The fifth candle, for the Christmas birth, will be lit on Christmas Day.

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. A young people's group will play Christmas Carols before the service, which lasts about thirty minutes. *Please bring children, grandchildren and tell friends and neighbours.*

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 are scheduled for:

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

First Holy Communion: Josh and Mia Park are to receive their first communion next **Sunday, 29 December**, the Feast of the Holy Family, at the 10:00am Family Eucharist. This is an important time in the lives of newer and young church members; please make every effort to be here, and support them.

St John's Christmas Newsletter - If you haven't received a copy, please take one on your next visit. Good reading and it's free, also for friends, neighbours or people in your street.

Happy Birthday to Sarah and Jessica Roberts (22nd), Sandra Salmon (28th)

Anniversary Congratulations to Sally and Tony Garman (22nd)

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

CHRISTMAS DAY ROSTER

	Midnight	6:30am	8:00am	10:00am
Sidespeople:	Neridah Byrne Graeme Couch Tony Johnson Bev Bingham	Glen Kinging Jean Knight	Dianne Greenhalgh Lee Hansen	Dudley Johnson Wendy Johnson Lesley Flood
Readers:	Graeme Couch Neridah Byrne	Glen Kinging Jean Knight	Lee Hansen Anne Seddon	Adam Roberts Dudley Johnson
Intercessor:	Bev Bingham	Glen Kinging	Allaster McDougall	Wendy Johnson
Chalice:	Robyn Couch	Glen Kinging	Jessica Rynd	Valda Ashover
Servers:	Robyn Couch Roz Peterson Chris Salmon Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts	Brian Butler	Jessica Rynd Anne Seddon Alma Ondevilla	Chris Salmon Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Kathe Swales
Morning Tea:			Sue & Chris Dimock	

St John's Recycling Program: Parishioners are invited to use the collection boxes at the back of the Church for recycling **batteries, candles, corks, ink cartridges, spectacles, sunglasses and spectacle cases**, and also for **used postage stamps and phonecards** to help the work of ABM.



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Don Fisher	Pam Fisher	Dudley Johnson
Lynette Johnson	Antal Krepler	Alma Ondevilla
Denise Soltau	Roger Soltau	Don Stephens

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	23 Dec	10:30-11:30am 12 noon	Practice for cast of the Nativity Play Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Tue	24 Dec	Christmas Eve 3:30-4:30pm 5:00pm 11:15pm 11:45pm	Rehearsal for cast of the Nativity Play Children's Christmas Service Carols Singing Midnight Mass
Wed	25 Dec	Christmas Day 6:30am 8:00am 10:00am 12noon	Dawn Holy Communion Liturgy Holy Eucharist Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry Community Christmas Lunch
Thu	26 Dec	<i>ST STEPHEN</i> 10:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel) <i>Public Holiday</i>
Fri	27 Dec	<i>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</i> 9:00am 5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (chapel) Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sat	28 Dec	<i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</i> 9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Sun	29 Dec	HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Holy Eucharist Family Eucharist with Godly Play and First Communions Evening Prayer (Vespers) (chapel)

Morning Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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Casseroles: Frozen meals are available to all in need, including parishioners who may be unwell and unable to get out, caring for someone else, or any people you know who would appreciate assistance. Please contact Robyn Couch, Bev Bingham or Lynette Johnson to receive meals.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill:

Louise, Margaret Baker, Bob & Margaret Brownley, Kay Burton, Stephen Butler, Fr Maurice Collins, Nora Davidson, Pat Duke, Robyn Dunn, Gary Fenton, Clarrie Greaves, Marie Hansen, Kathy Harbord, Peter Huckleby, Sue Kinging, Alexander Kwan, Fr Robert Long, Grace MacKay, Paul MacKay, Esther Maudson, Joan Morgans, Ross Morgans, Bill Peters, John Posener, Anne Ranse, Kevin Ross, Barry Stovold, Alle Tesoriero, Reg Tuxford, 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, Betty Coward, John Cranfield, Fr Jim Cranswick, Hilary Dowe, Barbara and John Emmett, Anne Evans, Jean Field, Tom Fisher, Kevin Flicker, Leslie Flood, Stella Greaves, Arthur Greenwood, Kath Gumbleton, Norma Halford, Eric Hastings Snr, Michelle Hayden, Margaret James, Pat Kennedy, Joan Killingsworth, 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, Olwyn Rogers, 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, Thea Cooper, Pauline Hourigan, Pat McLean, Leslie McAdam

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

John Westren (22nd), Ethel Bennett, Edna Porter (23rd), Reeve Vaughan, John Jackson (24th), George Morris (priest) (25th), Elsie Peters, Bruce McLean (26th), Milton Moore (27th), Pam Albany (28th)

22 December – Advent III – Rostered Duties

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

Cleaning: Heather Andrews	Brass: Joan Butler	Grounds: Mark Ashover
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29 December – Holy Family Sunday – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Chas Coward Betty Coward Jean Knight	Tony Johnson Neridah Byrne Heather Andrews	Ray Phelps
Readers:	Bev Bingham Jean Knight	Wendy Johnson Briedelia Wiggins	
Intercessor:	Peter Cunningham	Roger Soltau	
Chalice:	Alma Ondevilla	Kathe Swales	
Servers:	Alma Ondevilla Jill Knox Brian Butler	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Kathe Swales	Kathe Swales Alma Ondevilla Roz Peterson
Morning Tea:		Denise Soltau, Helen Hastings	
Godly Play	- Storyteller: - Door person:	Sandra Salmon Bev Bingham	

Cleaning: Bev Bingham, Robyn Couch	Brass: Dianne Greenhalgh	Grounds: Graeme Couch
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Reading sheets are available on the lobby table for Christmas and Sundays to 2 February. *If you are rostered, please collect your readings.*