



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Sunday 8 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 December 2013

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Hymns: 270, 273, 154 (TIS)

Setting: *A Parish Eucharist* (Michael Dudman)

10:00am Family Eucharist with Godly Play

Hymns: 270, 273, 290, 154 (TIS)

Setting: *Holy Trinity Mass* (John Ross)

Motet: *This is the truth – English trad.*

Voluntary: *Gottes Sohn ist Kommen* (Bach)

6:00pm ADVENT CAROLS

Hymns: See service sheet

Anthems: *Matins Responsary* (Palestrina)

A tender shoot (Simon Lole)

People look East – trad.

The Angel Gabriel – trad.

Voluntary: *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland* (Bach)

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.



FROM THE RECTOR

8 December 2013

Dear Friends,

The desert is the traditional place of spiritual renewal. There, in John's time, various sects offered differing rites of purification. John offered one single rite—baptism, in preparation for the forthcoming judgement. With a prophet's clear vision he foresaw the axe laid to the root of the whole established world order.

John the Baptist's message should make us see the range of our problems in the light of God and with reference to God. It should lead us away from the domain of sin into the domain of love. This love cannot be taken lightly, John warns us. We must look to Christ's coming—the King who here and now, and on the last day, separates the chaff from the wheat.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven Salmon, Rector

COMING EVENTS

Today **Advent Carol Service** 6:00pm

Christmas at St John's

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| Sat 14 Dec | Playtime Children's Nativity Play and Party
10:00am |
| Wed 18 Dec | Special Weekday Christmas Eucharist 10:00am
(for those unable to attend Christmas Day) |
| Sat 21 Dec | Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 6:00pm |
| 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 |

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



*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

Amnesty International: Letter writing will be conducted today after each morning service with Neridah Byrne. *For more information please speak with Neridah today.*



One of our letters seeks consideration of clemency for a forty-six year old man on death row for twenty-five years in America. At trial for committing murder at age 19, he was assessed as functioning at a child's age and suffering from brain damage, brain dysfunction and major psychiatric disorders. He is now to be executed.

Advent - Countdown to Christmas: Today, Sunday 8 December, is the second Sunday in Advent, the third Sunday before Christmas Day. The **Advent Wreath** used at St John's symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent; the first candle represents the Prophets, the second John the Baptist, the third (the rose coloured candle) the Virgin Mary, and the fourth the Church. A fifth, the white candle is for Christ's birth at Christmas.

Advent Carols: In this service at **6:00pm tonight, Sunday 8 December**, the Church rejoices that the purposes of God, foretold by the prophets and accomplished in the Saviour's birth, life, death and resurrection, have been fulfilled. *Please come to this service if you can and bring a plate to share for supper.*

Empty Christmas Tree: St John's is again supporting the Anglicare "Toys 'n' Tucker" appeal and Dee Why Women's Refuge, helping needy families to enjoy some gifts and festive food on Christmas Day. *Please see notices in the lobby and take flyers for family, friends or neighbours who may like to contribute. During Advent, please bring your gifts (new, unwrapped presents or hamper food) or donations you wish to make. Anglicare will collect items that are left with the office today (8 December). Items left then until 18 December will be donated to the Dee Why Women's Refuge.*

Christmas Carols: This year the annual **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** will be held on **Saturday 21 December** at 6:00pm (please note the day).

St John's Christmas Day Lunch is on again this year! This is an advance notice to alert parishioners, friends, family and neighbours of our "first-come" booking arrangements and helping opportunities. *For information, please speak with Lynette Johnson either after services or on 0408 254 125. Lynette writes, "In holding the lunch, we are especially encouraging people who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day and would appreciate pleasant company, good food and warm fellowship. We need helpers, including guests who can act as table hosts and welcomers. Altogether, we are aiming to seat one hundred guests (diners and helpers) from the general community. Donations of money, food, nibbles and other assistance are welcome. We have always had a wonderful time with our Christmas Day Lunch. I await your calls."*

Anniversary Congratulations to Antal Krepler and Krisztina (9th), Neil and Sarah Banek (11th), Diane and Peter Cunningham (12th), Robyn and Graeme Couch (14th)

Happy Birthday to Pam Fisher (10th), Sally Garman (11th), Sydney and Kimberley Johnson (12th)

Congratulations to Fr Steven on his anniversary of ordination as a priest (14th)

Farewell: Parishioners have their final chance this morning to farewell **Fran and Warwick Romanis** who are moving to Geelong to live near family. Fran and Warwick, with their children, have contributed actively to our music, worship, and the parish administration over many years.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play Practices have	Sun 15 Dec	11:30am
been scheduled for the cast at the following times:	Mon 23 Dec	10:30am
	Christmas Eve Tue 24 Dec	3:30pm

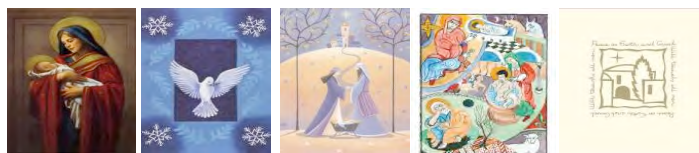
Drivers and Welcomers Needed: Are you able to help drive someone to the Early Christmas Service on the Wednesday before Christmas (18 December) at 10am? The service is followed by Morning Tea in the hall and is particularly for those unable to make it to church on Christmas Day. We also need others to welcome those who do come. *Please speak to Deacon Sandra if able to help.*

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.*

Christmas Holidays are coming!

- Children and young people's weekday ministries (**Playtime, Youth Group**) have their final 2013 activities this week.
- **Caritas** and Wednesday's **Bible Study** have had their final meetings for the year and remain in recess until February.
- **Godly Play** will run without a break. The **Crèche** (unsupervised) will continue to be available for parents to take crying or unsettled babies or toddlers while still being able to follow the service on the TV.
- The **Office** and **Café** will operate on a skeleton basis from Christmas through January.
- Evening Prayer (Vespers) will be said in the chapel in lieu of **Evensong** on Christmas Day and on Sundays through January.
- There will be no January **Op Shop**.
- There will be no **Choir** at Sunday services (or the Tuesday Choir practices) for January or the first two Sundays of February.

Christmas cards: For your Christmas Greeting needs, please see Valda Ashover, who has a supply of ABM and other charity cards.





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

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

THE WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

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	9 Dec	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30-11:30am	Playtime
			12 noon	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
			3:00-7:00pm	<i>Relationships Australia</i>
Tue	10 Dec	10:00am-1:00pm	Café	
		<i>(by appointment)</i>		<i>Cottage Counselling</i>
		7:15-8:45pm		Choir Practice
Wed	11 Dec	<i>(by appointment)</i>		<i>Cottage Counselling</i>
		10:00am		Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
		10:00am		Holy Communion Liturgy (Dee Why Gardens)
		5:30-8:30pm		<i>Street Mission Wednesday Café</i>
Thu	12 Dec	9:30-11:30am		Playtime
		12 noon		Holy Eucharist (chapel)
		<i>(by appointment)</i>		<i>Cottage Counselling</i>
Fri	13 Dec	<i>St Lucy</i>		
		9:00am		Holy Eucharist (chapel)
		10:00am-1:00pm		Café
		10:00-11:00am		Singing Mums
		11:00am		Holy Eucharist (Alexander Nursing Home)
		5:30pm		Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>(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)</i>
		7:00-9:00pm		St John's Youth Group
Sat	14 Dec	<i>St John of the Cross</i>		
		10:00-11:00am		Playtime Children's Nativity Play and Party
		9:00am		Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Sun	15 Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent		
		8:00am		Holy Eucharist
		10:00am		Family Eucharist with Godly Play
		11:30am-12:30pm		Practice for cast of the Nativity Play
		6:00pm		Evensong and Litany

Morning Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Casseroles: Frozen meals are available to all in need. Please contact Robyn Couch, Bev Bingham or Lynette Johnson to obtain meals.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill:

Louise, Bob & Margaret Brownley, Kay Burton, Stephen Butler, Fr Maurice Collins, Betty Coward, Nora Davidson, Pat Duke, Robyn Dunn, Barbara Emmett, John Emmett, Gary Fenton, Leslie Flood, Clarrie Greaves, Marie Hansen, Kathy Harbord, Peter Huckleby, Pat Kennedy, Sue Kinging, Alexander Kwan, 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, 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, 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, Florence Watts, Val West, John Wickes, Kath Yabsley

Those who died recently:

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

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Henry Rowe (9th), John Hawkins (10th), Isabel Emmett, Jack Moppett (11th), Jim Worwood (12th), Gail Parnell (13th)

8 December – Advent II – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Glen Kinging Alan Plambeck Stan Jeffery	Tony Johnson Dudley Johnson Wendy Johnson	Ray Phelps volunteers
Readers:	Glen Kinging Lee Hansen	Adam Roberts Kathe Swales	Dudley Johnson Robyn Couch Ray Phelps Christopher Salmon Anne Seddon
Intercessor:	Margaret Winters	Wendy Johnson	
Chalice:	Glen Kinging	Lesley Flood	
Servers:	Roz Peterson Anne Seddon Jill Knox	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Kathe Swales	Robyn Couch Roz Peterson Alma Ondevilla
Morning Tea:		Robyn Courtney Krisztina Keller	
Godly Play	- Storyteller:	Lesley Flood	
	- Door person:	Gwen Zmijewski	

Cleaning: Bev Bingham, Robyn Couch	Brass: Mary McDougall	Grounds: Glen Kinging, Alan Plambeck
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15 December – Advent III – Rostered Duties

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

Cleaning: Alan Plambeck, Ken O'Donell	Brass: Pam Fisher	Grounds: Pam and Don Fisher
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