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**We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members** as we walk the way of *Igniting Growth* in 2017.

Bishop John (Bridget), Archdeacon & Vicar General Fr Peter, Finance – Fr David Price (Lesley) and Fr. Des Ackland (Raelene)

In the Limestone Coast – we pray for Fr David Patterson, Fr John (Sigrid), Fr David Withers (Ann), Fr Wayne, Fr Alf, Fr Brenton (Lyn), Fr Neil (Nalini)

**Diocesan Prayer**

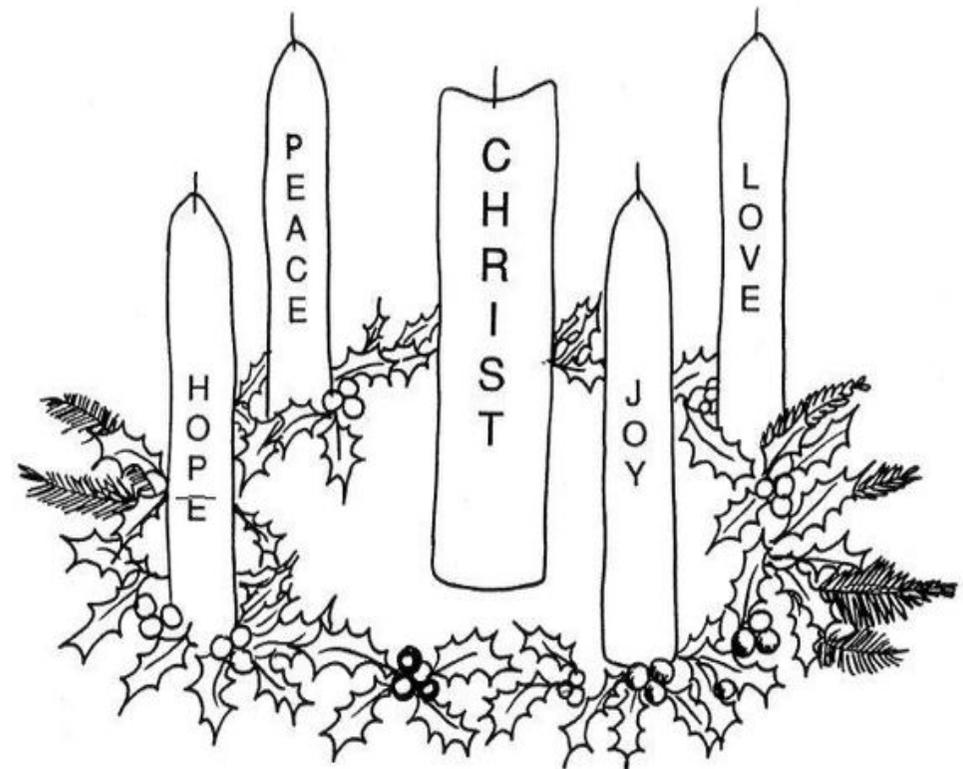
**Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples and friend; help us to journey with you on the way of life toward the Father. Enable us by the Spirit to discover not only the fullness of who you are, but also the fullness of life you offer to each one of us.**

**Amen**

**The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church St Luke's St Thomas**

**ADVENT 3 : 17th December 2017**



*Third Sunday of Advent*



*We welcome all visitors to our services today.  
Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or  
Wardens—and please join us for a cuppa and chat  
in the Ashworth Room after the service*

### *Services and Events this coming week in the Parish*

**Monday, 18th December**

10.00am – 3.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge closed from today and re-opening on Monday, 29th January

5.15pm

Christian Meditation, Ashworth Room

5.30pm

Holy Eucharist Christ Church

**Wednesday, 20th December**

1.00pm

Craft group In recess

**Thursday, 21st December**

5.00pm

Choir practice

5.15pm

Christian Meditation

6.00pm

CMG practice

**Friday, 22nd December**

11.00am

Holy Eucharist, Christ Church

**Sunday, 24th December**

**Monday, 25th December**

Please refer to Christmas Service times on page 3

***On the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, a healing service will be held at 10am prior to the 11am Holy Eucharist.***

***On the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month @ 1.30pm there will be a Eucharist service held at Boandik Lodge, Lake Terrace East All parishioners welcome to join in the celebration***

**N.B. Our church has an audio loop to assist those with hearing aids.**

<b>READINGS and ROSTER – Sunday, 17th December 2017</b>	
<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>	
Isa 61: 1-7	Psalm: The Magnificat Mtt 11: 2-11 John 1: 6-8, 19-28
1 Thess 5: 16-24	
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	Faye Hill
SERVER	Julienne Feast
INTERCESSIONS	Rick Fisher
WELCOMER	Anne Ashworth
ELEMENTS	Denise McDonald
SIDESPERSIONS	Kathy MacIntosh & Graham Savage
FOOD BASKET	Sue Ongley
READERS	Bev Hamson and Raylene Milligan
MORNING TEA	Raylene Milligan and Beryl Heard
FLOWERS	
8.00am SERVER	
SOUND DESK	Sue and Trevor Christopher
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Alice and Fred Gladigau
GARDENING	Richard Strickland
MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage
<b>READINGS and ROSTER - Sunday, 24th December 2017</b>	
<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>	
2 Samuel 7: 1-16	Psalm 89: 19-29
Romans 16: 25-27	Luke 1: 26-38
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	
SERVER	Julienne Feast
INTERCESSIONS	Julienne Feast
WELCOMER	Tara McCracken
ELEMENTS	Jenny Tilby
SIDESPERSIONS	Fay Hill & Tara McCracken
FOOD BASKET	Beryl Heard
READERS	Rick Fisher & Michael Glover
MORNING TEA	—
FLOWERS	Rhonda Strickland
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast
SOUND DESK	Robyn Ashby
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Sandy Coulson
GARDENING	Richard Strickland
MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage

## Restoration of the Bell Tower update

A recent inspection by Heritage SA Inspector, Richard Woods revealed that although in need of urgent work, the bell tower is not structurally compromised, at least to the level of the bell itself. Richard recommended that we restore the lower part of the tower to enable safe access to the level of the bell. After this a local structural engineer will be able to fully inspect the upper, more lightly constructed part of the tower. Initial inspection suggests some stone work in this section needs stabilising before we can resume ringing the bell.

We have engaged local tradesman Steve Hannant who has considerable experience in England working with church spires and towers. Steve has now worked for 5 days and has achieved a great deal.

- ◆ The ceiling of the tower room has been reconstructed to make its upper surface a floor.
- ◆ A new aluminium extension ladder has been purchased and the hatch enlarged to provide easy access above the ceiling.
- ◆ Above this safe access is now possible up what remains of the 1886 staircase to the original ringers platform.
- ◆ The staircase was badly hacked away and left dangling when the ceiling was installed circa 1950. This had fallen away from the walls and was totally unstable. It has been stabilised, repaired and fully anchored and supported and a new bottom step made and installed.
- ◆ The ringers' platform has been made safe by installing a new balustrade, and central hatch cover.
- ◆ New mesh screens have been made and installed to prevent bird entry at this level
- ◆ The original 5.5m wooden ladder of 1886 from this level to the level of the bell has been replaced with a heavy duty aluminium ladder which is permanently fixed at both ends and extends well above the upper level so that dis/mounting is safer.

Plastering, stonework, sealing of surfaces and huge amounts of cleaning still need to be done, but now this and further work can be done safely. In the New Year the upper tower inspection will occur and Steve and I will continue with the remaining work on the lower tower.

I have applied for a \$2000 MGCC Heritage Grant, and we still have money from a generous donation received earlier in the year.

If you would like to see or hear more about the Bell Tower Restoration Project please catch up for a chat or give me a call.

Peace and blessings

Rick Fisher 0409 800 680



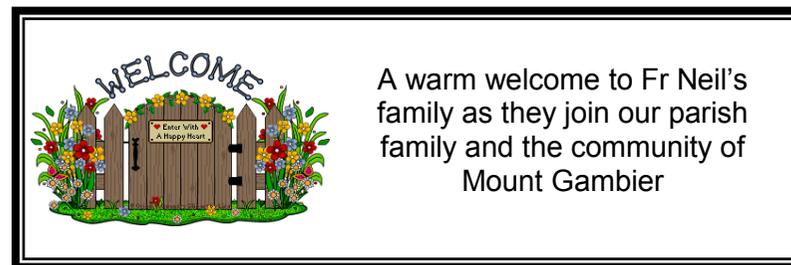
“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”

Matthew 25 : 40

When did I see you hungry?  
When did I see you sick?  
When did I see you a stranger?

Bring hope and healing to the world this Christmas.

Please give generously to the Christmas Bowl.



## FREEZER MINISTRY FOR DECEMBER

Pam Miller Alice Gladigau Jean Hawkes  
Julienne Feast

Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.



## FOOD MINISTRY

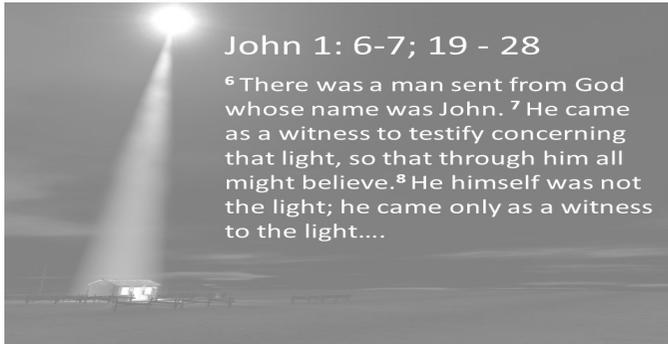
Please **DO NOT** put items in food basket if they are out of date!! (We have recently had goods put in the basket with the use-by date of 2010!!!!). We cannot give these items out as they could lead to potential litigation issues.

## Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Ashley, Pauline and Peter Pritchard, Fred and Alice Gladigau

If you wish for your name (or the name of someone you know) to be placed on the prayer list, please submit the request in writing (including your name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required). Forms for this purpose can be found at the back of the church.

Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance is this week.



John 1: 6-7; 19 - 28

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light....

## Diary Dates

Saturday, 20th January Fr Neil's induction @ Christ Church  
(further details as they come to hand—watch this space)

Saturday, 27th January Bunnings Sausage sizzle

## Christmas Service times

- ◇ Wednesday, 20th December at 10.30am @ Boandik Lodge St.Mary's.
- ◇ Sunday, 24th December — Christmas Eve
  - 8.00am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
  - 9.30am NO SERVICE
  - 7.00pm Holy Eucharist, St Thomas, Port MacDonnell
  - 11.30pm Midnight Mass, Christ Church
- ◇ Monday, 25th December — Christmas Day
  - 9.30am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church combined service



## Today, Sunday, 17th December Family Fun Day

Combined service today followed by fun-day activities and lunch in the hall.

## Wine Raffle Results

1st	Max & Betty Wright	2nd	Maree Hughes
3rd	Annette Glover	4th	Lynn Fisher

Thank you to everyone who helped with the raffle. The proceeds of \$1183.00 will go towards our annual contribution to ac.care.

Fundraising committee

## Mt Gambier Community Christmas Day Lunch

This lunch is being held from 12 noon on Christmas Day at the City Hall, Main Corner, Watson Terrace for those who are alone, homeless or doing it tough. To share in the festivities and fellowship in a family friendly environment, please ring Liz Rymill on 0401 854 638 to make a booking. (See flyer on board in Vestry for more details).

