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Pew Sheet

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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)

Can you help??

Fr Neil would like to have 2 bar stools for the rectory. If you have a couple going spare he would be very appreciative. Please see Dick Hamson if you can help with this. Thank you.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier

Christ Church St. Luke's St. Thomas

Advent Sunday : 3rd December 2017



*Heaven and Earth will pass away but the
Word of God will not pass away*

READINGS and ROSTER – Sunday, 3rd December 2017			
Advent Sunday			
Isa 63: 15-64.12	Psalms 80: 1-7	1 Cor.1: 3-9	Mark 13: 33-37
EUCARIST ASSISTANT	Margaret Boardman		
SERVER	Julienne Feast		
INTERCESSIONS	Anne Ashworth		
WELCOMER	Jeff Bowman		
ELEMENTS	Annette Glover & Anne Ashworth		
SIDESPERSIONS	Kathy MacIntosh & Graham Savage		
FOOD BASKET	Ginny Glover		
READERS	Julienne Feast & David Glover		
MORNING TEA	Virginia & Lance Kuhl		
FLOWERS			
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Bill Hudd		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Alice and Fred Gladigau		
GARDENING	Richard Strickland		
MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage		
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 10th December 2017			
Isa 40:1-11	Psalms 85: 8-13	2 Peter 3: 8-14	Mark 1: 1-8
EUCARIST ASSISTANT	Trevor Christopher		
SERVER	Julienne Feast		
INTERCESSIONS	Rick Fisher		
WELCOMER	Wendy Monger and Don Currie		
ELEMENTS	Jenny Tilby		
SIDESPERSIONS	Raylene Milligan and Fay Hill		
FOOD BASKET	Beryl Heard		
READERS	Sue and Trevor Christopher		
MORNING TEA	Tara McCracken and Ginny Glover		
FLOWERS			
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Dick Hamson		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Ginny and David Glover		
GARDENING	Richard Strickland		
MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage		



*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, 4th December

10.00am – 3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
5.15pm Christian Meditation, Ashworth Room

Tuesday, 5th December

10.00am – 3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
5.30pm Holy Eucharist Christ Church

Wednesday, 6th December

10.00am – 3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
10.00am Men Do Coffee The Whistling Cat
1.00pm Craft in Ashworth Room

Thursday, 7th December

10.00am – 3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
5.15pm Christian Meditation
6.00pm CMG practice

Friday, 8th December

10.00am – 3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
11.00am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
2.30pm Ladies Christmas coffee at 'The Ashgrove'

Saturday 9th December

9.00am Show grounds craft stall
Working Bee at Rectory

Sunday, 10th December

8.00am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
9.30am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
11.30am Holy Eucharist, St.Luke's, Mount Schank

*On the 1st 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.

From Fr Neil

The Season of Advent

Purpose:

- (1) to explain Advent as referring to the three comings of Christ (at Bethlehem, at the end of the world, into our hearts by grace this Christmas);
- (2) to encourage the faithful to try harder to lead a good Christian life.

The word "Advent," of course, means "coming". So in Advent we celebrate the various comings of Jesus, the Word incarnate and God on earth. We commemorate his coming at Bethlehem two thousand years ago, his Second Coming at the end of the world, and his coming to us in time in our baptism and in the reception of his sacraments, such as the Holy Eucharist. The Church urges us to open our hearts to receive him with faith, hope and love.

Today is a special day, and not just a day, but the beginning of a special season, Advent. During Advent we focus on waiting, waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus, and during the week before Christmas our waiting changes to waiting for our celebration of the birth of Jesus. Anytime we wait we do so because we expect something to happen; we wait for a bus or train because we expect it to arrive. When we are wait for a bus or train we cannot see it coming but hope it will come. During Advent we are waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus because the Second Coming of Jesus will bring all God's plans for the world to completion. As we wait in hope for the Second Coming of Jesus we know he is with us in so many ways especially in the sacraments. So during Advent we are conscious of the fact that God is present with us while we wait for the fulfilment of God's plans.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel today express the mood of this early part of the Advent season—

“Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.” (Mark 13:33)

Coming results in a certain presence—a more intimate presence, since he is already present in our hearts, or should be, by his grace. Just as we prepare for guests who come for dinner, so also the Church bids us prepare in a special way for the coming of Christ at Christmas time. By doing this, we prepare ourselves for his final coming—first at our death and then at his Second Coming at the end of the world.

The readings today urge us to "stay awake," to "be prepared" because we do not know the day or hour the Lord is coming to get us. In a very true sense we can say, "the Lord has come, the Lord is coming, and Lord will come again. "We need to thank him, to welcome him and to wait for him.

The Old Testament prophets looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed of the Lord, the Great King. Prophet Isaiah sees a bright future in the Messianic era. He says that truth and justice will go forth from Jerusalem to all the world. This is an image of the Church today as the source of salvation for all mankind.

Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will impose peace on many peoples. There shall be no more war and preparing for war: " Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"; that is, we must obey the Lord, believe in him and practice virtue. This applies first of all to the faithful who have the peace of Christ in their hearts.

For those who are finding these times difficult for one reason or another the message of Advent is “Wait for God in patient hope.” God has not abandoned us, God is with us though sometimes our lack of faith prevents us from seeing him. Remember Jesus in the womb of Mary for nine months; Mary could not see Jesus but she knew that the Word had been made flesh and she was waiting in hope for his birth. Wait in patient hope for God to fulfil his plans in his own way in his own time. Come Lord Jesus. We are waiting for you !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cf. Internet
Fr. Neil

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

People are reminded that if they donate tins, packets of cereal/soups etc. to the Food Ministry, to please ensure that they are 'in date'. If they are not, it means that the item[s] will have to be discarded as due to potential litigation, we cannot hand them out. **(We recently had a packet of noodles put in the basket with a 'use by' date of 2012!!!!)**

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.

Remembering especially Margaret Walden and family as they mourn the loss of Bishop Graham who passed away on Monday, 27.11.17.

Diary Dates

Sat	9th Dec	Working Bee at Rectory from 9am (contact Dick Hamson if you can help)
Sun	10th Dec	Kath Watts' 100th birthday celebrations following 9.30am service
Sun	10th Dec	Blue Lake Carols in the Railway Lands from 7.30pm
Mon	11th Dec	5pm Fundraising Committee meeting @ Graham & Margaret Savage's home
Sat	16th Dec	Garage Sale, Bell Tower Op Shop open
Sun	17th Dec	Family Fun Day after 9.30am service

Christmas Service times

- ◇ Sunday, 17th December 9.30am Combined service followed by fun-day activities and lunch in the hall.
- ◇ 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

Mount Gambier Family Truck show

This event will be held at the Mount Gambier showgrounds on December 9th. Our Parish will have a Craft and Plant stall as part of the event. Hope to see you there.

Ladies Christmas Coffee

Friday, 8th December at 2.30pm at 'The Ashgrove' 15 Graney Court. Please bring a 'secret Santa gift' - maximum cost \$3.00. Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer. All welcome.
Anne Ashworth 8725 2537 Glenyse Nott 8724 9496 or 0429 087 947



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).

GARAGE SALE

Due to the generosity of a family leaving the district we have received a large number of furniture items including very good quality wall units, an oval dining extension table & chairs, 2 recliners, a sofa bed, several single beds and much more. Consequently we will be holding a garage sale on Saturday 16th December from 8.30am – 1pm. Anyone interested in either the wall units or dining table & chairs are welcome to contact Graham Savage on 0417 800 175. There will also be a plant stall. Any offers of help on the morning with either the garage sale or free sausage sizzle for the Op Shop would be appreciated. Please contact Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260 if you are able to help.