



**Sunday December
11th @11.30am**

Join us for a relaxed bring
and share Christmas lunch in
the Maheno Room.
BYO drinks.



11th December 2022

ADVENT THREE

7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



**Bulimba Churches Together
REGIS Christmas Service**

Sunday 18th December at 1.30pm

St John's Anglican, New Heart Baptist,
St Peter and St Paul's Catholic
and Bulimba Uniting Church
invite residents, family and staff
to a celebration of the Birth of Jesus.

Join us for familiar joyful carols, the beautiful story
of the nativity and special prayers for Christmas



WHERE ELSE?

If
there is elsewhere
good news surpassing the joy of Jesus,
lead me to it,
that I may laugh all day and never sigh.

If
there does exist
a better seer who gives clearer sight
and hearing to mere mortals,
may he visit my town and hear my cry.

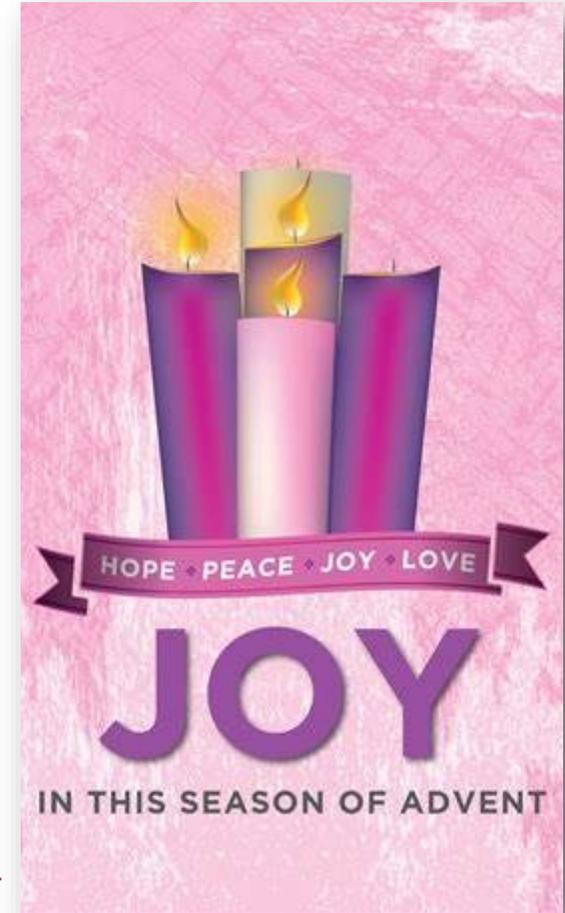
If
there can be found
a lord with superior healing touch
to this Jesus,
may his fame grow and multiply.

If
you should meet one
who makes the lame to fly as well as walk,
then bring him near
that I might rise and soar sky high.

If
there is a lover
who does greater than raise the dead,
then bury me
beside the road where this marvel walks by.

No!
I look and see,
and hear those other clamorous voices
that shout at me.
But there is none more like True-God than he!

B D Prewer



FAMILY EUCHARIST

Sunday 9am

Kid's Church is on a break for the Summer Holidays, but
there will be stuff for all ages at our 9am Family Service.

You might like to plan a costume to wear to our informal, fun Family
Service at 6pm on Christmas Eve. We can never have enough Angels,
Shepherds, Wise Folk, Marys or Josephs. Grown ups can dress up too!

To arrange direct debit for your regular giving,
please use the account details:
BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573.
Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	13th	9.30am	Guild Meeting
FRIDAY	16th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	18th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist

ROSTERED DUTIES 18/12	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Allan	Sarah & Donovan
MUSIC	Robert	Howard
READERS	Linda M/June	Sarah/Donovan
INTERCESSOR	Allan	Andrew
MORNING TEA	Volunteer?	
WELCOMERS	Ann	Steve J & Laurie
AUDIO VISUAL	Linda M	Lisa
FLOWERS	No Flowers in Advent	CHURCH CLEANING Barbara

**COVID: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING,
CONTINUE HAND SANITISING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.**

Priest-in-Charge

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'

Isaiah 35.3-4

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35.1-10

ROBERT BLAND ROLAND SOWERBY

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PSALM THE SONG OF MARY

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed;

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The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

SECOND READING: JAMES 5.7-10 *ANN WINFIELD ROLAND SOWERBY*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11.2-11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ◇ The Diocese of Gippsland: †Richard Treloar; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Beaudesert: Ken Spreadborough - Locum
- ◇ Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality, Brookfield
- ◇ St Hilda's School, Southport: Principal - Wendy Lauman;
Chaplain - Patrick Duckworth; Chair of School Council - Susan Brandis;
members of School Council; staff & students

Locally: We pray for...

- ◇ Howard, Wendy and Robert as they lead our **Music Ministry**. We give thanks for the generosity in sharing their gifts with us and their leadership in assisting us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
- ◇ Fr Kevin and the Pastoral Team at **St Peter and Paul's Catholic Community**, Bulimba. May their gathering at Christmas be a blessed time of connecting and care.
- ◇ **Folk missing family or friends** at this time of year. May we continue to develop strong bonds of fellowship to support each other, especially in times of loneliness or isolation.

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie,
Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Kerry,
Peter, Graham and Pat, Helena,
Daniel, Michael, Ruth, Williamson
Family, Rev Helen Phillips,
Roy, Vince, Helen.



In Memory

December 12th—December 18th

Reginald John Chamberlain (2010)
John Henry Lawrence (1980) Pixie Smith (2011)



Archbishop Phillip's last ordination as he lays up his pastoral staff and retires.



Oxford Street Up late



Children's Church Celebration



A Note from Rev Bronwyn and the Goodna Anglican Welfare Mission

Dear Andrew and all at St John's, thank you for beautiful Charmaine who with her children (*James and Rachel*) dropped over an amazing delivery of gifts. Thank you so much. Praying that you all enjoy Advent and also get some nourishment for yourself over the next few weeks. **Peace be with you all.**



Stationery Aid!
Renewed stationery items supporting education for all

Gift Tags are still available on the Giving Tree. Donations of stationery items to assist disadvantaged families and prayer cards can be placed in the boxes near the altar or dropped into the office on Wednesday or Friday Mornings. Even a small donation can make a big difference to folks who are struggling to make ends meet.

ADVENT GROUP OFFERINGS

Advent Reflections

Wednesday Mornings
14th, 21st December
10am in St John's
All Welcome

Wednesday Evenings
14th, 21st December
7pm in St John's
All Welcome



Theme: The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point — their favorite line being **#DoNotBeAfraid**. As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds and their reactions to them, we will contemplate what messages we can offer that will counteract a culture of fear and bring **#morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove** to the world.

For more information Rev Andrew 0447 409 88

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Christmas Services

6pm Christmas Eve Family Service
11.30 pm Traditional Midnight Mass
7.30 am Christmas Morning Traditional Service
9am Christmas Morning Family Eucharist
See our website for details.

