



6pm Christmas Family Service Help

Can you help make this event come alive?

We need help with...

Readers, Props Wranglers, Welcomers, Furniture movers, Candle lighters and more.

Rev Andrew will be taking names on Sunday and beyond... in the nicest possible way!

What's on in January!

Sunday Services

- One Service ONLY 8.30am 1st, 8th and 15th January
- 7.30 and 9.00 Services resume Sunday 22nd January

Friday Services

- No 10am Service Friday 30th December
- 10am Service resumes Friday 6th January

Office

- Closed from Friday 23rd December 3.00pm.
- Reopens Wednesday 18th January



PIC Leave

Rev Andrew is on leave from Monday 26th December until Wednesday 18th January except for the weekend of 7th/8th January.

Reverend Karen will be available for pastoral needs while Rev Andrew is away - Mobile 0459 475 332

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!

18th December 2022

ADVENT FOUR

7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

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EST. 1888

**ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA**



What's In a Name? Matthew 1:18-25

What's in a name? Look at them here!

Jesus - the Messiah - Mary -
Joseph - Holy Spirit - the Lord -
David - Emmanuel - Jesus -
And the main character gets three!

This introduction, this prologue,

This tale to whet the appetite,

Foreshadows many other names:

Door - good shepherd - way - truth - life - bread -
Lamb of God - Rabbi - Son of God -
King of Israel - Saviour - Lord;

Perhaps the baby reminds us
That he by any other name
Would smell as sweet.
Scott L. Barton

They shall name him 'Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

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

FRIDAY	23rd	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY CHRISTMAS EVE	24th	6.00pm 11.30pm	Family Service Candlelight Midnight Mass
SUNDAY CHRISTMAS DAY	25th	7.30am 9.00am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist

ROSTERED DUTIES 25/12	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn , Robert	Donovan and Renee C
MUSIC	Howard	Howard
READERS	Allan/Ann	Michael/Michael
INTERCESSOR	Roslyn	Andrew
MORNING TEA		
WELCOMERS	Allan & Sue G	Michael S
AUDIO VISUAL	Allan T	Alan S
FLOWERS	TBA	CHURCH CLEANING

**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:

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1.23

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7.10-16

LINDA MITCHELL SARAH DAVIES

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

PSALM 80.1-7, 80.17-19 :

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:

stir up your power, and come to save us.

3. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4. O Lord God of hosts:

how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

5. You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.

6. You have made us the victim of our neighbours:

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*17. Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.*

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18. And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.

**19. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1.1-7

JUNE PARKER DONOVAN SPARKS

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1.18-25

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

In Memory

December 19th—December 25th

Bertha Weir Robinson (2011)

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◊ The Anglican Church of Korea
- ◊ The Diocese of North Queensland: †Keith Joseph; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◊ The Parish of Brisbane Valley: Loretta Tyler-Moss
- ◊ Anglican Cursillo Movement in Australia
- ◊ The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield: Principal - Steven Morris; Chaplain - Jonathan Kemp; Chair of College Council - Michael Willis; members of College Council; staff & students

Locally:

We pray for...

- ◊ Residents, staff and families of **Regis Aged Care Centre**, Bulimba. We give thanks for the opportunity to offer pastoral care and our monthly communion service.
- ◊ The volunteers from local churches involved in **Religious Instruction** at Bulimba State School. We give thanks for the year of sharing the Good News of Jesus and pray for all that lies ahead in 2023.

A Prayer of Love

for the Fourth Week of Advent

Pray for those in need:

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

Holy Father, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, your greatest gift of love to your people. Fill my heart with such love, opening my heart to accept your great love for me. Overflow my heart with your love, so I may pour it out into the world. Help me to love others as you've loved me – even those who aren't so easy to love. For following you means loving others as you love me. Lord, thank you for your great gift of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas. May I ever walk in your love and show the world I am your disciple by the love I show to others, keeping Jesus, your Son, close in my heart. Amen.

Its beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...

Lots of Christmassy events in the parish this last week. The Guild enjoyed a celebratory lunch with the Hoy players, then fronted up for their last meeting of the year and packing gift bags for the residents at Regis Aged Care Centre.

A heap of folk gathered for our bring and share Parish Christmas Lunch last Sunday. Lovely to relax together, share abundant and tasty food and give thanks for all that has been.

The Giving Tree is groaning with generous donations to Stationery Aid... there are still a few tags to take!!



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 OFFERING

Advent Reflection

Wednesday Morning

21st December

10am in St John's

All Welcome

Wednesday Evening

21st December

7pm in St John's

All Welcome

Angels Among Us



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.

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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.

