

22 DECEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

Fourth Sunday in Advent

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY		6.00pm	Christingle Service
CHRISTMAS EVE	24	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
WEDNESDAY	25	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
CHRISTMAS DAY		9.00am	Family Eucharist
SUNDAY	29	8.30am	Combined Parish Eucharist
ONE SERVICE ONLY			

Welcome!

*We are glad you are with us!
Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 265, 309, 282, 275.

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**

1ST READING: ISAIAH 7.10-16

LINDA MITCHELL BRIAN ROY

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, 17-19.(verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2. **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**
3. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
4. **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6. **You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

PSALM *(continued)*

7. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

17. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

18. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

19. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

2ND READING ROMANS 1. 1-7

ANN WINFIELD ROWLAND SOWERBY

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

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.

Prayer for our New Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

The Parish Nominators, Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey and Sarah Davies, are continuing the discernment process to identify and appoint a new Rector for our Parish. We are not permitted to discuss the progress of our investigations, or the names which we are considering but be assured that we are seeking a Rector who will be a good fit for our Parish; someone who will lead, nurture and grow our congregation and our mission. As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime Father Lindsay Howie will be our locum and will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest.

If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators. In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Father Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

Parish Prayers The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ⇒ Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement:
- ⇒ His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome
- ⇒ His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch
- ⇒ The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches
- ⇒ †Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council
- ⇒ The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches
- ⇒ The Diocese of Rockhampton: †David Robinson; Clergy and People

IN THE DIOCESE:-

- ⇒ **The Parish of Annerley:** Br Donald Campbell, Robert Braun, Br Daniel, Br Lionel, Jenny Thompson, Bp Godfrey Fryar, Fang Ling Queded, Michael Saminathan, Michael Chiplin, Br Alfred Leong, John Searle, Mary Florence, Lionel Peiris
- ⇒ **Anglicare SQ Mental Health & Wellbeing (Inala)**
- ⇒ **St John's College UQ:** Rose Alwyn – Warden; Chaplain – Ceri Wynne; Chair of Council – John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students

Locally: We pray for those alone at Christmas, with no family or friends to share with, and for community groups providing Christmas lunches for the lonely and needy.

Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Andrew, Joseph, Elizabeth, Bernie, Val.

(NOTE: under the Federal Privacy Act, consent of the person you wish to pray for must be obtained. No details of need / illness can be published without consent)

IN MEMORY, DECEMBER 22– DECEMBER 28

Bertha Robinson, 2011

The Fourth Sunday of Advent– Sunday 22 December 2019
Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25



They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!

Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

Text: Robert McLean, Partnerships Missioner

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CHRISTMAS and JANUARY SERVICES

December 24th Christmas Eve

6.00pm—Christingle Service, a very special way to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Very family orientated. (the children love it.)

11.30pm—Midnight Eucharist

December 25th Christmas Day

7.30am—Sung Eucharist

9.00am—Family Eucharist

December 29th

8.30am— Combined Parish Eucharist

January 5th

8.30am— Combined Parish Eucharist

No Friday Eucharist on 27th December, 3rd and 10th January

January 12th

7.30am – Sung Eucharist

9.00am –Family Eucharist

CHRISTINGLE PREPARATION

We invite you to join us on Tuesday 24th December in the Maheno Room at 10.00am to prepare Christingles for the 6.00pm service. Please come and help in this enjoyable activity. All material supplied. Bring an apron!

Have spare old spectacles and don't know what to do with them?

Spare pairs of spectacles, in their case if possible, will be collected

(a basket in church under the small table at the back)

and taken to the Philippines.

Caroline, Samuel and Lydia will be going in January 2020 and will take any donations with them.

HELP WANTED

Church Cleaning:

We have a small, and diminishing, band of volunteers who clean the church building each week. We really need more volunteers to help monthly, or less frequently if we have more volunteers.

You will dust, vacuum (we have a Vacuumaid) and maybe a little light polishing.

If you can spare an hour or so once every 4-6 weeks (Friday afternoon or Saturday morning), please contact Ann Winfield on 0422931726. She will be very happy to hear from you and arrange some simple instruction.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from lunchtime on Friday 20th December, and will re-open on Wednesday 8th January.

For any urgent matters please contact Fr Lindsay Howie on his mobile in that period.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

29th December 2019

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5:

Col 3:12-21:

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

ROSTERED DUTIES	8.30AM
L.A.'s	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson
READERS	Margaret Salter Alison Jackson
INTERCESSORS	Roland Sowerby
DOOR	Laurie Thomson Lisa Hooper
TEA / COFFEE	Ann Winfield Volunteer
FLOWERS	Flowers from Christmas

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in our worship today.

We are happy to join with you in fellowship. If you are here for the first time, or would like to be more involved in our parish please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, or clergy.

You can also complete one of the green cards on the table near the main door, to give us your contact details if you would like a call, or to be on our parish contact list.

You can put the card in the collection plate or hand it to a welcomer.

We hope you will join us for coffee after the service.

The green cards can also be used for updating your contact details if you are already a part of our parish.

Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.