

What's on in January!

Sunday Services

- One Service ONLY 8.30am 31st Dec, 7th, 14th, and 21st Jan.
- Fr Paul and Rev'd Sharon Mitchell's commissioning 2pm 20th Jan.
- 7.30 and 9.00 Services resume Sunday 28th Jan.

Friday Services

- No 10am Service Fridays the 29th December, and the 5th January
- 10am Service resumes Friday 12th January

Office

- Closed from Friday 22nd December 3.00pm. Reopens Wednesday 10th January
- Fr Quinn will be available for pastoral needs until Fr Paul's commissioning 0403 531 538



CHRISTMAS DAY 2023

The Birth of Jesus

11.30 PM MIDNIGHT MASS

7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888

ANGLICAN CHURCH

IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA

To arrange direct debit for your regular giving, please use the account details:

BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573. Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish

ROSTERED DUTIES 31/12	8.30AM
L.A.'s	Allan/Sarah
MUSIC	Howard
READERS	Roslyn/Sarah
INTERCESSOR	June
MORNING TEA	
WELCOMERS	Ann
AUDIO VISUAL	Donovan
FLOWERS Dianne	CHURCH CLEANING Barbara

Locum until 31st Dec 2023

Rev'd Lindsay Howie Mobile 0490 950 893 Email: howiejenlin@hotmail.com

Locum from 1st Jan to 20th Jan 2024

Rev'd Quinn Humphreys Mobile 0403 531 538 Email: quinn.humphreys@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Associate Clergy

Rev'd Karen Jansson Mobile 0459 475 332

Rev'd Quinn Humphreys Mobile 0403 531 538

Church Contact. Office Closed 23 December to 9th January 2024

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Church Address: 171 Oxford Street, Bulimba Postal Address: PO Box 271, Bulimba Qld 4171

Telephone: 3399 1508 Email: office@stjohnsbulimba.org

Website: www.stjohnsbulimba.org Follow us on Facebook



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2.10–11

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

ROS THOMSON RENEE COFFEY

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

PSALM 97.

1. The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
2. Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.
4. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
5. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.
6. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.
7. All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.
8. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.
9. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
11. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
12. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

SECOND READING: TITUS 3.4-8A

ALLAN THOMSON DONOVAN SPARKS

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2.1-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, *'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'*

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, *'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'*

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

