

## KNITTING CIRCLE



This faithful group has produced 41 beanies, three rugs and five large bags of clothes and cotton bags for various needy groups. Some of the beanies are for preemie babies at the Mater, and larger beanies go to Care For Kids. The three warm knee rugs go to the Mater too. There are lots of clothes for children, to be distributed by Care for Kids to children who have had to leave their homes, or who have very little. Care for Kids is a locally-based group which distributes across Queensland. Our Knitting Group makes cotton bags with a pocket for treasures, bags for toys, clothing and school supplies. Donations of children's underwear and school supplies are very welcome. The **next Knitting Group gathering** will be on **July 19th in the Maheno Room** from 9:30am. All are welcome to come along. Those of us who don't know how to knit or crochet can come along for a chat, or even better, learn a new craft! Wouldn't that be grand! See you there!



## GOODIES FOR GOODNA

Goodna Parish has updated what they need to best support their local community, so please see if you can donate some of the following items:

**Shampoo, deodorant, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, tissues, kids snacks, UHT milk, or money to purchase eggs** on the day the goods are delivered to Goodna. Please **do not** donate the eggs themselves as donations are delivered monthly.



## CAKE STALL

Our famous cake stall last week made **\$902**. What a wonderful result! Thank you so much for supporting this important fundraising ministry. It is so greatly appreciated! Well done to all involved! **Our next stall - July 23rd.**

**25th June 2023**

**NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**8.30AM—COMBINED EUCHARIST**

**10.00AM—PATRONAL FESTIVAL BRUNCH**

**ST JOHN**  
THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



### COME AND SEE JESUS—BY KIM MERRYMAN

Come and see the tiny baby,  
sleeping on a bed of straw.  
The angels came and sang His praises,  
and shepherds watched in silent awe.

Come and see who's in the temple,  
listening to the rabbis teach;  
a twelve year old who asks them questions,  
His wisdom is beyond their reach.

"Come and see," said John The Baptist,  
"The Lamb of God sent from above.  
On Him the Father sent His Spirit,  
it came down on Him like a dove."

"Come and see," insisted Andrew,  
when he found Simon by the sea.  
"I believe we've found Messiah.  
Drop your nets and come with me."

"Come and see", cried out the woman,  
"The man who told me all I'd done.  
He said He'd give me living water.  
Could He be the Holy One?"

Come and see this man called Jesus.  
He heals the sick, the blind, the lame.  
Even demons are subject to Him.  
Those He touches are never the same.

Come and see this Jewish Rabbi,  
as He teaches on the hill.  
The crowds are spellbound by His message,  
He teaches them about God's will.

Come and see the righteous anger,  
of the man from Galilee.  
See Him cleanse the crowded temple,  
of the merchants and their greed.

Come and see the Lord at prayer,  
in the garden on His knees.  
Sweating drops of blood in anguish,  
God's will be done is what He pleads.

Come and see the man betrayed,  
by His own disciple's kiss.  
Sold for thirty silver coins,  
by a traitor in His midst.

Come and see the suffering servant,  
hands and feet nailed to the cross.  
Hear Him say, "Father, forgive them,"  
as His friends weep for their loss.

Come and see, His tomb is empty.  
See, the stone has been rolled away.  
The Son of God has conquered death,  
He has risen from the grave.

Come and see the risen Savior,  
See and touch His nail-pierced hands.  
Hear Him say, "Go preach the gospel,  
to every nation, every land."

Come and see, men, women, children,  
Jesus is the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
to peace and joy and life everlasting.  
Believe in Him without delay.  
[Source: www.poetrysoup.com](http://www.poetrysoup.com)

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**THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	30	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	2nd	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist and Children's Church

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES 2/7</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Roslyn	Tony/Allan ?
<b>MUSIC</b>	Robert	Howard
<b>READERS</b>	Vanessa/Ann	Linda P/Lisa
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Rev Karen	Rev Karen
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	Dianne/	
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Bob & Glenda	Volunteer
<b>AUDIO VISUAL</b>	Paul	Volunteer
<b>FLOWERS</b> Sara	<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Barbara	

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**READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:**

You will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. *Luke 1. 76-77*

**THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:**

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour by preaching a baptism of repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent, and, following his example, may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49. 1-6 *The Servant's Mission* JUNE PARKER**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

**PSALM: SONG OF ZECHARIAH**

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

***He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.***

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

and has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him

all our days.

***And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.***

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

**SECOND READING: ACTS 13.22-26**

SWANSON FAMILY

Paul continues "When he (Samuel) had removed Saul, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes."

Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

**GOSPEL: Luke 1.57-66,80**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote,  
'His name is John.'

And all of them were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Parish Prayers**

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

**In The World: -**

- ◇ The Church of Bangladesh
- ◇ The Diocese of The Murray: †Keith Dalby; Clergy and People

**In The Diocese:**

- ◇ The Parish of Kangaroo Point: Richard James, Jane Mitchell, Colin Cussen, Sandy Marshall, Carol Palmer
- ◇ Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, West (Chinchilla)
- ◇ All clergy and Synod representatives as they meet at Synod this weekend; for their deliberations, and for prayerful debate.

**Pray for those in need:**

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Kerry, Helena, Roy, Michael, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Joan, Pam, Laurie, Lionel, Val, Bob, Garry, Dorothy, Gary, Tony and Shirley.

**Prayer at the time of choosing an Archbishop.**

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. May your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**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.

**In Memory**

**June 26th-July 2nd**

*Jacqueline Stella Thurlow Hanlon (2018)*

*Ellen Maud Loxton (1985)*

*Cynthia Hope Potts (1986)*





## The Coming of the Light

**LIGHT CAME, LIGHT CONTINUES TO COME, AND THE LIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE.**

*The Reverend Canon Victor Joseph, Principal Wontulp-Bi-Buya College*

1 July marks the anniversary of The Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait Islands. The London Missionary Society with Melanesian leaders landed on the shores of Erub (Darnley Island) and introduced the Bible to the people who lived there. This event, The Coming of the Light, is an integral part of cultural identity to Torres Strait Islander peoples and there is much joy on the anniversary each year.

When the ship, Surprise, landed on Erub in 1871 it brought with it the message of Jesus, who heralded a way of peace and non-violence. The Revd Canon Victor Joseph says, "The best thing it brought is that violence began to cease among the islands." These visitors to the Torres Strait were welcomed in peace. The tribal leaders called for no weapons, receiving them in peace, open to what they were bringing. It must be stated that the LMS missionaries did not bring God to the Torres Strait, rather the message of Jesus, through the Bible. God was on both sides of the beach that day, and since time immemorial. Auntie McRose Elu recounts a story of when she was a child, asking her father, "Why they talking about the light, weren't our people already in the light? Why are they saying it was a coming of the light to the Torres Strait?" She goes on to say, "They explained to me it wasn't in the way of thinking that we were in the darkness, that we came out of darkness into light, it was like them bringing the light to us and we bringing the light to them, and we also tell them, we have a light in our own surroundings, we have a spirituality, we have things that we believe in."

The celebration of The Coming of the Light is an important anniversary for the national Anglican church. It invites us to reflect on our national history, on the good and the bad. It invites us to celebrate mission and ministry, particularly within the Torres Strait, and it invites us to listen to the church in the Torres Strait, which is made up of vibrant communities of hope.

As Rev'd Victor says, "The light continues to come", and the anniversary of the Coming of The Light is an opportunity for us to look for the Light, welcome it, and celebrate in joy".

To gain a better understanding of The Coming of the Light and the Anglican Church in the Torres Strait, see ABM's five-part video series, "[God was on Both Sides of the Beach](#)", presented by ABM's the Rev'd Canon Steve Daughtry.

[Source: www.abmission.org/resources/the-coming-of-the-light/](http://www.abmission.org/resources/the-coming-of-the-light/)



## 10 PRACTICES TO MAKE ORDINARY TIME EXTRAORDINARY!

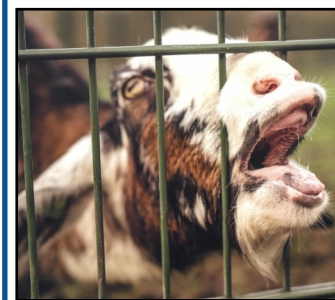
If Ordinary Time has an invitation, it's to stay present to these elements of daily life, engaging them with intention and looking for the Sacred hidden within. What so often seems ordinary then has the power to become extraordinary. Here are 10 practices to make Ordinary Time extraordinary:

1. Turn a mundane task into a time of prayer.
2. Go on a personal retreat.
3. Make something (How about daily bread?).
4. Begin a Sabbath practice.
5. Spend time in nature.
6. Settle in with a book that has the power to transform.
7. Read the Bible in a new way.
8. Live like a pilgrim in everyday life.
9. Cultivate a Morning Ritual.
10. Get rid of objects (and commitments) in your life that don't spark joy.

GO FURTHER...

Which of your own spiritual practices help make Ordinary Time extraordinary?

[Source: www.asacredjourney.net/10-practices-ordinary-time/](http://www.asacredjourney.net/10-practices-ordinary-time/)



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