

Sunday December 11th @11.30am

Join us for a relaxed bring and share Christmas lunch in the Maheno Room. Let's enjoy community, celebrate all that has been this year, raise a glass to the efforts of many and get in the festive spirit for the birth of Jesus.

Please indicate what you can bring on the sheet at the back of the church. BYO drinks.



4th December 2022

ADVENT TWO

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



Children's Church

Sunday 9am

This is the last Kid's Church for the year and we will be celebrating all the fun and learning we have shared.

There will be angels about doing great things, some gifts and general celebration things to prepare for Christmas.



JOHN'S MESSAGE

Matthew 3: 1-12

Living out in the wilderness, wearing a hair shirt, not willing to compromise or sell God short.

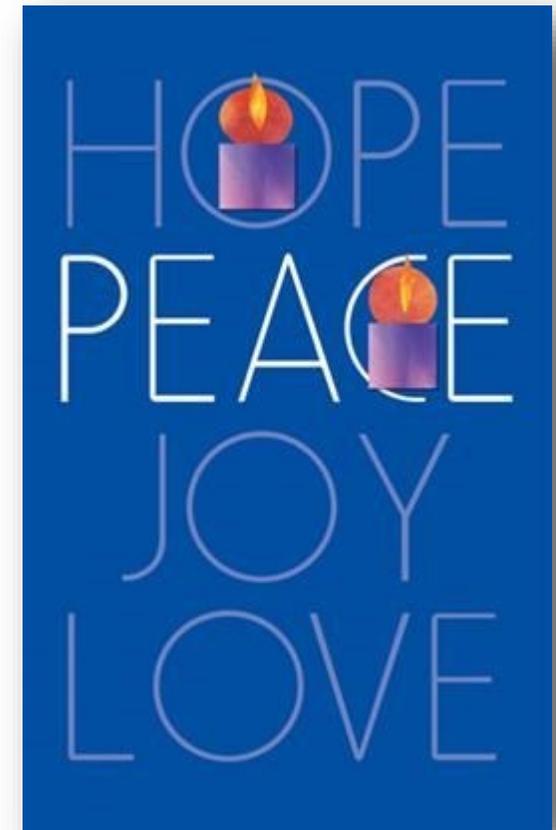
The time has come; Repent!
The axe goes to the roots!
Change, change, radical change,
not religious rites!

It's not enough to feel sorry and shed religious tears, repentance must dig deep, uprooting the tares..

Don't listen to the excuses of ego taking fright.
It's time to face the hard truth and bear some desert fruit.

John cleans up for the Advent, baptising deep down, hungry for the new age, eager for the dawn.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15.13

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.
Mark 1.15

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11.1-10 SUSAN ROWE TONY RIGBY

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

PSALM 72.1-7, 72.18-21

1. Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
**2. That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**
3. Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
**4. May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
5. May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
**6. May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH			
TUESDAY	6th	7.30pm	Parish Council
FRIDAY	9th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	11th	7.30am	Eucharist
		9.00am	Eucharist & Children's Church
		11.30am	Christmas Lunch

ROSTERED DUTIES 11/12	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Vanessa & Robert	Roland & Sarah
MUSIC	Howard	Howard
READERS	Robert/Ann	Roland
INTERCESSOR	Linda M	Sarah
MORNING TEA	Andrea	
WELCOMERS	Allan & Felicity	Lisa Hooper
AUDIO VISUAL	Roslyn	Michael S
FLOWERS	No Flowers in Advent	CHURCH CLEANING Wendy & Sara

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

Priest-in-Charge

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7. In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

18. Let his name live for ever: and endure as long as the sun.

19. Let all peoples use his name in blessing: and all nations call him blessed.

**20. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.**

21 Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, Amen.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15. 4-13 VANESSA HANLON DONOVAN SPARKS

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3.1-12 **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
- ◇ The Diocese of Bathurst: †Mark Calder; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of All Saint's, Brisbane: Duncan Gorwood, Andrew Gilbert, Robert Long
- ◇ Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital: Carol O'Ryan, Judy Shepherd & volunteers

Canterbury College, Waterford: Staff, Students and their families

Locally:

- ◇ We give thanks for our Children and Families Ministry as they draw their work to a close for 2022. May they have rest with their own families while we continue the work of sharing God's love with our young people.
- ◇ Scripture Union Chaplains at Bulimba State School and Balmoral High School. May they find support for their ministry of listening and support.

Pray for those in need:

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

A Prayer for those who find Christmas a tough time.

God of comfort, come gently among those who struggle at this time;
hear our prayers, restore our souls.
Piece together our loose ends; smooth over our rough edges;
restore our souls.
When lights and decorations fail to delight our senses, and serve only
to deepen our pain and grief, restore our souls.
When we clench our fists in anger,
open our hands to receive your grace.
When we are worn out and beat down, surround us with your peace.
When our doubts outweigh our hopes, increase our faith.
When we have no energy left to love, love us all the more. **AMEN**

In Memory

December 5th—December 11th
Stanley Blair Siebuhr (2014)



Angels Among Us



Preparing the way...



Lighting up Bulimba



A joyful noise...



Pastors and Pollies



We raised \$2551.50!!!



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
7th, 14th, 21st December
10am in St John's
All Welcome

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

Advent Quiet Morning TBC
Saturday 10th December
9am—12pm Maheno Room and St John's
See below



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.

A minimum of 4 registered participants needed for the Saturday Quiet Morning to go ahead

To Register: Sign up sheet at the back of the church or by email

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