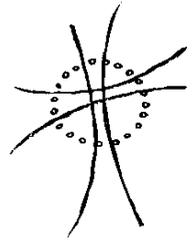




St John's
Anglican Church
Coffs Harbour
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2nd December 2018



Advent



Advent reminds us that we are 'in between'. In between the coming of Jesus as a baby and his return in the new age. Through the Holy Spirit in us we experience something of the age to come. It's like having one foot on earth and one in heaven. Or like the Hebrew spies who brought back fruit from the Promised Land, a foretaste but not there yet. We live 'in between.'

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
If you are here with us for the first time and would like to join us regularly, please fill in an information card on the back table, and hand it to the staff or sides person.

Sentence: Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21.28

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

Dates for your Diary

3 Dec	BDC Concert
11 Dec	Blue Christmas
15 Dec	Farewell for Archdeacon Gail Hagon
16 Dec	9 Lessons and Carols
24 Dec	Christmas Eve Family Service 5.30pm
24 Dec	Christmas Eve Carol singing 10.30 pm
24 Dec	Christmas Eve Eucharist 11.00 pm
25 Dec	Christmas Day Service 8.00am

MISSION OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER:

The Psalmist prayed: “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long” (Psalm 25:4-5).



Let us wait upon God, the one who fills our souls with hope, who leads us in the paths of justice and generosity, who restores us to be a people of hope in the world.

Please Pray:

- ◆ We remember all those who are sick and need prayers:
- ◆ We pray for Doreen Brewin, Dan Octigan, Lesley Lee, Brian Armstrong, Rose Marie Beston.

We continue to pray for Pat Grimshaw, Enid Waites, John & Nancy Tigwell, Hattersley & Laurel Smith-Cameron, Tony Fookes, Sylvia Broadhurst, Rosemary Majoor, Sue Brewin, Barbara Williams, Ken & Val Grant, Annette Lane, Elsie Tillott, Marion Murray, Cody Cook, Margaret Fisher, Rae Rediger, Val Furniss, Lillian Robertson, and Theresa.

- ◆ We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- ◆ We give thanks for and pray for the ministry of Arch Deacon gail Hagon and pray for her and Mark in this time of transition.
- ◆ We give thanks for all who volunteer in our parish and community. For their generosity of time and effort.
- ◆ We pray for our families and all whom we love and share our lives with. As we journey through Advent set our hearts on fire with your love for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS FOR 9th DECEMBER 2018

Malachi 3.1-14
Song of Zechariah
Philippians 1.1-11
Luke 3.1-6



Preaching & Presiding:

6pm *Rev'd Bruce McAteer*
7 & 9am *Rev'd Bruce McAteer*
LLM: *Bob Walsh*

Services in the Orara Valley

Glenreagh and Nana Glen: Rev'd Anne Goode
Coramba: LLM

Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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Psalm 25.1-10
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1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.
the truth listens to my voice.'

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 21 beginning at verse 25

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things

begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' ³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

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

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha

Prayer for a new Rector:

*Bountiful God, give to the people of St John's
a prayerful pastor, who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will
equip and fill your people with enthusiasm for ministry in
this place; one who will enable everyone to fulfil their
calling.*

*Give to those who will choose Wisdom and Discernment.
May they be guided by your Holy Spirit.
and to us all, give warm and generous hearts,
for the sake of Jesus Christ and Your Glory. **Amen.***

Coming Events & Notices

(see also back page)

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA COFFS GROUP -

meet Wednesday 12th December at 10.00am Eucharist - Christmas traditions - all welcome for fellowship and morning tea. Further details Jean Knight 66526049 or Gae Shorten 0408141146.

EFM: “The EfM group has completed their studies for 2018. EfM stands for “Education for Ministry” or the alternate title is “Exploring Faith Matters” offered by the University of the South (USA). As December and January are very busy months we are asking for “expressions of interest” now, to explore the possibility of continuing the group in 2019. We will be starting at the beginning of February but, if you are interested (no firm decision is needed – just an expression of interest), please speak with either Norma Anderson (66536010) or Rev Anne

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

HELPERS NEEDED: To fill the Roster for Morning Tea after the 9am services.

BCA BOXES: Are now due to be returned please.

FOOD ALLERGIES: Please do not bring cakes and biscuits that have nuts in them to parish events as we have some children with food allergies.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE: Plans are underway for the 5.30pm Christmas Eve service. Helpers are needed to dress the children and to make sure the service runs smoothly. Please let Anne know if you will be available to help in any way on the 24th December.

END OF YEAR FUNDRAISER: We have three beautiful baskets, two paintings, a doll in a cradle and a beauty voucher from ‘Tranquillity’ to be won in our fund raiser. You can have the opportunity to receive one of our Christmas giveaway prizes by purchasing tickets. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All funds will be given to the November Mission of the Month in support of the Hospital Chaplaincy.

BRING AND BUY CHRISTMAS TABLE: On the 9th of December there will be an opportunity to bring and buy cooking and Christmas items for sale. Proceeds to go to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

ADVENT STUDIES: It's not too late to join 2pm Wednesdays in St. John's house. Join others to consider the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. If you are unable to join a group but would like the notes for personal reflection., there are some copies available on the back table.

BDC CONCERT: Monday 3rd December at 6pm students from BDC will be performing at St Johns as a thank you to the community. There is no charge

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Ms Kerry McLaughlin will be working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings each week. Please make her feel welcome.

LOCUMS: Ron Bundy's final Sunday with us will be today, Sunday December 2. He is doing services in the Orara Valley. Ron is due to start as locum at Bardon in Brisbane on December 9. The Revd. Bruce McAteer will commence as our Locum on Thursday 6th December.

FAREWELL: Diocesan Arch Deacon Gail Hagon has announced her resignation to spend time with her family. On the 15th of December at 10am we will have an opportunity to say thank you to Gail for all that she has contributed to our Diocese. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

GIFT FOR GAIL HAGON: Archdeacon Gail has had a long and fruitful ministry in our Diocese and in our Parish. Parish Council unanimously agreed to a contribution towards a Diocesan retirement gift for Gail. If you would like to give something as well please place your gift in a suitably marked envelope and leave it in the offertory plate or in the office by Sunday December 2

CMS MISSIONARIES: Keith & Mary Lou's latest prayer letter is posted on the notice board. If you would like a copy contact Rob Sunderland. on 66564893.

**“ Love your neighbour as yourself “
Mark 12:31**



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Next Week

Monday 3rd December

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Band Practice

6.00pm BCD Concert

Tuesday 4th December

1.15pm Masonic Village

3.00 pm St. Joseph's Aged
Care

Wednesday 5th December

10.00am Eucharist

10.00am Ingenia

11.00am Freedom

5.45pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Taize

Thursday 6th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 7th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 8th December

6.00pm Eucharist

Sunday 9th December

7.00am Eucharist

9.00am Eucharist

5.30pm Family Service

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