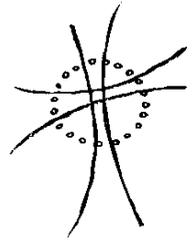




St John's Anglican Church Coffs Harbour

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9th December 2018



Second Sunday of Advent

YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW

Is our faith all yesterday (i.e. 2000 years ago) and all tomorrow (i.e. heaven/Jesus return)? What about today? What about 2018? The Holy Spirit is our 2018 experience of tomorrow. A bit of heaven now.

As Romans 5:5 states
'hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.'



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: 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.

Luke 1.78–79

Prayer of the Day: God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dates for your Diary

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 Christmas Bowl appeal is an invitation to Australian Christians to stand by men, women and children living through conflict and displacement is, sadly, more important than ever. For the first time in history, there are nearly 60 million displaced people in the world who need our help.

It is a way of forging a loving connection between the Christian community here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering.

Please give generously.



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 Archdeacon 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 16th DECEMBER 2018

Zephaniah 3.14-20A
Song of Isaiah
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18



Preaching & Presiding:

6pm Rev'd Bruce McAteer

7 & 9am Rev'd Anne Goode

LLM: Bob Chambers and Kassimiro Yanga

Services in the Orara Valley

Glenreagh and Nana Glen: Rev'd Bruce McAteer

Coramba: LLM

Philippians 1.1-11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke , Chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

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

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha

Coming Events & Notices

(see also back page)

NO MEN'S GROUP: Unfortunately there will be NO Men's Group this month due to a lack of helpers to organise and cook.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: A service of quiet reflection on Tuesday 11th December at 6.00pm at St John's. Is Christmas a difficult time for you, especially this year? Have you lost a loved one suffered illness or had other struggles to cope with? The Blue Christmas service might help. Come and bring your family and friends. Everyone welcome.

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 6652 6049 or Gae Shorten 0408 141 146.

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.

FAREWELL: Diocesan Archdeacon 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.

BCA BOXES: ARE NOW DUE TO BE RETURNED PLEASE.

Prayer

*Lord, endow us with discernment so that we might recognize the seeds of harshness in our lives. Help us to overcome this harshness with the heart of compassion, seeing then your presence in all human beings. **Amen.***

Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen

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 fundraiser. 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.

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.

LOCUMS: Welcome to our new locum Rev'd Bruce McAteer. Bruce and Margaret will be with us four days per week until the 13th January. Please make them welcome.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

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

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.

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.***

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Rev'd David Morgan

Rev'd Dan Octigan

Rev'd Naomi Cooke

Next Week

Monday 10th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.00pm Band Practice

Tuesday 11th December

10.30am Legacy Nursing
Home

1.30pm Coffs Nursing Centre

6.00 pm Blue Christmas

Wednesday 12th December

10.00am Eucharist

10.00am Anglican Mothers
Union Australia Coffs
Harbour Group

11.00am Opal Aged Care

5.45 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 13th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 14th December

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 15th December

10.00am Farewell to Archdeacon
Gail Hagon

6.00pm Eucharist

Sunday 16th December

7.00am Eucharist

9.00am Eucharist

5.30pm Family Service

6.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols

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