

EMMANUEL

"GOD WITH US"



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Christmas can be a time of great celebration and joy. Still, it can also be a time of great sadness and where the absence of loved ones or broken relationships are greatly felt — a season of mixed emotions. In Luke 2, we see that the first Christmas was no different.

It was one of great celebration and joy! The birth of a child – the birth of *the* child! The great expected king! And yet there would be no room for Him in the business of peoples lives. He would be born not in marble and cushions, but sour straw and a manger. He would not be welcomed by His people, but by the outsiders and the outcasts.

Christmas is a time when we remember how the God of the Universe became fragile.

Not in a fairy-tale, but history.

And a time where all are invited to come near, regardless of past or place. For we would never expect to find the one who made and holds the stars in the straw of a manger – or hanging on a nail-scarred cross. God does not hold himself absent from the suffering and sin of this world, but instead enters in, becomes *God with us*.

Jamie Mackenzie
Assistant Minister

WELCOME!

Here for the first time? We're glad you came! We trust you'll get to know us and our Lord Jesus better.

Please stay around after the service and grab a cup of tea or coffee. If you wish, you may like to meet and chat with the service leader or the speaker. We'd love to get to know you!

Bishop Peter Tasker
Acting Rector



PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR TODAY Lord our God, you have given us as our example the life of Jesus in his home: grant that all Christian families may be so bound together in love and service that we may rejoice together in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PREGNANT MUMS: **Rebekka Lacey**

IN HOSPITAL *Wollongong Hosp:* **Brian Bullen** (Noeline's husband 8am) had another stroke.

VILLAGES & NURSING HOMES: **Kath Hobbs, Ella Harvey, Jean Dooley, Lorna Blisset-Walker, Helen Stephens, Glenys Noort and Barbara Bannister.**

CAFÉ CHURCH & OP SHOP

8AM / 2PM SERVICE: **Lyn Ryan** to see specialist. **Ross Dooley** and **Chris Gall** both home recovering also from eye surgery.

9.30AM SERVICE: **Ann Scandritt, Robin Braddock, Mary Johnston's husband, Michael** recovering at home. **Ron** (Pat McKay's friend) cancer undergoing treatment. **Naomi Kerlin**, new lump appeared, please pray.

10AM SERVICE: **Margaret and Tom McCauley** and **Elizabeth Langridge** recovering at home. **Trevor Pearce's dad, Marlene Campbell's husband (Gary), Ronnie Van Kempen, Janelle Southwell (Warren's sister-in-law)** all ongoing. **Bruce Jones, Andy Houghton, Michael Eames** ongoing. **Kaye Franks & Susan Starky's** cousin **Josh Day** recovering well from lung transplant, but long road to recovery. **Annette Holmes** home recovering after long stint in hosp.

7PM SERVICE: **Dan Moran, Bill Harvey, Jamie Mackenzie** ongoing. **Roman** (5 month old son of **Shaina-lea Johnson**) awaiting test results and further test in to be completed in the new year.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MON DEC 30 ♦ THE CAFÉ CLOSED
♦ FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION CLOSED

TUE DEC 31 ♦ THE CAFÉ CLOSED
♦ FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION CLOSED

WED JAN 01 ♦ THE CAFÉ CLOSED
♦ FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION CLOSED

THU JAN 02 ♦ THE CAFÉ CLOSED
♦ FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION CLOSED

FRI JAN 03 ♦ THE CAFÉ CLOSED
♦ FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION CLOSED

SAT JAN 04

SUN JAN 05 SERVICES: 8am, 9.30am, 10am, 5pm & 7pm

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS ANGLICARE

Give thanks for:

- The generosity of those who made donations to the Toys n Tucker drive.
- For the 75 hampers that went out from Dapto Anglican to members of the community and the hundreds of families blessed with toys.
- For all the Anglicare workers and the volunteers who daily bless the community.

Pray for:

- Families who will struggle this summer, for access to the support they need.
- Anglicare workers who are able to take a break over Christmas; for renewed strength and energy.
- Anglicare Workers not taking a break, continued strength and great resources to keep helping and serving people.



CONNECT MEN BBQ DINNER

5:30pm on Saturday 11th January
At St Aidan's, Mt Brown.

Meat and salad for \$12
(pre-paid and book with Vince Allon
or Warren Southwell)
OR BYO for free.



SAFE MINISTRY

Dapto Anglican Church is committed to Safe Ministry Practices. If you have a question or concern, we are here to help. Please contact:

- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945

SOCKS FOR SEAFARERS

Mission to Seafarers are asking us to partner with them and donate men's **new woollen work socks** wrapped in Christmas wrap, that they will give as gifts to visiting Seafarers.

Drop them to the Church Office or to **Ron Sinfield** at the **8am Service**.



With holiday mail coming in, don't forget to keep the postage stamps. Tear about 1cm around them and bring them to the office when you have a bundle.

RESTOCKING ANGLICARE'S PANTRY

Condiments; Peanut Butter, Jam, Vegemite etc, Tinned tuna/salmon, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta. Drop them into your service's Anglicare basket on Sunday. *Thank you.*

CONNECT CAMP 2020

Disney

ON SAND

KINDERGARTEN—YEAR 6



WEDNESDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY
@AUSTIMER ANGLICAN



Luke 2:25-40

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

PSALM 31:9-13

⁹ Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

¹⁰ My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

¹¹ Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.

¹² I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

¹³ For I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!" They conspire against me and plot to take my life.



The Cafe



HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

CLOSED

*From 21st Dec
to 12th Jan*



FIRST DAY OF TRADE 2020

*Monday 13th Jan
Open 9:30am - 2:30pm*



SUPPORTING DAC

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