



ADVENT Sunday

29th November, 2020

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY DATES AND TIME (COVID-19 Restrictions permitting)

ADVENT the *Wonder of Wonders: leading us to Christmas*
An Advent Study based on the 2020 Lectionary reading for Advent and Christmas, including reflections from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The only homework is to read the readings for the coming Sunday. Reading sheets now available. (No book needed)

Tuesday Evening (1, 8, 15, & 22 December)
7.00 at Marilyn Owen's home.

Wednesday (2, 9, 16, & 23 December)

In the Garden Room after the 10.00 Eucharist, starting at about 11.00.
Join us for a cup of tea, then we will get underway.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

I am about to make up the Morning Tea Roster for 2021, and would appreciate more volunteers to add to those who already help. The more people on this roster helps make the load not too heavy on just a few.
Please see me for more info and / or to add your name to the roster,
As they say 'many hands make light work'. Fran

An Advent Reflection A Christmas Menu, the 2020 Advent reflection booklet from Anglican Overseas Aid is available for you in the narthex.

Heart Foundation The craft group have been thanked for their donation of \$300.00 to the Heart Foundation.

If you have any Pew Sheet notices, contact Vanessa **0412 356 654** or vanessalinke1951@gmail.com by Wednesday 5pm.

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Mark 13:24-37

The Day and Hour Unknown

³²No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

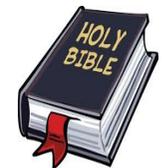
Readings for 6th December, 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

Psalms 85: 1 - 2, 8 - 13

2nd Reading: 2Peter 3: 8 - 15a

Gospel: Mark 1: 1 - 8



DIARY OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY	1st Sunday of Advent	29th November
	8.00am Eucharist	
	10.00am Sung Eucharist	
	(No morning tea)	
MONDAY	Andrew, Apostle & Martyr	
TUESDAY	10.00am Craft	
WEDNESDAY	10.00am Eucharist	
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent	6th December
	8.00am Eucharist	
	10.00am Sung Eucharist	

*We invite everyone to receive the bread (if this is your Christian practice) or a blessing.
Low gluten wafers available - please let the Priest know if you need one.*

BIRTHDAYS: Gwen James (30th)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Beverley McDougall Margaret Boughen
Llew Spargo Rev'd Tony Tamblyn
Phyllis Roberts Lisa Phipps and those on the long term list.

We keep a **long-term prayer list** on the main altar for people who have ongoing issues to deal with. Names on this list are not published, are added as needed, and only removed when the issue has come to an end.

They are mindfully included in our worship.

Please let Rev'd Michael or Vanessa know if you would like a name added to either list.

YEARS MIND

Dot Harte
Shirley Williamson Peter Doherty
Colin Paull Reginald Foord



Prayer of the week

God of justice and peace,
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness,
that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder
before your marvellous deeds.

Raise our heads in expectation,
that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord
and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



Advent Sunday

It seems that the Roman Emperor Vespasian needed a striking victory to establish his rule, and so what had begun as the quelling of a revolt in Palestine, became an utter destruction.

If you are taken to the base of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem today, you will see huge stones from the second temple, some as large as houses, tossed from the top of the Mount. It would have taken enormous effort, even as it would today, to accomplish this.

Advent calls us again to consider the coming of Christ and Mark chapter 13 plunges us into his vision of the future. It reminds us that most of what we regard as permanent in our own lives is in fact temporary. Ultimately what we can rely on is Christ. *Come Lord Jesus!*

We pray that we may live each day in the light of his coming.

St Andrew's Day

Monday 30 November

To a Jewish audience of the day this Gospel reading would have seemed unusual. Disciples sought out a Rabbi, not the reverse. Jesus chooses his inner circle, including Andrew.

Fishermen occupied a different place in society at the time. We know from the New Testament that these fishermen had servants and owned their boat - wood was an expensive commodity in Palestine. The romantic notion of poor fishermen doesn't really fit the situation.

In the narrative, the lack of preparation, the simple invitation given by Jesus and the immediate response of the disciples suggests the complete attractiveness of the person of Jesus.

Help us to live out the call to follow Jesus day by day.

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