



## Lovers of the Place\*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans

Sunday 5 DECEMBER 2021

2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent

(by hand to those without email)

### NEW PARISH OFFICE BEARERS

Fiona Lindsay	Churchwarden
Jenny Bleakley	Parish Council Member
Sally Hawkins	Parish Council Member
Joan Howe	Parish Council Member
Jenny Price	Parish Council Member
Bodil Wright	Parish Council Member
Russell Jackson	Incumbency Committee
Graeme Parton	Incumbency Committee

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) last Sunday. We have our new office bearers for the coming year.

My thanks to each of them for stepping up to be part of the Parish Leadership team.

As well as the day to day functioning of the parish Parish Council will continue with the 'Re-imagining the Future' process. This is a tool of discernment – discerning the future God is leading us into post COVID.

The world has changed a lot as a result of the last few years and so it is a good time to take a fresh look at our life and mission.

As I mentioned at the APM, next year I turn 70 which is the retiring age for clergy in the Melbourne Diocese. This is another reason for the Parish to take a fresh look at things.

#### **Incumbency Committee**

Parish Representatives to the Incumbency Committee are elected every year. However, the committee is convened only when a new Incumbent is appointed, which of course will be the case in 2022. Russell and Graeme, along with a churchwarden, will meet with Bsh Kate, Archdeacon Jill McCoy and 2 lay consultants from outside the parish, to look at candidates for the new Vicar. Usually then they would recommend someone to the Archbishop, who is the one who makes the appointment. Every third appointment, which this appointment will be, can be entirely at the Archbishop's discretion, but not necessarily so. We shall see.

#### **How the team works.**

Within the team Sally is the chair of Parish Council, delegated by Fr Peter. She is also the Parish Treasurer.

Churchwarden Fiona is the Parish Council Secretary, a position she has been in for some months already.

Please support your wonderful leadership team and feel free to approach them with any questions or concerns.

### ST JAMES' ADVENT APPEAL.

This Advent Appeal is directed to those currently participating in the life of the parish, as well as to the many families and households whom we know are 'Lovers of the Place' due to special associations with St James.

Please respond generously in our time of need.

#### **The Story behind the Appeal:**

Over the last 12 months our buildings at St James' have needed special attention. Extreme winds in November 2020 dramatically brought down the brick south wall of Gill Hall. The event revealed serious structural deficiencies in Gill Hall. Unfortunately, when Gill Hall was built in 1990 the builders failed to use the regulation brick ties required for a building by the sea. The corrosion of these brick ties were responsible for the wall collapse. Insurance has covered the immediate wall collapse, but will not cover any future events related to this deficiency. Consequently, we are in the process of remediating the building following a full engineer's report. It is also time to attend to a backlog of

\*We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: 'kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung' (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).

building maintenance. There is also work needed on storm water, roofing and our trees. All this at a time when our major sources of income have been depleted due to COVID.

How do I give?

1. If you ([CLICK HERE](#)) you can make an electronic transfer of money into the a special account we have with the Anglican Development Fund for this purpose. Access to this fund can also be found on the home page of our website: [www.queenscliffionsdaleanglican.org](http://www.queenscliffionsdaleanglican.org)
2. Alternatively, you may pay into this account by Direct Internet Transfer:

Account Name - St James Advent Appeal BSB - 703 122 Account Number - 05009956

A cheque made out to: St James Advent Appeal

# Christmas 2021

in the Anglican Churches  
of the Borough of Queenscliffe

All are welcome at these celebrations of the Birth of Jesus Christ.  
Please join us.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday 24 December

**7.00pm** Crib Service with Holy Communion at  
St James' Point Lonsdale

**10.00pm** Midnight Mass at St George's Queenscliff

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 25 December

**8.00am** Holy Communion at St James' Point Lonsdale

**9.30am** Holy Communion at St James'  
Point Lonsdale - **LIVESTREAMED**

ADVENT STUDY. 'WHAT ARE  
WE WAITING FOR? THE  
ADVENT GOSPELS'



**Mondays of Advent at 3.00pm**  
29 December

6 January

13 January

20 January

Reflections on the Gospel for  
the coming Sunday.

St James, Office Gathering Area and  
on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82414985234?pwd=ejRzcndldFgxOE9BeDFjOTJtdHRkQT09>

Second Sunday of Advent



## Bringing Peace to children in Gaza

The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Christmas Bowl Envelopes are now available in the foyer for your donation which can be made by Cheque or Card. Simply complete and return to Christmas Bowl, or if you prefer to donate with cash, place money in envelope and put in the locked box in the church porch. Electronic payments can be done by using this unique QR code allocated to St Georges Queenscliff and St James Point Lonsdale. Use your smart phone to open your camera, point to the QR Code and it will take you directly to the site for making direct deposits.

## PARISH SNAPSHOT -LIBRARY

As part of preparing the House of Prayer and Parish Office for summer rental, all the library books have been returned to the Gill Hall Shelves and are now available for borrowing. Please fill out the purple borrowing book with name, date out, and date in when returned.



## WORKING BEE



Parish Working Bee, **this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, at St Georges, Queenscliff. 9.00am to 11.00am**, or part thereof, followed by morning tea. Come along for all or part BYO rakes, brooms, gloves and any other utensils you might need to give a good spruce up for our Worship on Sunday and through December.



## FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Sunday 5th December, after the Eucharist, all parishioners are invited to join a discussion over morning tea in Gill Hall about the Parish involvement in Climate Action, particularly through our membership of the inter-faith Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). You may have seen the banner outside St George the Martyr in Queenscliff and read something of the campaign in Lovers of the Place.

There will also be a brief introduction to the process of Re-Imagining the Future. Parish Council's engagement with this instrument of discernment continues with a Parish Council workshop on 13 December. Opportunities for general parishioner involvement in planning will follow.

Parish Council has decided to rent out the House of Prayer for summer holiday lettings (through Kerley's Real Estate) from as early as practicable in December through to Easter 2022. This is a significant but necessary development to generate some much-needed income for essential maintenance on both sites of St Georges and St James. Fiona Lindsay Parish Council Secretary

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY Luke 3.1-6

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, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 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.

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; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

**ORDER OF SERVICE INCL. READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021: [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021: [CLICK HERE](#)**

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Prayer of the week** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient

to the wisdom of the righteous, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Church**

**Our Parish:** ‘Re-imagining the Future’; putting together our current Heritage grant application.

**Oodthenong Episcopate:** Nigel Pope and Candida - St Paul’s Geelong; Craig Ogden and Vanessa, Sandy Solomon and Graham, Madeleine Solomon, Anne Fairweather; PlentyLife Mernda; Red Door, Caroline Springs – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd)

**Melbourne Diocese:** Church of the Ascension Springvale (Inpa Eliezer); All Saints’ Kooyong - Baptism Service (Abp Philip Freier); St Andrew’s Aberfeldie – Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Mark’s Emerald – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker)

Mon 6: Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; St Michael’s Grammar School (Terrie Jones, Principal, Kenyon McKie, Chaplain); St Alban the Martyr St Albans (Siosifa Mafi Tongia)

**National Church:** Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens

**Global:** The Anglican Church of Burundi (Abp Sixbert Macumi, Primate)

To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican](#)

**Mission:** The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people; The Church of the

Province of Myanmar CPM’s Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks; International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development; World Soil Day

To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican Board of Mission](#)

**Our Common Home – The Earth**

**Requests**

Pippa; Thataw Kunoo; Zion and Doni Htoo; Greg; Mike & Heather; Richard; Peter; Jenny; Ken; Pam; Mary-Anne; Zoe, Mary; Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Greg; Ron: Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi; Pixie, Julie and Bill; Angela; Jennifer; Terry; Trish; Ros

**Communion of Saints**

**Sanctoral cycle this week:** Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. 342); *Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397); Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d. 1691)*

**Anniversaries:** John Edward Langley 05.12.2008; Harold Oswald Harold Eggleton 06.12.2003; Isabelle Geater 07.12.1994; Kit Mills 07.12.1998; Mary Jaques Chomley 07.12.2013; Margaret Joan Purvis 08.12.2018; Sarah Smith 09.12.1966; Joan Marjorie Springall 9.12.1999; Ronald James Goodwin May 10.12.2010; Millicent Victoria Crosby 10.12.2018; Bruce Henry Robinson 11.12.2016



E-pray have released an App for both iPhone and Android that is freely available for download and which includes the full text, including the set readings and psalm, for Morning and Evening prayer. The Epray App is available [here](#).

**MORNING PRAYER St James Point Lonsdale and on Zoom**

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09</a>					

**EVENING PRAYER St George’s Queenscliff and on Zoom**

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDDMQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDDMQT09</a>					

**MEDITATION St James Point Lonsdale and on Zoom**

8.30AM	8.30AM	8.30AM
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09</a>		

The parish is a member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#))



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