



## Lovers of the Place<sup>\*</sup>

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Third Sunday of Advent  
*(by hand to those without email)*



Dear people of St George's and St James',

ADVENT is now more than halfway through . It's a season of puzzle and paradox, heightened by the fact that the surrounding culture forces us to ignore it and to, rather, anticipate and indeed celebrate Christmas – weeks before Christmas Day. Even church organisations get caught up in this.

Perhaps this is because end-of-year festivities, and the feel-good joy and delight of the Bethlehem story, are much more palatable to us than considerations of repentance, hope, readiness for death, heaven, hell, and the coming of the Lord in judgement.

Nevertheless, the Advent customs in our Sunday worship stop us in our tracks if we notice them:

- \* The saying of the Ten Commandments, confronting though they may be, reminding us of God's standards, and how we fall short of them
- \* The omission of the Hymn of Praise (the "Gloria") and the sombre seasonal colours, remind us that God's true joy blossoms forth only after a period of denial, preparation and waiting
- \* The unevenness and incompleteness of the Advent Candles, reminding us that we live in the tension between the "now" and the "not yet" of the gospel.

From James McAuley's hymn "Come, O Jesus, come , O Lord":

*In Advent we commemorate  
the first great coming of the Lord  
and, looking forward, celebrate  
the day when all shall be restored.*

Tim Gibson

*\*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).*

## FROM THE HISTORY ROOM -P Ladies Guild – Time Capsule

Created in 1996 to mark the Jubilee Year of the St James' Ladies Guild, the capsule was opened last week, at the Annual Parish Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2022.

The contents include many photographs of members and events, Guild minute books, one covering the years 1965 – 1984, and a Guild Ledger book covering

many decades 1947 – 1978. A number of quite early 'newsletters' of both St James' and St George's and several wedding and funeral booklets and other church commemorations. Of significant interest are documents and photographs related to the history of the 'concert party' which later became "The Guilders".

The parish archives hold a number of DVDs of these concerts dating from 1974 – 1988, written from the original video tape recordings by Jim Thyer. Papers from the capsule indicate that the 'Concert Party' as they first called themselves was created in 1965 by Freda Maude, Mollie Traill and Vera Harrison as a fundraiser for St James'. It will be good to know more of these early years.

The small concert group was an immediate success and became very popular. In 1974 Kit Mills, a retiree to Point Lonsdale, who had significant stage experience in England. became Director of what soon came to be known as *The Guilders*. Concerts played across several days and became much more ambitious. They were held annually throughout the 1980s. Everyone who went to these concerts has spoken enthusiastically about the incredibly high standard Kit Mills achieved with her local women and how very enjoyable and hilarious they were.

The concerts were all staged in the first "old Gill Hall", which by the late 1980s had become decrepit and hardly fit for purpose. There are several accounts of the trying conditions [very hot or cold & a tiny area for dressing]. The following poem, in the parish newsletter, retrieved from the Time Capsule, attests to the need for a new hall:

**There was a movement at St James'  
For the word had got around  
That Old Gill Hall was cracking up  
It was no longer sound  
The Vicar he was worried  
The Vestry likewise  
But ... ..  
The Ladies efforts will prevail  
Despite the ageing hall!**

The Gill Hall we know now was opened in 1990 and was significantly funded from donations and the moneys raised by the Ladies Guild. The concerts raised a tremendous amount of money.

Perhaps an afternoon tea along with a viewing from the 1980s concerts could be arranged sometime early 2023. Carole Barwick

**TMA – THE Melbourne Anglican December edition, has arrived and is now available at the back of the church. Do you like the new format? Do you prefer the old format? TMA would love your feedback.**

**[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey.** There are some great articles focussing on some of the Women in the Diocese.

### ***30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women as Priests in the Anglican Church of Australia***

December 13th 2022 @ 6:00pm, St Pauls Cathedral

Prisider: The Rt Rev Kate Prowd Preacher: The Most Rev Kay Goldsworthy AO

Refreshments to follow in the Barbara Darling Room

For catering purposes, click here to RSVP by 6 December 2022



**2022/2023 PARISH COUNCIL will have their first meeting next Wednesday Evening, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** If there is anything you would like to see discussed, please let me know by return email [office@queenscliffonsdaleanglican.org](mailto:office@queenscliffonsdaleanglican.org) by 3pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, or contact Fiona Lindsay on 0428 322 208.



You are warmly invited to an ecumenical  
**Advent Service of Readings & Carols**  
 7:00pm, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
 at Holy Trinity Church, 34 Stevens Street  
 Queenscliff

*Carols ancient & modern ... Readings from Sacred  
 Scripture ... Poems & Reflections*  
**Voluntary Gold Coin Donation to support Trinity Aid  
 for Refugees**  
*Light refreshments served at 7:45pm*

While the Bellarine Ecumenical Choir is in recess for the time being, everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to participate on the night, and also at 2 rehearsals in advance:

4:00–5:00pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, & 4:00–5:00pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

We hope to see you, and wish you a blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas. Reverend Darien J Sticklen & Team, Holy Trinity Parish

### **GOSPEL OF THE DAY** Matthew 11.2-11

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

3 and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

4 Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see:

5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
 who will prepare your way before you."

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> December, Third Sunday of Advent, : [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> December, Fourth Sunday of Advent : [CLICK HERE](#)**

### **OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Prayer of the week** Almighty God,  
 you have made us and all things to serve you:  
 come quickly to save us,

so that wars and violence shall end  
 and your children may live in peace,  
 honouring one another with justice and love;  
 through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,  
 who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Nations and Peoples** Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

#### **The Church**

**Oodthenong Episcopate:** St Alban the Martyr St Albans –  
 Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd)

**Melbourne Diocese:** Holy Apostles Sunshine Braybrook  
 (Paul Priyajayanth); Royal School of Church Music (Roslyn  
 Carolane, Chair); St Luke's Mulgrave – Pastoral Visit (Bp  
 Paul Barker) ; Casey Dinka Congregation - Pastoral Visit ( Bp  
 Paul Barker)

**National Church:** The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter  
 Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy &  
 People)

**Global:** The Anglican Church of Kenya (Abp Jackson Ole  
 Sapit, Primate)

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

**Mission:** The Diocese of Gippsland – Bishop Richard  
 Treloar, the clergy and people

• The Anglican Church of Hong Kong  
 (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui  
 香港聖公會)

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

#### **Communion of Saints**

**Sanctoral cycle this week:** John of Cross, mystic and teacher  
 (d. 1591)

**Recently dead:** Bill Anderson 29.11.2022



Year's mind: Margaret Jean Spring 14.12.2021; Gudrun Kirsten Mowlem 15.12.2021

Anniversaries: Bruce Henry Robinson 11.12.2016; Emmeline Todd 12.12.1975; Ruth Hester Hollick\* 12.12.1997; Ronald William Mathes 12.12.2013; Clarice Vera Priddle 13.12.1976; Ronald Leslie Hillier 13.12.2004; Eileen Heather Waldron 13.12.2016; Alan McNaught 14.12.1995; Alexander William Jackson 16.12.1965; Jean

Emmie Hocking 16.12.2004; William Colin Murray 17.12.1984; William Colin Murray 17.12.1984; Kate Marjorie Laidlaw 17.12.1990; Ivy Gladys May Singer\* 17.12.2003

An asterisk\* signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James' Memorial Garden

A hash sign # signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St George's Memorial Garden

Christmas bowl envelopes are now available at the back of the church or to give electronically [CLICK HERE](#)

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## Sharing God's love this Christmas



**Christmas Bowl**



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Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **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 humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



**CLIMATE CHANGE** Parish members participate in Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#)) in partnership with the Borough in implementing the Climate Emergency Response Plan ([CERP](#)). As such we periodically receive updates. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the latest, which focusses the reduction of waste and what we can all do.

**MORNING PRAYER on Zoom**

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09</a>					

**EVENING PRAYER 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 on Zoom**

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>		

**CONTEMPLATIVE TUESDAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE on Zoom**

11.00AM	
Tuesday	
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2clJ1THZiYTRGS041bCtwdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2clJ1THZiYTRGS041bCtwdz09</a>	

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