



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

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans

Sunday 4<sup>TH</sup> December 2022

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

*(by hand to those without email)*



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

If you are of Dutch heritage you would know that Tuesday 6th December is a special day for children: St Nicholas' Day.

The original St Nicholas was thought to be a bishop in Asia Minor (now Turkey) in the early centuries of the Christian era, who suffered in one of the Roman Empire's persecutions. He was known to be a generous man who once gave a dowry to three daughters so that they could marry and not end up in destitution. This led to the tradition of Santa Claus giving gifts to children.

As often happened with the bones of the early saints Nicholas' remains "travelled the world" and ended up, so it is claimed, in southern Italy – and somehow in later years there came to be a special connection with Holland.

Many of the first European settlers in the New York area were Dutch and they carried the Santa Claus traditions to America – and then, in the early 19th century, Clement Clark Moore's poem "The night before Christmas" became very popular adding another layer, in that "St Nick" was now to be thought of as travelling around with reindeers and a sleigh -- a rotund, jolly figure reminiscent of the "Father Christmas" figure from mediaeval England.

The fact that we think of Santa Claus wearing a red suit probably has more to do with Coca Cola's use of him in their advertising in the 20th century, all adding to the crass materialism and superficiality of the modern Christmas.

Well, the rest is history and, whether we like it or not, Santa is here to stay !

As Christians we are to associate the gift-giving at Christmas to God's great gift of Jesus to the world, and the gifts offered to Him by the wise men.

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).*

## PARISH SNAPSHOT

Before the Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday, November 27th, the time capsule of the opening of the St James' Ladies Guild was opened.

The large steel time capsule was mounted on the back wall of Gill Hall above the library in 1996 as part of the Ladies Guild 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was removed in recent times to the History Room following the damage to the rear wall. As you can see from the photographs below the capsule was to be opened in May 2021 but Covid-19 prevented this happening.

Also pictured is Kay Cottrell and Katherine Thyer, who were on the committee at the disbandment of the Ladies Guild and were delighted to be invited to open the capsule, along with Carmen Ward, who was also present at the sealing of the capsule.

Memorabilia, photographs, various lists and other material from the years 1946 to 1996 were found in the capsule.

Lindsay Howe and Carole Barwick will present a more detailed report for next week's newsletter.



## FROM PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

Thank-you to all those who attended the meeting. Following the acceptance of the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting, financials and reports, all positions were declared vacant and nominations for the Parish Council for the 2022/2023 year were presented. As there was no need for a ballot, the following nominations were accepted and duly elected.

Fiona Lindsay – Churchwarden

Sally Hawkins – Parish Councillor

Jenny Price - Parish Councillor

Jenny Bleakley - Parish Councillor

Bodil Wright - Parish Councillor

Andrew Behan - Parish Councillor

Sarah Farrell - Parish Councillor

Ros Myer – Parish Councillor

Graham Parton – Incumbency Committee

Russell Jackson – Incumbency Committee

Neville Barwick – Independent Examiner

Welcome to the new and returning Parish Councillors. It is with some sadness that we farewelled Joan Howe from parish Council who has been the Vicar's Warden for the last 4 years. Fiona Lindsay



## GIVE HOPE Share God's love with a refugee going hungry this Christmas.

Since 1949, compassionate Christians like you have followed Rev Frank Byatt's legacy, coming together each Christmas across Australia and the world to provide safety in exile for people forced from their homes by conflict and disaster. Your gift through the Christmas Bowl will support local partners to meet urgent needs and help create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong.

**Second Sunday of Advent**



Karen McGrath/Act for Peace

### Peace through food rations

It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



**Christmas Bowl**

**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

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

### GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 4th December, : [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December, : [CLICK HERE](#)**

### OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Prayer of the week:** Merciful God,  
who sent your messenger John the Baptist  
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our  
salvation:  
give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Nations and Peoples:** Myanmar, Thailand

#### The Church

**Our Parish:** Our new Parish Council as they prepare for the year.

**Melbourne Diocese:** City on a Hill East Melbourne – (Bp Paul Barker); Mission to Seafarers (Neil Edwards, Chair; Onfré Punay, Chaplain); Church of the Ascension Springvale

(Inpa Eliezer); St Jude's Carlton – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Jude's Estates Community – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St George's East Ivanhoe – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St John's Flinders and St Mark's Balnarring – (Abp Philip Freier);

**National Church:** The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People)

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

#### Communion of Saints:

**Sanctoral cycle this week:** Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d.c.342); Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)

**Recently died:** Bill Anderson 29.11.2022

Month's mind: Lesley Annie Wright 29.10.2022; Jan Williams 07.10.2022

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

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

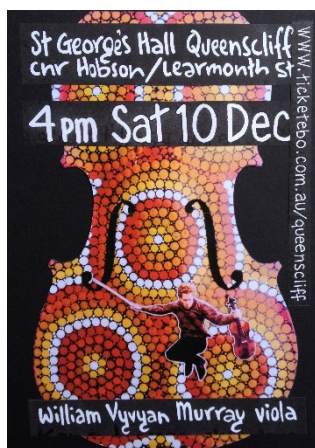
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## In response to the Hunger Emergency in Kenya, Anglican Overseas Aid HAS launched it's Christmas Appeal. To find out more or to Donate now [CLICK HERE](#)



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## MUSIC



William Vyvyan Murray will present one final concert in Queenscliff for 2022, at 4pm in St George's Hall on Saturday the 10th of December.

Come join us for a program that includes Johann Sebastian Bach's beautiful 4th Cello Suite, the Australian premiere of a new work by William Vyvyan Murray, Imogen Holst's rarely performed but exquisitely beautiful solo viola Suite and works by Leilehua Lanzilotti, Igor Stravinsky, Quincy Porter and Hildegard von Bingen.

Finish the year with glorious music new and old performed on one of the Amati brothers most beautiful violas, constructed in Cremona over 400 years ago.

Standard tickets are \$25 dollars each and concession for anyone who cannot manage that cost just \$10 dollars

### MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SlJCRE5WNXRZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SlJCRE5WNXRZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09</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
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### CONTEMPLATIVE TUESDAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE on Zoom

11.00AM	
Tuesday	
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2cUJ1THZlYTRGS041bCtwdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2cUJ1THZlYTRGS041bCtwdz09</a>	

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