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Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.



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DECEMBER 2 YEAR C 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.  
Luke 21.28

### Prayer of the day

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Jeremiah 33.14-16**

**14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our**

**Hear the word of the lord**

**Thanks be to God**



## **Psalms 25.1-10**

**1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.**

**3 Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths.**

**4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.**

**5 In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord.**

**6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.**

**7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me.**

**8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

**9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.**

**10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**



## **1 Thessalonians 3.9-13**

**9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?**

**10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints**

**Hear the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

# **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to .....**

## **Saint Luke 21.25-38**

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**25 ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ 29 Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape**

**all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’ 37 Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. 38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year B

Licensed Lay

Minister on Duty

**Dot Smith**

**Jack Johnson**

Intincture Cup

**Jeremiah 33.14-16**

**Marie Seckold**

**1Thessalonians 3.9-13**

**Jan Pickering**

**Luke21.25-38**

## **Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement**

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE

“FIVE MARKS OF MISSION”

- 1.Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- 2.Teach ,baptise, and nurture new believers.
- 3.Respond to human need by loving service
- 4 Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
- 5 Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY YEAR C

Licensed Lay Minister on duty

**Marie Seckold**

Intincture Cup

**Jack Johnson**

**9 Malachi 3:1-4**

**Judith Markham**

Philippians 1;1-11

**Ruth Fealy**

**Luke3.1-6**



If you are unable to read on the day, contact one of the following people:-  
Kay Cassidy 0458676674, Mary Ford

## Next Sunday Roster

**9th December 2018**

### SIDEPERSONS:

**Elaine Ambrose  
Gwen Downey**



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## MORNING TEA

**Glenys Apolony  
Elaine Ambrose**



## CHURCH CLEANING

**3rd Kay Cassidy & Stan Dobson**



## BRASS CLEANING

**Julie Anthoness**

## FLOWER ARRANGING

**Shirley Magrath**



## COUNTING after church to day Sunday

**Frank Magrath  
Gwen Downey  
Marie Seckold**



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## HOSPITAL VISITING COMMENCING TUESDAY

**Kay Cassidy**



## **Service Schedule**



**During the Week**

**Tuesday 10am Holy Communion**

## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**9.30am Holy Communion**



## Prayer Requests

**Our Nation :** Prime Minister, Premier, Our Mayor & Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



**Worldwide Church:** We Pray for the church in The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

**.National Church:** The Diocese of Adelaide with Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, Assistant Bishop Timothy Harris, Assistant Bishop for Aboriginal Ministry Chris McLeod; clergy and people.

**Bathurst Diocese:** Bishop's Registrar, Karen Trafford and Andrew; and those who work in the Bishop's Registry. Also Bishop Ian and wife Elizabeth

**Local needs:** Pray for wisdom, discretion and courage for our Federal Members of Parliament: Mark Coulton (Parkes), Andrew Gee (Calare), Michael McCormack (Riverina).

### Prayers and Blessings

God of love, we pray for country towns, For those which are shrinking in size, for those suffering from lack of skills, for those who suffer from lack of employment, For those in drought, and those in flood. Encourage their people, and empower their leaders, so that their lives may reflect your love and their communities reflect your kingdom.

**Parish :** Please pray for our Rector Fr. Daryl and his wife Dianne and children Kaitlyn, William and Tomas . We continue to pray for our Sunday School Kids For Christ Please pray for seasonal weather We pray for the clergy and parishioners of St Anne's Strathfield Young and West Goulburn .

**Community** We pray for our community as a whole We pray for the work of St Vincent De Paul , Anglicare, Salvation Army.

**We pray for Healing for:** Vickie, Jayden Pope, Margaret, Dot Smith, Josh and all patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of Waratah Village. We give thanks for the staff who care for the patients and residents.

**Faithful Departed** We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death. this week

Elsie Grellman, Keith Shoesmith , Allan Cross ,Eva Cattle, Bert Marshall ,Noel Ewings ,Irene Brooks , Carolyn Reid

**ANGLICARE**

Contact for West Wyalong Dot Smith 69723410





We welcome everyone worshipping here today. If you are a visitor, please make yourself known to the usher or greeter. We would love you to join us for a cuppa after the service

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**WHAT'S ON!!**

**Dates for your Diaries**

**Candy Stripe Fair:** The date for next years fair is Friday 15th March 2019  
The next preparation meeting Sunday 3rd February 2019

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**Bible Study:** Has started again at Carmel Meads home On Wednesdays at 3;30 pm  
All welcome for more information phone Glenys on 0408613988

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**St Dunstan's; Ungarie :**Will be deconsecrated and closed at on 27th January 2019

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**St John's Tallimba:** Will be deconsecrated and closed on Saturday 2nd February 2019

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**MU Collecting Gifts:** For the Waratah Village for Christmas. Shampoo, Conditioner, shower jell , deodorant , Gifts for men and ladies. Basket will be on the table at the back of the church next week.

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**Carols by Candle Light:** Next Sunday Night at 7.30pm In Barnado Park  
Please bring your own chair .gold coin donation.

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**Combined Churches Prayer Meeting ; 11am Wednesday 5th December—Funeral Chapel—14 Shire St**

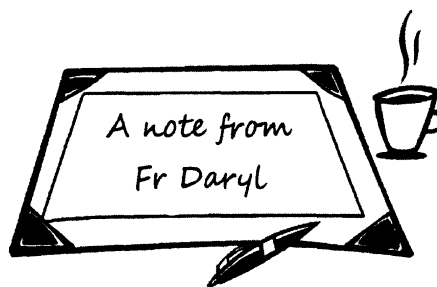
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**Working Bee:** To clean church and tidy up around church read for Christmas Saturday 15th December at 8.30am.

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"Pastor Bob says the church's financial software can handle up to a billion dollars. That'll probably require two or three collections."



Today we begin our journey through Advent. The word Advent means ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’. During this season the church looks expectantly for the coming of Jesus—both in a historical sense as we prepare to celebrate the first ‘Advent’ of Christ at Christmas, and also prophetically as we look forward to the second coming of Christ and the New Heaven and New Earth that God has promised us.

It is traditionally a time of self reflection and repentance. In this sense it is similar to Lent, and is why the colour chosen for the season is purple—the colour the church uses to represent repentance. However where Lent is a dedicated time of focussing on our sin and seeking to change as we prepare to commemorate that horrifying day when Jesus paid the price for us all on the cross, Advent instead calls us to repentance in preparation for the coming again of Christ—and the hope that brings. Advent then, while a season of reflection and repentance is also a season of hope as we prepare for the day when we will be raised to life with Jesus, the day when heaven and earth are joined and when sin, sickness, and even death is no more—a time when every tear is wiped away.

I encourage you to use this time as a reset for your faith. If you haven’t already, get one of the Advent Studies from the back of the church, make the effort to spend 15 minutes each day with God in his word and reading the Advent reflections. It isn’t a lot of time out of your day, but if you can commit to it, it will make a big difference in your faith

life. There is always a danger at this time of the year for us to forget about Advent and just focus on the upcoming Christmas season. If we allow ourselves to do that, we soon find ourselves stressed, caught up in the world and often focussing on things that really have nothing to do with Jesus—things like presents, and food and family visits... these are all important things, but if we allow this time of year to be solely about them, and forget the true reason for the season, we fall into a trap set for us by the evil one—we forget about Jesus.

By engaging in Advent fully, through prayer, reading the scriptures and taking time to reflect, repent and renew our faith each and every day we focus our minds not on the worldly trappings which have become associated with Christmas, but rather on our Lord and Saviour. If we are focussed on Him, then we find peace instead of stress—and we all know that is something we need.

You can get off to a good start to Advent by joining us on Wednesday for the monthly combined churches prayer meeting. It will be hosted by the Presbyterians in the Stephenson's Funeral Chapel (the old Salvation Army building) at 14 Shire St.

God bless you on your Advent journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daryl +". The signature is written in a cursive style with a plus sign at the end.

# Thought for the Week from Anglican Mothers Union Australia Sunday 2 December 2018

## Advent

When God Almighty came to be one of us, Masking the glory of his golden train, Millions of plain things kindled by accident And they will never be the same again. Sing all you midwives, dance all the carpenters, Sing all the publicans and shepherds too, God in his mercy uses the commonplace, God on his birthday had a need of YOU. Michael Hewlett TiS 281; AHB 214

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. Jeremiah 33: 14-15

Members in Vanuatu are very strong in prayer, so that God is with them while they are deeply involved in community outreach. They also help communities plan for climate change disasters and support those affected by cyclones. They train Sunday School teachers so children can be brought up rooted in faith. Let us praise the Lord for the faith of our sisters.

