



## Christmastide

I sing the birth was born tonight, The Author both of life and light:  
The angels so did sound it; And like the ravished shepherds said,  
Who saw the light and were afraid, Yet searched, and true they  
found it.

The Son of God, th'eternal King, That did us all salvation bring,  
And freed the world from danger, He whom the whole world could  
not take, The Lord which heav'n and earth did make, Was now laid  
in a manger.

The Father's wisdom willed it so, The Son's obedience knew no  
"No," Both wills were in one stature; And, as that wisdom hath  
decreed, The Word was now made flesh indeed, And took on Him  
our nature.

What comfort by Him do we win, Who made Himself the price of  
sin, To make us heirs of glory! To see this Babe, all innocence, A  
martyr born in our defence-- Can man forget this story? Ben Jonson  
1572-1637

*"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen  
his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.  
John 1:14"*

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**DECEMBER 24TH YEAR A 2022 THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD.**



## Sentence

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, for  
to us a child is born, to us a son is given. Isaiah 9: 2, 6**

## Prayer of the Day

**Eternal God, who made this holy night to shine with the  
brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the  
revelation of that light on earth to see the radiance of your  
heavenly glory; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Isaiah 9: 2-7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord; bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.

*We welcome everyone  
worshipping here today.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Congratulations to those celebrating: No Birthdays or Anniversaries this week.



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**Wanted:**

Cleaners on a volunteer basis to clean church twice a month. If you can help, please see Gwen Downey or Frank. Parish Council is looking to find a contract cleaner.

**Notes:**

Our new Priest, Rev Steven Klouth will be conducting his first service on the 22nd January 2023.

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For those who would like to make a direct deposit into St. Barnabas bank account, the details are as follows:

**BSB 082-912  
Account No: 39-265-5435  
Account Name: Saint  
Barnabas Anglican Church.**

**Rev. Linda Boss will be conducting a service on 8th January. Please join us for Holy Communion.**

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**Notes to Remember:**

- *At Parish Council Meeting last Sunday, it was decided that fund raising events could and should be held next year.*
- *The First event Pan Cake Night on Tuesday 21st February.*
- *Second event End of Day Light Breakfast.*
- *The Catering committee have been asked to organise these events, but they will require a lot of help. After the Christmas holidays we can put out rosters for those willing to help.*

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**REV LINDA BOSS  
HOLY COMMUNION**

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A.

Marie Seckold  
Licensed Lay Minister on Duty

Isaiah 9: 2-7 Marie Seckold

Titus 2: 11-14 Rhonda Widdows

Luke 2: 1-20

**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 SUNDAY  
1ST JANUARY 2023

Numbers 6: 22-27 Geoff Winder

Galatians 4: 4-7 Fran Mitchell

Luke 2: 15-21



Next Service 1ST JANUARY 2023

**SIDE PERSONS:**

Pearl Woolstencroft



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MORNING TEA

Helen West



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

CHURCH CLEANING



BRASS CLEANING



FLOWER ARRANGING

Shirley Magrath

Frank Magrath  
Terry Butcher



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COUNTING TODAY

Service Schedule



24TH DECEMBER:

**CHRISTMAS EVE & BLESSING OF THE CRIB SERVICE AT 6PM .**

**3 Declare his glory among the nations,**

**his marvelous works among all the peoples.**

**4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;**

**he is to be revered above all gods.**

**5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,**

**but the Lord made the heavens.**

**6 Honour and majesty are before him;**

**strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

**7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,**

**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;**

**bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

**9 Worship the Lord in holy splendour;**

**tremble before him, all the earth.**

**10 Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!**

**The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.**

**He will judge the peoples with equity."**

**11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;**

**let the sea roar and all that fills it;**

**12 let the field exult and everything in it.**

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

**13 before the Lord, for he is coming,**

**for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness**

**and the peoples with his truth.**

## Titus 2: 11-14

**11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.**

**Hear the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## Luke 2: 1-20

**2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. 8 Now in that same region there were shepherds**



## Prayer Requests

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



**Worldwide Church:** The Diocese of Okinawa – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

**National Church:** The Diocese of The Murray with Bishop Keith Dalby, clergy and people. Pray for Bishop Keith as he seeks to remind clergy and people of the precious good news of Jesus.

**Bathurst Diocese:** The Parish of Wellington with the Revd Carl Palmer (Deacon-in-Charge). May Carl and Jennie be empowered by God's wisdom as they seek to point people to Jesus. Pray for Macquarie Anglican Grammar School; the Head, Mr Craig Mansour, Chaplain the Revd Tom Owen, students, parents and staff - that this school may be effective in pointing students to the life, joy, peace and hope found in relationship with Jesus. Remember Bishop Mark and Susan in our prayers.

**Local needs:** Pray for those facing persecution for following Jesus that they may cling to God and know his strength for standing firm.

**Parish:** We thank God for answering our prayers as we look forward to welcoming Steven & Caitlin Klouth and baby Hannah who will be joining us in the New Year.

**Community:** We pray for our community as a whole and St. Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Can Assist Committee, Far West Committee, Community Transport and their drivers. Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital..

**We pray for Healing for:** All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

**Faithful Departed:** We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Reginald Gelling, Nellie Laurel Ford, Daisy Anthoness, Robert Poulson, Les Wollstencroft, Charlie Crampton, Edward Quarman.

ANGLICARE

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## **Lighting a Candle is a Prayer:**

When we have gone,  
it stays alight,  
kindling in the hearts and minds  
of others the prayers we have  
already offered for them,  
and for others,  
for the sad,  
the sick, and the suffering -  
and prayers for thankfulness too.

Lighting a Candle is a Parable:  
burning itself out,  
it gives light to others.  
Christ gave himself for others.  
He calls us to give ourselves.

Lighting a Candle is a Symbol:  
of love and hope,  
of light and warmth.  
Our world needs them all.

— *Prayer used in Salisbury Cathedral*

living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.  
9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of  
the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But  
the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing  
you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born  
this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the  
Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child  
wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13 And  
suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly  
host, praising God and saying,  
14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”  
15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the  
shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and  
see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made  
known to us.” 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and  
Joseph and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw  
this, they made known what had been told them about this  
child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the  
shepherds told them, 19 and Mary treasured all these words  
and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned,  
glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen,  
just as it had been told.  
**For the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOD STEPPED OUT OF THE PICTURE

“Stars are lovely to look at - but they can't love. Flowers are beautiful but they have no heart! In the florist's window the sign reads “Bouquets or Wreaths. Either! The flowers don't mind. They will come to the wedding or the funeral. It is all the same to them. They are beautiful - but not personal! The mountains are majestic but there is no comfort in their cold hearts. A little boy used to stand below a portrait of his deceased father and say wistfully” I wish father would step out of the picture”. We look at the stars - the flowers - the mountains. We recognise that they can only ever be God's handiwork. How many people wish that the Father would step out of that picture in flesh and blood! He did! He stepped out at Bethlehem.... The word became flesh and pitched his tent alongside ours ... and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only Son of the Father ... No man has seen the Father, but Jesus has made him known to us personally”.

*(Adapted from a Westminster Sermon by W.E. Sangster)*

## CHRISTMAS TIME

*By Caroline Trotter*

Christmas time around the world  
Brings joy to everyone,  
The Christmas tree is hung with gifts  
But where's God's precious Son?  
The table groans with Christmas fare,  
The pudding's set on fire,  
With paper hats we shout with joy  
But where is our Messiah?  
Carol singers at the door  
Sing out with pride and joy.  
We clap our hands, invite them in  
But where's the Baby Boy?  
He quietly lies within the Church;  
We're grateful that he came,  
We bow our heads and leave him there,  
Next year we'll do the same.  
Please bring the baby Jesus in,  
Just let him stay with you  
And keep him there throughout the year  
Forever strong and true'.

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