

Thought for the Week from Mother's Union
Sunday 4th December 2022



THE ANGLICAN LANTERN
PARISH OF WEST WYALONG
Including Tallimba, Ungarie, West Wyalong,
Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.



Preparation and Expectation

O Bright Sun
of Justice, Judge of all the world,
seeking to straighten what is crooked
and put right what is wrong,
come with dread power and stark mercy
to our reluctant hearts. Jim Cotter 'Cries of Advent' No 6. From
Prayer in the Morning, Cairns Publications 1989.

*A voice cries out, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3*

*Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall
see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 40: 5*

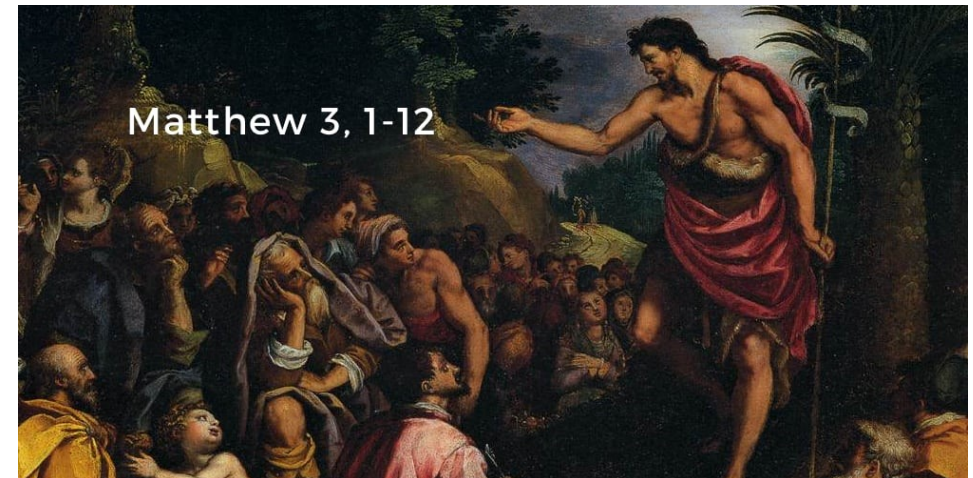
Namibia is the second least densely populated country in the world
and home to exotica such as the Kalahari Desert and cheetahs.
Mothers' Union is a vibrant organisation with 2500 members
carrying out a wide range of activities to support family life and
meet the needs within their community. May they prosper with
God's blessing.



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DECEMBER 4TH YEAR C 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.



Sentence

**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1: 15**

Prayer of the Day

**God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptizing and
calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found
pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to
rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Isaiah 11: 1-10

1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – 3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord . He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash round his waist. 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the cobra’s den, the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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*We welcome everyone
worshipping here today.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

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



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Please diarise that Bishop Mark will be visiting us on the 18th December for the 9.30 am service and in the evening at 6pm there will be a contemporary carol service. All are invited.

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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.

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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.**

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PCC Meeting next Sunday, 11th December.

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**TO HIM
WHO SITS UPON
THE THRONE
AND TO THE LAMB
BE BLESSING
AND HONOUR AND
GLORY AND
MIGHT FOR EVER
AND EVER!**

Revelation 5: 13

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HOLY COMMUNION

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year C.

Licensed Lay
Minister on Duty

**Marie Seckold
Susan Haines**

Isaiah 11: 1-10 Susan Haines

Romans 15: 4-13 Geoff West

Matt 3: 1-12

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 11TH DECEMBER 2022

Isaiah 35: 1-10 Judith Markham

James 5: 7-10 Marie Seckold

Matt 11: 2-11



Next Service 11TH DECEMBER

SIDE PERSONS:

Gwen Downey



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MORNING TEA

Jean Gillard



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



DURING THE WEEK:

Tuesday 10 am Morning Prayer

SERVICE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sermon Notes:

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-21

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,**
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.**
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.**

**6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

**7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.**

**18 Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.**

**19 Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.**

**20 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.**

**21 Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

Amen.

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Romans 15: 4-13

**4 For everything that was written in the past was written to
teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures
and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.**

**5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give
you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ
Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Accept
one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring
praise to God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant
of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made**



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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

National Church: The Diocese of Ballarat with Bishop Garry Weatherill,
clergy and people. Pray that they will be sustained and strengthened in their
work for the glory of God.

Bathurst Diocese: Pray for All Saints Cathedral and ministry in South
Bathurst with the Dean, the Very Revd James Hodson and Fran along with the
Revd Steven Klouth and Caitlin, and the Cathedral Chapter. Pray for the
Families and Youth Minister, the Revd Phil Howes and Sho. Pray the ministry
in Bathurst will grow more effective in proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

Local needs: Pray for the police in our region: in the stations, as they deal with
difficult situations, those on highway patrol. Pray for their safety and
protection. Also pray for Police Chaplains – among them are Bishop Richard
Hurford, Michelle Watterson, and Gary Neville.

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 Lions, Rotary,
Men's Shed, Probus, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, RSL Auxiliary, Community
Transport and 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: Keith Shoesmith, Allan Cross, Eva Cattle,
Bert Marshall, Noel Ewings, Irene Brooks, Carolyn Reid, Roy Madeley,
Edna McGrath, Elaine Ambrose, Francis Luelf, Alf Green.

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Truth who will live with us.

While these three roles are worth understanding some more, they need more space than we have today.

Here is Jesus our Saviour, though he has died and risen again to life, who acts for us in three other roles. He intercedes with God for us. He will return to us a second time to judge the world. He will provide Jesus' believers with the 'Spirit of Truth,' who lives with us. (Whom we call the Holy Spirit.)

Who dares to say or act as if there is no God, no Jesus or no Holy Spirit? For even the demons know Jesus.

Glenn Murray

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Notes to Remember:

- *A Farewell luncheon for Wendy and Glenn Murray will take place on Sunday 18th December after church. Meat will be provided. Could Parishioners please supply a Salad or Sweet. There will be a list on table at back of church for people sign. Also, the number of those coming.*
- *At the request of the Murray's any cash donations to go towards wardrobes in Master Bedroom.*
- *At Parish Council Meeting on 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.*

to the patriarchs might be confirmed 9 and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.' 10 Again, it says, 'Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.' 11 And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.' 12 And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.' 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to...

Matthew 3: 1-12

1 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea **2** and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' **3** This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."' **4** John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. **5** People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. **6** Confessing their sins, they

were baptised by him in the River Jordan. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 ‘I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Jesus’ continual role for us as God’s Son.

Sometimes we forget that Jesus has risen and sits beside God! But for what is he waiting?

The Bible tells us that Jesus is active for us. Hebrews 7:25

reminds us that Jesus, he who “... is the same, yesterday, today and forever” (Heb 13:8), lives to intercede for those who have a relationship with God.

Here is the forever outcome of Jesus’ resurrection, a direct contact with God, to assist us with our earthly pilgrimage. (Romans 8:34 and 1 John 2:1-2 underline this view.) A perfect and unblemished life and sacrifice for our sin, means Jesus has taken a place at God’s right hand forever (Heb 7:28b) and speaks with God for us.

Then, there is more! Heb 9:28 (& Matt 16:27) describes Jesus’ other role return to us a second time. Unfortunately, as Bhp Mark pointed out in last Sunday’s “BE Ready” sermon, we cannot and do not know when Jesus is coming again. Only God knows.

We heard in last Sunday’s gospel passage that the Bible is noticeably clear; Jesus is coming again to judge us according to what we have done with our lives (Matt 24:30-31 & Rev 22:14-15).

But there is one more role that Jesus promised to undertake for us after he was resurrected. That of sending his Spirit to guide us. Jesus uses his own words to tell us in John 14:15-17 that he will send another advocate to be with us - a Spirit of