

Thought for the Week from Anglican Mothers Union Australia

Sunday 20 December 2020

Nativity

From virgin's womb this Christmas day did spring

The precious seed that only saved man:

This day let man rejoice and sweetly sing

Since on this day salvation first began.

This day did Christ man's soul from death remove,

With glorious saints to dwell in heav'n above.

This day to man came pledge of perfect peace:

This day to man came love and unity:

This day man's grief began for to cease,

This day did man receive a remedy

For each offence and ev'ry deadly sin

That he, with guilty heart, has wandered in.

'A Carol for Christmas Day' by Francis Kindlemarsh (fl. C. 1570)

Verses 1-2. Tune 24 Orlando Gibbons

While they were there, the time came

for her to deliver her child. 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 for them in the inn.

Luke 2: 6-7



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Sentence

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Luke 1: 32-33

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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: Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

National Church: The Diocese of Riverina with Bishop Donald Kirk, clergy and people. Pray for wisdom for the leadership of the diocese that they will serve their people well and build up the churches across the diocese to the glory of God.

Bathurst Diocese: Pray for the Parish of East Orange with the Revd. Bob Cameron and Fiona, and the Revd. Noel Clarke and Margo. Pray too for the Chaplain to the Chinese/Anglican fellowship Amy Ho. Pray that this parish will lovingly teach God's word and make more disciples.

Local needs: Pray for world leaders and decision-makers; those who hold power and influence through politics, finance, the media or industry. May we work together for the common good especially as we deal with the impact of COVID-19.

Parish : Please pray for our locum, Rev. Ross. Also pray for the selection panel as they seek for a new priest.

Community: We pray for our community as a whole. We pray for the work of Lions, Rotary, Men's Shed, Probus, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, RSL Auxiliary. Also Bishop Mark and wife Susan.

We pray for Healing for: All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the staff.

Faithful Departed: We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death this month. Noel Ewings, Irene Brooks, Carolyn Reid, Edna McGrath, Francis Luelf, Alf Green, George Scriven, Cecil Roberts, Betty Wyse Gordon Carter, Allen Bowland, Edward (Ted) Richens, James Grellman, Noah Wheatley, Isobelle Woods, Vern Davies (Turps), Elsa Sheridan, Robyn Zacher, Rene Trounsen, Fr. Robert Coutts, Jean Hargreaves, Ida O'Hara, James Boneham, Maud Brooks, Tanya Payne, Alice Thomas Marjorie Vearing, Allen Allison, Ronald Ferris, Clinton Rattey, Bill Buttenshaw, Wynne Johnson, Alan Harrington, Kristie-lee Cormack, John McGee.

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Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-27

**1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.**

**2 I have said of your loving-kindness
that it is built for ever:**

you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.

**3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.**

**4 'I will establish your line for ever:
and build up your throne for all generations.'**

**19 You spoke once in a vision:
and said to your faithful one,**

**20 'I have set a youth above a warrior:
I have exalted a young man out of the people.**

**21 'I have found my servant David:
and anointed him with my holy oil.**

**22 'My hand shall uphold him:
and my arm shall strengthen him.**

**23 'No enemy shall deceive him:
nor shall the wicked hurt him.**

24 'I will crush his adversaries before him:

and strike down those that hate him.

25 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:

and through my name his head shall be lifted high.

26 'I will set the hand of his dominion

upon the Western Sea:

and his right hand shall stretch

to the streams of Mesopotamia.

27 'He will call to me "You are my Father:

my God, and the Rock of my salvation.



Romans 16: 25-27

25 Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith – 27 to the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Covid Officer:

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year B

Licensed Lay
Minister on Duty

Intincture Cup

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Frank Magrath

Romans 16: 25-27 Shirley Magrath

Luke 1: 26-38

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 SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER- YEAR B

Licensed Lay Minister on duty

Intincture Cup

Isaiah 62: 6-12 Glenys Apolony

Titus 3: 4-8a Mary Staniforth

Luke 2: 8-20



If you are unable to read on the day, contact one of the following people:- Fran Mitchell 69724221

Next Service:
25TH DECEMBER 2020
SIDEPERSONS:



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MORNING TEA



CHURCH CLEANING

Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come in



BRASS CLEANING

FLOWER ARRANGING



Shirley Magrath



Counting after church today

Frank Magrath



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HOSPITAL VISITING
COMMENCING TUESDAY



Service Schedule

SERVICE FOR SUNDAY
3RD JANUARY 2021:



11.30 am Holy Communion

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to

Luke 1: 26-38

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.' 34 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' 35 The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail.' 38 'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her.

This the Gospel of the Lord.

A M E N

An ancient word that seems to have originated in Hebrew, and from there to Greek, then to Latin, Old English, also to many other languages across the world.

Its meaning?

So be it! Certainly! Truly! Verily!

or, as one of our bishops said: TOO RIGHT!

Thus it expresses our enthusiastic agreement of what is said.

In Deuteronomy ch. 15,

the Israelites are given a list of rejected actions, each beginning with

the words "Cursed be..." and the people are to say (possibly shout)

AMEN!

after each one is declared.

In 2 Corinthians 1:20, St Paul writes "For in him (Jesus) every one of God's promises is a 'yes'. For this reason it is through him that

we say the AMEN,
to the glory of God."

AMEN is not just a "full stop" to a prayer,

but a heartfelt declaration of support, to a prayer or a statement.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How have you understood and appreciated the Advent Candle Liturgies (even though we missed last Sunday's)? I pray that you are benefitting from it each time as the light shines brighter, signifying Christ, the 'Light of the World' approaching.

Remember, too, that it is memory of His First Coming (Christmas) and pointing to His Second Coming when He will gather all of us who are His into His loving arms forever.

Please pray for all Parishes throughout the Diocese, especially those without clergy, and those who have new spiritual leaders (3 of whom were ordained last Saturday).

As Christmas is this week, perhaps you could offer to assist some of our older members attend our Christmas Service on Christmas Morning, by bringing them and returning them home afterwards. Assure them that they will be picked up from their front door for the service, and returned into their home safely afterwards.

I will be continuing to work here for the next two Tuesdays, and on Sunday 3rd January. My last Sunday in Grenfell Parish will be Sunday 10th January, and my last workday will be Friday 15th January, 2021.

At our Parish Council meeting we discussed the easing of some restrictions due to Covid. Thanks be to God that we can now have 70 attend services, although we must still to let Dot Smith know about attending, for Christmas Day as well as Sunday 3rd

January. We try to include people not on the list of those booked in, but, if we run out of space, then we unfortunately cannot allow you to attend.

Rosco

Work Days this week

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| Monday | MP at 8:30 | EP at 5pm |
| Tuesday | West Wyalong | |
| Thursday | Christmas Service Grenfell 8pm | |
| Friday | Christmas Day Service West Wyalong 9am | |

MP and EP can be linked by video if you would like to join me.

Thought for the Week:

May we know how much God loves us more each day, as we allow Him to draw each of us closer, and let Him use us more and more as His disciples in every moment, aspect and attitude of our life.



Be glad

That you've walked
In sunshine and rain,
Be glad
That you've felt
Both pleasure and pain,
Be glad
For the comfort
You've in prayer,
Be glad
For God's blessings...
His love and His care.