

Thought for the Week from Anglican Mothers Union Australia

Sunday 6th December 2020

Proclamation

O Living Word,
proceeding from the mouth of God,
penetrating to the ends of the earth,
come and pierce us,
with the sword of truth.

Jim Cotter 'Cries of Advent' No 1. From Prayer in the Morning,
Cairns Publications 1989.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces sal-
vation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52: 7

Improving communication and leadership development are priori-
ties for members in the province of York, UK. May their voices and
actions proclaim the Good News of Jesus' love for all.



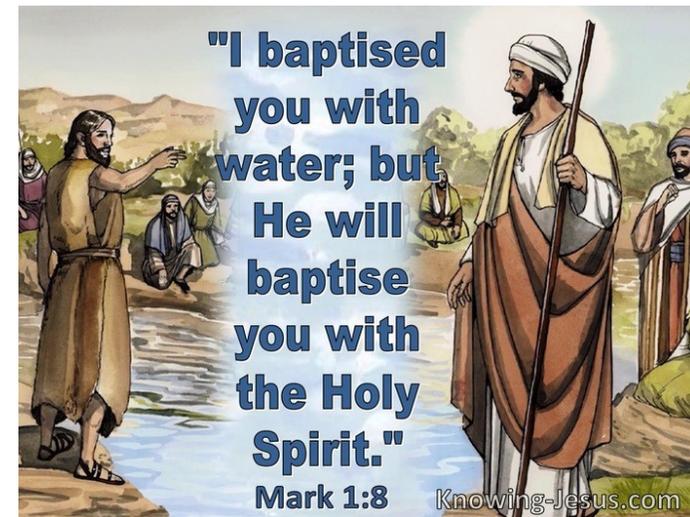
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PARISH OF WEST WYALONG
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Wyalong and Yalgogrin Nth.



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DECEMBER 6TH YEAR B 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sentence

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. Luke 3: 4; Isaiah 40: 5a

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 40: 1-11

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord ; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' 6 A voice says, 'Cry out.' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' 'All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. 7 The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures for ever.' 9 You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!' 10 See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. 11 He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

We welcome everyone worshipping here today. We also welcome Ross who will be leading us with services on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 11.30 am .Rev Ross will also be in the Parish this Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:
Birthday Dec 13th: Noel Staniforth. Congratulations and best wishes to anyone else who celebrated birthdays. We hope you had a great day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Wednesday Bible Study is in recess and will start again in early February. Happy Christmas to all.

Our Fellowship Christmas Lunch will take place today at 1pm at the West Wyalong Bowling Club.

If you would like to attend our next Sunday service, you will need to put your name down today or phone Dot Smith on 6972 3410 before 1pm on Thursday. Compliance restrictions means we are not permitted to sing Hymns or have a cuppa after the service. Total Congregation cannot exceed 35.

The Coin muster money banked was \$130.25

Our Christmas Day service will be held at 9am.

Ross will conduct his last service on the 3rd January 2021 and his last Tuesday will be the 29th December.

Parish Council :

The next Parish council meeting will meet on Wednesday, 9th December at 4 pm.

Ross will be in the Parish Office this Wednesday, 9th December from 10:00 until 4pm.





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: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

National Church: The Diocese of Bendigo with Bishop Dr Matt Brain, clergy and people. Pray that churches would grow and flourish and that the bishop may be given wisdom and strength.

Bathurst Diocese: The Parish of Bourke-Brewarrina with Revd John Gaff and Denise, and the Revd David Blackmore. Pray for ministry in Brewarrina and Weilmoringle and in the Brewarrina Correctional Centre. Pray that God's people will be built up and that more people will come to know the Lord Jesus.

Local needs: Pray for those who work in local businesses, industry and offices, especially as they interact daily with many people. May Christians who are in business, be strengthened to be honest and caring in all their dealings and be a witness to those who don't yet know Jesus.

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 Rotary, CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, St Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Lions and 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.

DECEMBER: John Blake, Elsie Grellman, Keith Shoesmith, Allan Cross, Eva Cattle, Bert Marshall.

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Contact for West Wyalong Dot Smith 69723410



Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

**1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.**

**8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.**

**9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

**10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**

**11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

**12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.**

**13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.**



2 Peter 3: 8-15a

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and

a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom that God gave him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Covid Officer:

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A

Licensed Lay Minister on Duty **Susan Haines**

Intincture Cup

Isaiah 40: 1-11 Susan Haines

2 Peter 3: 8-15a Glenys Apolony

Mark 1: 1-8

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 20TH DECEMBER- 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



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

Next Sunday Roster
20TH 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 Sunday

**Marie Seckhold
Frank Magrath
Gwen Downey**



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**HOSPITAL VISITING
COMMENCING TUESDAY**



Service Schedule

SERVICES FOR FRIDAY
25TH December



09:00am Holy Communion

MORNING PRAYER



Lord bless us today, grant us health, peace, joy and your Grace.
Fulfill our needs.

Help us in all things to rely upon your Holy will.

In the hour of the day reveal Your will to us.

Bless our dealings with all who surround us.

Teach us to treat all that come to us throughout the day with peace
of soul and with firm conviction that Your will govern all.

In all our deeds and words guide our thoughts and feelings.

In unforeseen events let us not forget that all things are under
Your care.

Teach us to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and
embarrassing others.

Give us the strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all
that it shall bring.

Direct our will, teach us to pray, pray.

Yourself in us, Amen.



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to

Mark 1: 1-8

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way’ – 3 ‘a voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.”’ 4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. 6 John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: ‘After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

This the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I really appreciated being able to share in the service with you all last Sunday, even though it was not initially included in our plans. It is hard to describe how welcome people have continually made me feel, even after finding out that my stay is to be only a short one. I ask you to pray for me as I undertake the next part of my faith journey, whatever it is that God has planned for me.

Please pray daily for a new Priest for this Parish, for Grenfell, Parkes, Gilgandra, Narromine, Cowra, Nyngan, and Cobar, and may your prayers be fruitful in the near future. God calls us to ask believing and He will supply as He knows is best.

As Christmas is a getting closer, please approach some of our older members about our Christmas Service, and assure them that they will be picked up for the service, and returned home safely afterwards.

I will be continuing to work in West Wyalong each Tuesday until 29th December, and on Sundays 6th and 20th December, and 3rd January. My last Sunday in Grenfell Parish will be Sunday 10th January, and my last workday will be Friday 15th January, 2021.

Please remember to book in for our next service before you leave, or ring Dot on 69723410 by 1pm Thursday. We try to include people not on the list of those booked in, but, if we run out of space (maximum of 23), then we unfortunately cannot allow you to attend.

Our next Parish Council meeting is this Wednesday at 4:00pm. As it is our last one for the year, might I ask that we each bring something to eat / drink along so that we can celebrate reaching what has been a hard year for us all in so many different ways.

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Work Days this week

Monday	MP at 8:30	EP at 5pm
Wednesday	West Wyalong + Parish Council (4pm)	
Friday	MP at 8:30	EP at 5pm

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

Thought for the Week:

Jesus reminds us that the big issue in our lives is that there can be no real peace and happiness in our heart if we have areas of our life into which He is not invited!



ANGLICAN PARISH OF WEST WYALONG

2020/21 HARVEST GRAIN DRIVE

The wardens and Church Council of the Anglican Parish of West Wyalong are seeking your support in donating a small amount of wheat, barley or canola to this year's Grain Drive. You can donate using the details on our NGR card pictured below.



Any donation of grain or cash will be gratefully received and used for ministry within our local Parish.

MORNING PRAYER