

This Week's Diary

Sunday November 29th 1st Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am
Monday November 30th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Tuesday December 1st	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Wednesday December 2nd	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 10:30am
Thursday December 3rd	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Friday December 4th *Ash Away*	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Saturday December 5th	Christmas Concert Holy Communion	2:30pm 5:30pm
Sunday December 6th The 2nd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am

**Malachi 3.1-14; For the Psalm: Song of Zechariah (*Benedictus es*, Luke 1.68-79);
Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6**



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29th November 2015

The First Sunday of Advent

When we are spending on Christmas this year, what are we thinking about?

NOVEMBER 27, 2013 BY JEREMIAH GIBBS - <http://jeremiahgibbs.com/2013/11/27/christian-please-read-this-before-black-friday/> (some figures have been re-adjusted to represent international figures from UN sources)

Estimated cost to feed every person in the world: \$30 billion per year (UN estimate)

Estimated cost to provide clean water for Africa: \$41 billion (WHO estimate)

Estimated spending in the US alone on Black Friday: \$60 billion.

Estimated spending in the western countries for Christmas Season: 2.48 Trillion

No matter how you spin those numbers, this weekend and in the coming weeks, Westerners will exchange the possibility of food and clean water for the poorest of the world, HD TV's, iPads, and ugly ties.

We cannot change the spending habits of every person in the western world. There is more to solving these global

crisis than just dollars. Distribution and availability problems will remain, even when the dollars are there. There is something we can do, and the dollars will take us a long way toward getting there.

I also recognise the real pressures of this season. You do not want to hurt your family members and friends that come to expect a gift to show of love and appreciation. So I am not going to suggest that you eliminate all gift giving. I will only suggest four easy steps for changing habits around this gift giving season.



To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service if you are able.

Prayer Response:

Lord, your kingdom come in us,
As it in heaven.

In our prayers:

- The Diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Father Mal and his family during this difficult time.
- Our parish community, in looking and moving forward.
- The family of Elaine Harvey
- Archdeacon Frank and his wife Marilyn
- Revd. Margaret Finlay.

ABM Reflection

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10; 1
Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38

Happy New Year! Today, our new liturgical year that honours the Gospel Luke begins with Advent, the season of eager, patient, and watchful anticipation. Jeremiah sets the stage with God's promise of a saviour who will rule with justice and righteousness, bringing safety and peace to Jerusalem (and to our world). Embers of hope glow in our hearts as we wait and watch for the signs of His coming.

- Pray for those who wait in the darkness of illness, want, and need, both physical and spiritual.
- Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Wow! Well done stalls at the Spring Fair!

The Spring Fair raised more funds than anticipated in our budget. Which is absolutely wonderful. This means we were able to cover costs in which we weren't sure where the funds are coming from. Well done to everyone involved!

Christmas Bowl Appeal

In past years, Holy Trinity Anglican Church has collected very significant and generous gifts to help those suffering poverty and displacement around the world. We'd love to see you participate again this year and help us raise even more - with your help we make this Christmas Bowl the best ever!

To donate to the Christmas Bowl appeal, please write a cheque to 'Holy Trinity Orange' and place in an envelope labelled 'Christmas Bowl Appeal'. Once all money is collected we will donate the money as a whole. Cash can be donated too. **Just ensure that your envelope is clearly marked for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.**

If you would like to donate personally, Christmas Bowl envelopes are located in the Parish Office.

MU Christmas Stall

Christmas Stall to be held on the 5th December at the Christmas Concert and Carols. Lots of Christmas Items to be bought.

Have a look at the back of the Church

During this time of Advent there are many organisations attempting to make a difference in our world. Unfortunately, the Church cannot donate to all of them, so parishioners are encouraged to have a look at the back table, read the letters and messages from these organisations - who knows? You may just want to help one of them. If you decide to make a donation please feel free to take what you need.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Nov 28th:** Pre-Christmas Carols picnic, Borenore
- Dec 5th:** Christmas Carols and Concert 2:30PM
- Dec 20th:** Celebration and Picnic
- Dec 24th:** Please see 'Christmas and New Year Service Times'

Some Photos from Spring Fair



Christmas Eve Family Service **6:00PM**

We still need singers and children to lead the special service. Practice this Sunday for ALL who would like to participate at 2:15pm in the Choir Vestry.

Please ask anyone you know to come along or contact Pam Brooks or Heather Cummins (6362 6882).



Trading Table

A Trading Table will be held in the Vestry between services, with Christmas gifts and other items including: Beautiful Marcasite Jewellery and a gold wedding band. Valued between \$45-\$95. Make an appropriate bid if you would like a piece.

Christmas and New Year Service Times

- 20TH DEC:** CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND PICNIC
- 24TH DEC:** 6PM FAMILY SERVICE HT
8PM BORENORE SERVICE
11PM CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS
- 25TH DEC:** 9AM CHRISTMAS SERVICE
- 3RD JAN:** 9AM COMBINED SERVICE
- 10TH JAN:** 9AM COMBINED SERVICE
- 17TH JAN:** 9AM COMBINED SERVICE
- 24TH JAN:** 9AM COMBINED SERVICE
- 31ST JAN:** 9AM COMBINED SERVICE

Christmas Concert and Carols 5th December

ALL WELCOME!

- 2:30-3:30PM:** Concert
- 3:30PM:** AWA Afternoon Tea
- 4:00PM:** Picnic
- 5:30PM:** Carols

