

This Week's Diary

Sunday December 6th 2nd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am
Monday December 7th *Ash away*	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Tuesday December 8th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Wednesday December 9th	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	8:30am 10:30am
Thursday December 10th	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Friday December 11th	Morning Prayer AWA Morning Tea	8:30am 10:30am
Saturday December 5th	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday December 6th The 3rd Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion HTO@10:30	8:30am 10:30am

Please note that the office is closed between Christmas and New Years

Zephaniah 3.14-20; For the Psalm: A Song of Isaiah - (Isaiah 12.2-6) Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18



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To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

6th December 2015

The Second Sunday of Advent

From the Rectors desk

Luke 1:37 - 38

For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In the hustle and bustle of Christmas a lot is done, felt and perceived.

I spent a couple of hours this week with people who have been talking about family and friends. With the main topic being about, 'who has said this', 'who hasn't done this', and, 'who should have done that'.

We get caught up in the *here and now*, and forget the big picture of Christmas. I know I have because I am running around like a mad man, wanting everything to be perfect for this and that, and trying to fit in everything that needs to happen. Missing things that really shouldn't be missed. The greatest of which is our relationships together and giving them time.

Yet in the midst of it all is our celebration of the birth of a child whose very existence changed the way we see life, the way we live life and the way we live with each other.

Remembering that it all started with Mary, her faith and willingness to see the big picture of the Christ of this world – Jesus.

So, as we do Christmas this year, we need to remember how Mary reacted to the Divine news of the birth of our Christ her son and how much that stressed her out yet she still served God and Humanity.

Wow, Mary served God and us all, even in the midst of the hustle and bustle of her life - A wonderful challenge for us to remember and respond to in a Christ like way.

Merry Christmas Everyone, to all of your families and friends.

Fr Mal

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:

Blessed Lord, hear us,
and set your people free.

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.
- Archdeacon Frank and his wife Marilyn
- Revd. Margaret Finlay.
- For those in need this advent season.

ABM Reflection

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

As we watch and wait with eager anticipation, we must also prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. As we venture into the spiritual wilderness of our lives, we need to remind ourselves that our hearts cannot receive the Lord unless we, like John the Baptist prepare his way. This is a time for inner cleansing so that we might make room to receive Him and experience the joy of his coming.

- Pray that we might simplify our lives, curtail our appetites for things material, and open our hearts and minds to new ways of living in harmony with God's creation.
- Pray for the Church of South India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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.

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.



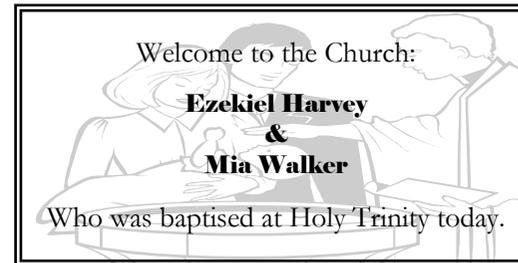
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Dec 11th:** AWA Morning Tea
LLM Meeting 6PM
- Dec 24th:** Christmas Eve Family Service 6:00PM
- Dec 25th:** 8:30am Holy Communion
NEW TIME

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 in the Choir Vestry.

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



Trinity News

Production on the Advent Trinity News has started. We aim to get this issue out at Christmas time. If you have any reports or articles for this edition can you please get them to Ashleigh in the next fortnight or so. **HELP ME TO MAKE THIS THE BEST EDITION EVER!**

Thank you.
Ashleigh



Christmas and New Year Service Times

24th Dec: **6PM** Family Service HT.
8PM Borenore Service
11PM Christmas Lessons and Carols

25th Dec: **8:30AM** Holy Communion
Please take note of the new time.

3rd - 31st Jan: **9AM** Combined Service on a Sunday

Festival of Carols

When: Friday the 11th of December
Time: 7:00pm

The presentation will be at St James Presbyterian Church - Corner of Anson and Matthews Ave. Orange.

Cost: \$15.00 for adults (Children are free)

COME AND HEAR THE SYMPHONIC CHOIR AND JOIN THE CHOIR FOR SUPPER.

