

Reminder - Christmas Appeal for Refugees at NGSC:

Goods required are pencil case packs or separate pencil cases and pencils, pens, rubbers, etc. to make up packs; 5-subject exercise books; A3 art sketch books (6 only); white polo shirts; thick black tights and money (used for second-hand year 12 text books at the moment, but next year the money will go towards uniforms).
There is a clothes basket in the coffee area - Thank you, Barbara Peek.

COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISING

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA

Next Saturday, 12th December at 2.30pm

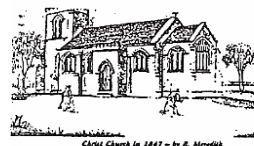
This is a time of fellowship - bring a friend or come alone!
You may also wish to bring a plate of food.
Show & Tell - do you have a special Tea Cup & Saucer with Plate? Bring it along with its story & use for afternoon tea.
No charge - but a Gold Coin for Christmas Bowl Appeal!



Reminder - Advent Study Groups

Evenings from 8pm to 9.30pm:
Wednesday, 9th & 16th and Friday, 11th & 18th December.
Wednesday morning groups in the Church:
9th & 16th December, following the 10am service.
Further details are available on the sign-up sheets on the crossing table.

We acknowledge the Wathaurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its buildings now stand.



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Mission Statement

Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

6th December 2015 Liturgical Colour: Purple

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 9.30am (Sung) & 5.15pm

9.30am: Children's & Family Service (CAFS)

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prayer of the Day *

*God of salvation
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin;
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection
the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*



* You are invited to join in this Prayer immediately before today's readings

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Hymns: 9.30am: 264; 270; 315; 272 5.15pm: 270; 272

Psalm Response:



A - rise, shine for your light has come and the glo-ry of the Lord has ris'n up - on you.

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The Vicar Writes

Advent celebrates the coming of the Lord in Bethlehem 2000 years ago and looks to the Lord's coming again at the final consummation, a time that only God knows of. We shall be benefited if we also develop awareness of the ways the Lord advents to us continually.

The Lord lives in us and with every breath we draw life from the Lord who makes us available as the life giving breath. In the food we eat the Lord gives us new life and is present to us in a new way each time we take nourishment from food. The Lord meets us each new day in the rising of the Sun and nourishes us with light and warmth. Each day is a new day and not merely a repeat of the previous one.

Each day the Lord meets us in our prayers. We do not pray into emptiness but to the Lord in our hearts. The Lord meets us whenever we gather in his name and he works to purify our hearts like a refiner of gold and silver. The Lord represents himself to us in every Eucharist where the Lord as our great high priest works through the priest, deacons and lay ministers to give his very self to us as his body and blood. Thus we are renewed each time by the body of Christ to live as the body of Christ.

The appearance of Christ is an eternal phenomena, not merely the result of the evolution of matter but the manifestation of Supreme consciousness. We are also made of the Lord's consciousness and consciousness does not evolve from matter. Rather matter evolves from consciousness or Spirit.

This Advent may we deepen our connection to Spirit and grow in the Lord's love that we may truly be mindful of his presence and worship him with all we do.

The Lord be with you,

Fr Russell

BREAKFAST: The final Breakfast for 2015 is on **next Sunday, 13th December**, following the 8.00am service – all welcome!!

★ Please note: there is no breakfast during January!



THE 'CHRONICLE' – the December edition of the *Chronicle* is available today – please collect your copy from the Crossing Table. Remaining copies will be posted next week so that everyone knows about the various celebrations over the coming weeks in the lead up to Christmas. The *Chronicle* is also on the Parish web page – just follow the link to 'the *Chronicle*' from the main web page.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and stability in the world; those affected by natural disasters.

THE CHURCH: Diocese of Western Louisiana; Diocese of Rockhampton; Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School; St George's Flemington; St Philip's Collingwood (150th Anniversary); St Alfred's Blackburn North (Confirmation); Holy Trinity Williamstown (Confirmation).

THE COMMUNITY: Unity, mutual support and care in our homes and in the community.

THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED: Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

THE DEPARTED: Our own dear departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Brian Craven). We remember with thanks: The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Richard Baxter, pastor & spiritual writer, d.1691 (Tuesday).

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, 8 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 9 th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 10 th	7.30pm	Healing Service
	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, 12 th	2.30pm	Women's Afternoon Tea

NEXT SUNDAY: 13TH DECEMBER -THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20; Psalm - Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4.4-7;

Gospel: Luke 3.7-18

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GEELONG ANGLICANS TO LEARN ABOUT ISLAM: Imam Mohammad will answer questions about Islam at All Saints Church, 113 Noble Street, Newtown, on **Wednesday, 9th December at 6.30pm** – all welcome!

THE REUNITING FAMILIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL has been established to provide much needed support to refugee families needing assistance with visa applications for family members still in refugee situations overseas. The appeal will assist Diversitat in providing information and resources to families, as well as training bilingual workers to provide assistance with some of the more complex elements of visa application processes. Make your donation count! For every dollar donated to the Christmas Appeal, Deakin University will match your donation. Deakin University has made an extraordinary promise to match every tax-deductable donation made to the Diversitat Christmas Appeal, thereby doubling the impact of your contribution. What a great opportunity to support others during the Festive Season. To find out more or to make a donation please go to the following web site: www.givenow.com.au/diversitatchristmas