

NEXT SUNDAY

12th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent - (violet)

8:30am Holy Communion - Contemporary Service
5:00pm Holy Communion - Traditional Service

READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-20 For Psalm: Song of Isaiah (page 391)
Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

ROSTERS

TODAY

NEXT WEEK

8:30am

Sunday 5th Dec

Sunday 12th Dec

LA:	Graeme Holyer	Kris Frith
Readers:	Roland Seeger Kris Frith	Roland Seeger Rae Middleton
Intercessions:	Wayne Price	Jeff Ritchie
Counters:	Diana Ferrari Barbara Hunt	Barbara Hunt Jenny Ritchie

5:00pm

LA:	Carole Mullan	Paula Rogers
Readers:	Barbara Johnstone Naida Kubert	Barbara Johnstone Sue Morbach
Intercessions:	Carole Mullan	Paula Rogers

KEEPING IN TOUCH ON LINE

Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion live streamed on Facebook
go to freshwateranglican.com
then to 'Join us for worship on Sunday' and click

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The Church of the Risen Christ
43 Park Road, Deception Bay



Second Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021

ENCOUNTER *God's love*
GROW *in Christ*
LIVE *by the Spirit*

OUR VISION:

Through Jesus Christ we are called to lead people to God.
(based on Matthew 28.19-20)

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.

Luke 1:78-79

Prayer of the Day

God of our 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Malachi 3:1-14 for Psalm: Song of Zechariah (page 425)
Philippians 1:1-11 Luke 3:1-6

CONGRATULATIONS!!

On the 1st December, Rev'd Doug Frith celebrated the
40th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.



Sunday 5th December

Ps 85; John 5:30-37a

The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Ballarat; Maryborough Correctional Centre; Coomera Anglican College, Coomera; The Parish of Fortitude Valley - *Rodney Wolff, Thomas Brown, Stephen Redhead, Colin Roberts*

Monday 6th December

Ps 86 or Pss 70, 75; Isaiah 43:14-44:5; Mark 6:30-56

The Diocese of Ithala - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Bendigo; Southern Queensland Correctional Centre; Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay; The Parish of Freshwater - *Claye Middleton, Doug Frith, Masanja Ngweso, Les Monaghan, Ken Suddick*

Tuesday 7th December

Ps 90 or Pss 76, 82; Isaiah 44:6-23; Mark 7:1-23

The Diocese of Ijebu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Brisbane; Refugee & Migrant settlement; Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera; The Parish of Gatton with Ma Ma Creek - *Nicole Jennifer Colbrahams*

Wednesday 8th December

Ps 89:1-18 or Pss 28, 62; Isaiah 44:24-45:8; Mark 7:24-37

The Diocese of Ijebu North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Bunbury; Men's Sheds; Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim; The Parish of Gayndah - *Vacant*

Thursday 9th December

Ps 89:39-53 or Ps 9; Isaiah 45:9-25; Mark 8:1-13

The Diocese of Ijebu South West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn; Chermside Anglican Welfare Ministries; St. Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda; The Parish of Gold Coast North - *John Dougherty, Gary Smith, Don Campbell, Lynette Dunn, Bp Len Eacott, Roseanne Stower, Sidney Rogers, Bill Doak, Martin Hunnybun*

Friday 10th December

Ps 92, 93 or Pss 11, 14; Isaiah 46:1-47:4; Mark 8:14-26

The Diocese of Ijesa North East - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Ministry to the Defence Force; Congregations in communion with the Anglican Church; St Andrew's Anglican College, Peregian Springs; The Parish of Gold Coast South - *Phillip Hardie, Arthur Savage, Greg McGrory*

Saturday 11th December

Ps 95, 96 or Ps 7; Isaiah 48:1-13; Mark 8:27-9:1

The Missionary Diocese of Ijesha North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Gippsland; Oratory of the Good Shepherd; St Hilda's School, Southport; The Parish of Goodna: *Bronwyn Pagram*

PARISH LEADERS & COMMUNITY MINISTRY

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Administration:	Tuesday - Friday 9am - 1pm Appointments only. No walk ins.

Claye is contactable by phone outside of those hours, but he is unavailable on Mondays so please contact one of the wardens (numbers as listed above) if urgent assistance is required on that day.



Emergency Relief Pantry
Contact Carolyn Buck in person
or on Mb 0410 621 650



Prayer Chain . Please contact Barbara Johnstone on 3888 4547 or Kris Frith 3092 2185 for your immediate and emergency prayer needs to be directed along the chain. For all other prayer needs please contact the church office.



MU meets on fourth Thursday (9:30am) of each month (except December) at Deception Bay. Please contact Kris Frith on 3092 2185 for further information



Music Group Contact Roland Seeger on 0488 025 575 if you would like to get involved in the music for any of our services



PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Items needed

Cereal

Pasta and Sauce

Tinned Fruit

Spaghetti

Fruit Juice

Biscuits

Long Life Milk

Assorted Toiletries

*Thank you to all
who support this ministry*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve - 24 December

6:00pm Nine Lessons and Carols
11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - 25 December

8:30am Traditional Eucharist

Sunday - 26 December

One Parish Service
8:30am Eucharist with Baptism



THE WELL

Wednesdays
9:00am - 12noon

Op Shop

This Wednesday
fill a bag for \$5

Spend \$5 and receive a free ticket
in the Op Shop Christmas Raffle to
be drawn on our last day,
15th December.

Only 2 Op Shop days
before Christmas

PARISH DIRECT DEPOSIT

BSB: 704 901
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JELLY BEAN GUESSING COMPETITION

Tall Bottle - 573
Keith Middleton

Silver Lid Bottle - 660
Ruth Monaghan

Cards ! Cards! Cards!

Mothers' Union have
a great range of greeting cards
to suit all occasions
priced at \$1.20ea
unless marked otherwise.
Available in the church foyer

Please pray for:



Joseph, Omar,
Jacinta, Wilma, Lionel,
Grahame Johnstone

These names will only remain for
the calendar month unless a
request to continue is received.

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Reflection

"...the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness" ([Luke 3.2](#))

"Being attentive to the voice of God in our wilderness."

Growing up, my father told me about the migration of my people from Saibai in the Torres Strait Islands to the Country of the Gudang and Yadaykhenu* on the Northern Peninsula Area (Cape York Peninsula). My people needed to migrate to seek safety from the threat of malaria and tsunami. We believe that God spoke into the hearts of the Saibai Elders and led them to the First Peoples of the peninsula. We understood that in order to move to another people's territory that we had to seek their permission and negotiate with them. So, my father, who was the Chair of the island's Elders, went to the peninsula at night to seek this permission. He was met on the beach by the peninsula's First Peoples who were waiting for an unknown arrival – the Creator Spirit had spoken into the hearts of their Old People and directed them to the beach to wait for and welcome my people who arrived by lugger.

Just as John the Baptist was attentive to the voice of God in the wilderness, my people on the island of Saibai and the First Peoples of the peninsula listened to God's voice in their hearts and sought God's purpose.

God calls us to respect one another. Even though the Government drew up boundaries ahead of my people's arrival to the peninsula without the consent of the peninsula's Traditional Custodians, we knew that we had to seek permission from the Custodians and respect their protocols before we migrated. They welcomed us graciously and we live together harmoniously to this day.

Being a baptised people means that we are attentive to God's voice and calls in our hearts so we can live harmoniously.

* Other First Nations peoples of the peninsula also welcomed Saibai people into their traditional lands during this period.

Aunty Dr Rose Elu
Torres Strait Islander Non-Geographical Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
05 Dec	06 Dec	07 Dec	08 Dec	09 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec
8:30am Contemporary Eucharist	Claye RDO	9:00am Band Practice	9:00am Men's Coffee 9am-12n The Well 9am-2pm Op Shop	9:30am Nazarene Aged Care		
5:00pm Traditional Eucharist				7:00pm Advent Study at the Frith's		
12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec
8:30am Contemporary Eucharist	Claye RDO	10:15am Embracia Aged Care	9:00am Men's Coffee 9am-12n The Well 9am-2pm Op Shop 1:00pm AMS meeting 7:00pm Parish Council	9:30am Palm Lake Care		
5:00pm Traditional Eucharist				7:00pm Advent Study at the Frith's		
19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	23 Dec	24 Dec	25 Dec
8:30am Contemporary Eucharist	Claye RDO	10:30am Narangba Community Aged Care	9:00am Men's Coffee 9a-12n The Well 9am-2pm Op Shop		6:00pm Nine Lessons and Carols	8:30am Traditional Eucharist
5:00pm Traditional Eucharist					11:30pm Midnight Mass	

Nicene Creed Study for Advent

This year's Synod asked for a study on the words "and the Son" in the Nicene Creed. It's here! The study has three sessions. There will be two study groups to choose from.

**10:00am Tuesday 30 Nov, 7 & 14 Dec
at the church**

**7:00pm Thursday 2, 9, 16 Dec
at Doug & Kris Frith's home 67 Phillip Parade, Deception Bay**

ADVENT ... and REPENTANCE

The Season of Advent offers us a unique opportunity to discover fresh meaning in our life and faith in addition to preparing ourselves for a better and fuller Christmas experience.

The Festival of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our world, can mean so much more to us if we truly get ready for it.

Advent is the time of our preparing, and we have to listen to John the Baptist whether we like it or not: "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD." (Lk 3:4)

His first call to those who had come to him at the River Jordan, those he called "snakes" in his harsh condemnation of the selfishness of their lives, was: REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAS COME NEAR." (Mt 3:2)

If anybody - in John's day or ours - is going to accept the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel, his forgiveness and his grace, his light and life - then there is only one way to do it: COME TO ME, says Jesus.

And there is only one way to come - by REPENTANCE, to see our sins in the light of his presence, to confess them in sorrow and to re-set our course on a completely new level of living.

John's warning is for us. HIS MESSAGE IS FOR NOW!

But we must never forget: the choice belongs to each one of us. We can repent, we can turn away from our sins, we can obey God OR we can please ourselves!

On our choice depends where we spend Eternity!

Rev'd Doug