

NEXT SUNDAY

26th December ~ First Sunday after Christmas - (white)

8:30am **One Parish Service**
Holy Communion with Baptism

READINGS

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52



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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

19th 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:

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1:45

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
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:

Micah 5:2-5a for Psalm: Song of Mary (page 425)
Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

ROSTERS

TODAY

NEXT WEEK

8:30am

Sunday 19th Dec

Sunday 26th Dec

LA:	Carole Mullan	Trevor Andrew
Readers:	Rose McIntosh Wayne Price	Greg Windsor Sheryl Windsor
Intercessions:	Troy Juides	Doug Frith
Counters:	Carolyn Buck Diana Ferrari	Jenny Ritchie Carolyn Buck

5:00pm

LA:	Graeme Holyer	NO
Readers:	Naida Kubert Barbara Johnstone	SERVICE
Intercessions:	Graeme Holyer	

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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freshwater@anglicanchurchsq.org.au **OR** family.frisco@gmail.com



Sunday 19th December

Ps 113; Matthew 1:18-25

The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of North West Australia; Parish secretaries and volunteer staff in the Diocese; Toowoomba Anglican School, Toowoomba; The Parish of Harvey Bay - *Greg Loumeau, Vic Burgess, Lorraine Dawson, Michael Nixon*

Monday 20th December

Pss 114, 115 or Pss 42, 43; Isaiah 23:8-18; Mark 12:13-27

The Diocese of Ikwano - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Perth; Clergy with permission to Officiate in the Diocese; West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin; The Parish of Holland Park - Richard James—Locum, Bernard Thomas

Tuesday 21st December

Pss 121, 122, 123 or Pss 120, 121; Isaiah 24:1-20; Mark 12:28-40

The Diocese of Ilaje - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Riverina; Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality, Brookfield; All Saints Anglican School, Merrimac; The Parish of Inala - *Jonathan Brook - Locum, Bev Bell, Bob Walsh, Lindsay Howie, Alex Gater*

Wednesday 22nd December

Ps 118:1-18 or Pss 125, 126; Isaiah 24:21-25:9; Mark 12:41-13:13

The Diocese of Ile-Oluji - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Rockhampton; Anglican Board of Mission - Australia Ltd; St John's College UQ; The Parish of Indooroopilly - *Sue Grimmett, Mervyn Thomas, Howard Munro, Valerie Hoare*

Thursday 23rd December

Ps 124, 125, 126 or Pss 123, 130; Isaiah 26:1-19; Mark 13:14-37

The Diocese of Ilesa - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Sydney; Church Missionary Society; St Francis Theological College, Milton; The Parish of Ipswich North - *Stephen Monseigneur*

Friday 24th December

Ps 130, 131, 133 or Pss 19, 113; Isaiah 27:2-13; Galatians 3:23-4:7

The Diocese of Ilesa South West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Tasmania; Symes Grove Residential Aged Care - Taigum; Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools; The Parish of Ipswich - *Selina McMahon, Stephen Monsiegnur, Michele Knight, Simon Arok, Elizabeth Chol, Dianne Leitch, Gavin Ott, John Bell, Julie Craig-Leaves*

Saturday 25th December

Ps 132:10-18; Micah 4:1-8; 1 John 4:7-21

The Diocese of North East India - The (united) Church of North India; The Diocese of The Murray; Symes Thorpe Residential Aged Care - Toowoomba; All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders; The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove: *Margaret Wesley, Pam Hynd, Jack Hammer, Kathy Hammer*

PARISH LEADERS & COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Parish Priest :	Rev'd. Claye Middleton
Priest's Warden:	Bob Forrester 0409 317 279
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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

Ten Commandments For Christmas

- You shall not leave 'Christ' out of Christmas.
- You shall not value your gifts by their cost, for many shall signify love that is more blessed and beautiful than silver and gold.
- You shall give yourself with your gifts, your love, your personality, and your friendship shall increase the value of your gifts an hundredfold and he that receives it shall treasure it for ever.
- You shall not let Santa Claus take the place of Christ, lest Christmas become a fairy story rather than a sublime reality in the spiritual realm.
- You shall not burden your friends, the sales assistant, the postal officer and the merchant, but shall have your consideration.
- You shall not neglect your Church. Its Christmas services are planned to help spiritualise the Christmas season for you, your family and friends.
- You shall not neglect the needy. Let your bountiful blessings be shared with the many who will go hungry and without unless you are generous at Christmas.
- You shall be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christ Child. Not until you have become in spirit as a little child, are you ready to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
- You shall prepare your soul for Christmas. Most of us spend much time and money getting gifts ready, but few seconds in preparing our souls.
- You shall give your heart to Christ. Let your Christmas list have Christ at the top and your heart as your gift. In so doing, you are as the Wise Men of old, and truly you will find yourself born again on Christmas Day.

When you read investing advice, articles will usually have a disclaimer that says something like, "past performance is not a guarantee of future returns." This is because the stock market is irregular.

With God, it's a completely different story. God is steadfast and trustworthy. So with God, past performance does say something about the future. The Bible is full of recitations of God's mighty deeds from the past. These are not included because of nostalgia.

Too often, our churches are infected by toxic nostalgia. We are tempted to remember "the good old days" which weren't nearly as good as we remember them. We use our energy grieving a reality that doesn't fit our memory of the past. We want to recreate some time from the past rather than pushing ahead.

We might be tempted to misread the recitations of history in the Bible. They aren't there for nostalgia! God's past deeds are remembered so that we always remember that God acts on our behalf.

This Sunday, we will hear the Magnificat in our lectionary readings. Mary's song of praise is a remembrance of God's deeds in the past. And that look backwards is meant to encourage us about the future.

As we look toward Christmas, we do well to recall how God has entered our world to redeem us. And we can expect God to work in our lives and in our world.

Scott Gunn Executive Director Forward Movement

**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

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'" ([Luke 1.41-42](#))

"Welcoming all expectant mothers"

Like Mary, I had a son at a young age. Even though I had just left school, I knew I was responsible for carrying this son, raising him and my future three sons to be strong, dependable men so they would care for their families and Elders. Also, like Mary, I had cousins who were pregnant at the same time as me in my Kuku Yalanji community in Mossman. We raised our children together and were always welcomed by our family and community members, who looked out for us and our bubbas. We were cared for by the Elders, who cooked us fresh *Milku* (mullet) soup, which is very high in omegas and thus nourishing for babies.

I heard this scripture being read recently in church. It's been a long time since I've heard it. What stood out to me when listening to the minister preach was how precious it is to God that women bear children. God nourished and guided me in my own pregnancies, especially through my family and community who welcomed and cared for me.

I think that stigma remains in the wider community when young women become pregnant – they are still sometimes shunned. We all need to do our bit to support any woman who is pregnant, especially given all she is going through with hormone changes, morning sickness, an identity shift and the new pressure of responsibility. How we view women impacts how we treat them.

Being a welcoming people means caring for all expectant mums, just as Elizabeth and Mary cared for each other.

Lania Tusa - Kuku Yalanji Traditional Owner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	23 Dec	24 Dec	25 Dec
8:30am Contemporary Eucharist	Clay RDO				6:00pm Nine Lessons and Carols	Christmas Day 8:30am Traditional Eucharist
5:00pm Traditional Eucharist					11:30pm Midnight Mass	NO 5:00pm service
26 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec	29 Dec	30 Dec	31 Dec	01 Jan
8:30am ONE PARISH SERVICE Baptism & Eucharist	Clay RDO					
02 Jan	03 Jan	04 Jan	05 Jan	06 Jan	07 Jan	08 Jan
8:30am Contemporary Eucharist	Clay RDO					
5:00pm Traditional service						



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

OP SHOP

NO DELIVERIES
OF STOCK
OVER THE HOLIDAYS

SHOP RE-OPENS
WEDNESDAY
19 JANUARY 2022

A BIG THANK-YOU
TO ALL
WHO SUPPORTED
THE OP-SHOP
IN 2021

Diana Ferrari
Convenor



PARISH FOOD PANTRY

**As the pantry
is well stocked,
we do not need
any items for the present.**

**Thank you to all
who support this ministry.**

**Carolyn Buck
Convenor**

RECYCLE PROJECT

*Anglican Men's Society
Parish Fundraiser*

Leave bottles/cans at D'Bay church

**Please remove bottle lids
No wine bottles accepted**

**If delivering to the Recycle Centre,
use Scheme No. C10221370
to credit AMS**

RECYCLE PROJECT

Help the environment
Remove and collect the strings
from used tea bags to be knitted
and made into scarves.
Place in an envelope
marked Val Nolan

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS!!

*The world needs
a stable influence*

PARISH DIRECT DEPOSIT

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