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3rd Sunday of Advent

17 December 2017

Welcome to the Anglican Parish of St Peters

Today's Services:

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Eucharist (p 404)

7.30pm Advent Lessons and Carols

Mid-Week Service

Wednesday 20th December

10am Holy Communion

with Vicar Anne

Presiding Priest: Vicar Anne

Preacher: Ven Graham

Sermon: The Ongoing Reformation
of the Lord

Sentence: In the wilderness prepare the way
of the Lord, make straight in the desert a
highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Collect: Loving God, you show us the joy
of life, we rejoice in this season of Advent.
In the watching and waiting prepare us to
receive the gift of your Son, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Isa 61:1-4, 8-11

Epistle: 1 Thess 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Music:

Organist: Garth Smith

Introit: 192 Hark a trumpet call

Gradual: B2 On Jordan's Bank

Offertory: 417 Lord Jesus Christ

Recessional: 584 To God be the glory

St Peter's Parish Diary

17 Dec – 25 Dec

Sunday 17th December:

8am Holy Communion

10am Eucharist

7.30pm Advent Lessons and
Carols

Wednesday 20th December:

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th December:

Christmas Eve

8am Holy Communion

10am Eucharist

7pm Carols

7.30pm Christmas Communion

Monday 25th December:

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

10am Eucharist

Advent Candle Blessing

A candle burns,
the sign of our faith.
God of the baptising One,
come to us again this Advent.

**May we have a faith that
renews our lives.**

**May we live in the light of
your promises.**

Prayers of Intercession

Advent God, you come to us continually with the gift of joy – the joy of Christ, Light of the world. You call us to be agents of your joy. Spirit of God

Hear our prayer.



We rejoice in the great portrait painted by Isaiah, of the Anointed One. In his name we pray healing for the brokenness we feel ourselves and the brokenness we see in others.....We pray freedom for all who are held captive under oppressive regimes, imprisoned in poverty.....We pray liberty for those held in the grip of bitterness and guilt..... caught in abusive relationships..... We pray for the gentle oil of gladness to soothe the hurts of grief. Spirit of God

Hear our prayer.

Your word invites us to give thanks IN all things, not FOR all things. We pray earnestly for justice, for change to bring good, for discernment and courage to uphold what is right. Spirit of God

Hear our prayer.

We are grateful for the ministry of John the Baptist, for his humility and integrity, his sure sense of his identity. We thank you for all who give voice to faith, who help to ready us to embrace you fully, who point us to Christ, the world's true Light. Spirit of God

Hear our prayer.

Show us ways to prepare for you in the lives of our families and community by our thoughtfulness and steady faith, by compassion and tenderness, by how we care for your created world.

Spirit of God

Hear our prayer.

May the bright light of Christ enlighten our hearts, shine in our minds and direct our journeying, and give light to the world. (David Adam)

As the Advent candles of hope, peace and joy glow in our church, guide us to places where we can shine with the brightness of your hope, share the peace of Christ and sparkle with your joy.

Sick, suffering, departed:

For all known personally to us including Loretta Bray, Dennis Crockford, Joye Evans, Francie Teppett, Grace Yeats - their families and friends.



Notices
@
St Peters
on the
Terrace

Lawn mower: Our parish lawn mower has been stolen this week. If anyone has a lawn mower to loan or donate, can you please speak to Max Tregonning (359 0581) or Rosemary in the office.

Advent Lessons and Carols: Tonight at 7.30pm. An old favourite returns to St Peter's! It is the service of Lessons and Carols, this year enhanced by joining with the parishioners of All Saints Church. The All Saints choir will be singing, and Alison Stewart will be playing the organ. It should be a musical feast! So, come and enjoy, and celebrate with our Anglican friends!

Carols in the Park: at Memorial Park, Main Street, Terrace End, on **Wednesday 20th December 6-7pm.** Bring a chair or a cushion and a picnic meal if you wish and join in singing your favourite Christmas Carols to engage in the true spirit of Christmas. Wet weather venue St David's Church opposite Memorial Park.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve:

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Eucharist

7.30 pm Christmas Eve service

– carols from 7.00 pm



Monday 25 December Christmas Day:

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Eucharist

Pot Luck Lunch: Everyone is invited to a pot luck lunch after the 10am service on **Sunday 28th January 2018** at Faye Davenport's house, 19A Limbrick St.

Painter/gib stopper/plasterer: If anyone is in need of a painter/gib stopper/plaster, Tamman (021 1568010), who has just finished redecorating the vicarage, is available for other contracts. This family are the new tenants of the vicarage.

Holy Spirit of God,
fill us with your grace and goodness,
that we are able to bring the Good News to the oppressed,
to comfort the broken-hearted,
and to bring liberty and freedom to your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

24th December 2017

First Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16

Epistle: Rom 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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**To arrange an appointment with Vicar Anne, please phone the office
For those with hearing aids, we have a loop system operating.**