

Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church

Queanbeyan, Karabar, Jerrabomberra, Burra, Googong, Michelago

The First Sunday of Advent

Parish Bulletin

29th November 2009

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed.

Psalm 25.1

You are welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. You are worshipping among friends. We trust that in this time of worship you will know the joy and healing of Jesus Christ our Lord. You are welcome to join us as pilgrims with Christ on our life's journey. Our Mission statement: "Growing Communities confident in Christ" is lived-out by a people of faith who serve our City in the strength of God's love.



St Luke's Gospel is represented by a winged ox – a symbol for sacrifice, strength and security

Adventures into the Gospel of Luke

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin the adventure into St Luke's Gospel. Luke was not a disciple of Jesus but a Greek doctor and companion of St Paul. His writings are in two parts: the first is the Gospel in which he tells the story of Jesus; and the second is Acts in which he tells of the expansion of the early church from the Jewish community into Gentile cities.

In his Gospel Luke writes an accurate and orderly account of the ministry of Jesus, one that has been verified by eye-witnesses. He includes the memories of Mary the mother of Jesus, Elizabeth his aunt and his cousin John the Baptist. In Luke's Gospel he tells how the poor are honoured more than the rich, that outsiders are welcome, victims are given hope and corrupt people are given a second chance. He has lots of the familiar teaching of Jesus but also



some special parables like, the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. Luke gives dignity to women; rejoices in Jesus' welcome to Gentiles; emphasises prayer and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Take time over the coming days to read St Luke's Gospel.

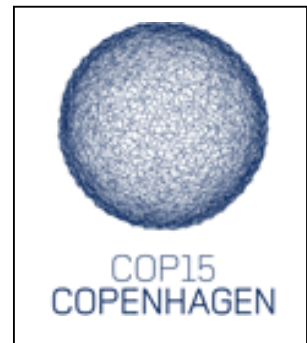


News and Notices

- ❖ A very warm welcome to everyone who has come this morning to the special service at Michelago: a service of Christmas Carols and the blessing of animals.
- ❖ Roberta Hamilton will be commissioned as Deacon in Charge of the Parish of Taralga at a service in St Luke's Church Taralga on Monday 30th November at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Transport available - see Ian.
- ❖ Festival of Ability Thursday 3rd December from 4pm to 7pm in Queanbeyan Park. Featuring many popular singers and Performing Arts Groups. Celebrating the achievements of people with a disability.
- ❖ There will be an interfaith service to commemorate World AIDS Day on Tuesday 1st December. It will be held at 6pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. The ABC Community Choir will sing at the service.



- ❖ Thanksgiving and Farewell Service for Bishop Allan and Tricia: next Saturday 5th December 2pm at St Saviour's Cathedral,
- ❖ "Called to Minister" is a new book about vocation; responding to God's call upon our lives. It was launched yesterday after the Ordination and has a number of interesting essays contributed by people connected with St Mark's Theological Centre in Canberra.
- ❖ Prayer for the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen [7-18 December 2009] We are asked to pray in the lead-up to this Conference and especially next Sunday 6th



December for global agreement on rigorous targets to reduce global carbon emissions and for generous funding from rich countries to help poor countries to adopt renewable technologies and adapt to climate

change. Bishop Stuart writes, "My desire and prayer is that the international community will act responsibly in the care and protection of God's world."

- ❖ **On Sunday 13th December at 3pm**, World Council of Churches invites churches around the world to ring their bells for action on Climate Change. They invite us to ring our bell 350 times at 3.00pm. The number 350 reflects the need to stabilise greenhouse gas emissions at 350 parts per million I welcome those - young and old - who would like to take part to come and have some fun!
- ❖ **Mission Giving for Novemeber - Bush Church Aid Society**. BCA supports clergy and laity making the Anglican Church possible in remote areas of Australia. Please give through the envelope or in a marked envelope to support BCA.
- ❖ **Camp Pelican Registration and Mission Giving**. In December our Mission giving will be to support Camp Pelican and especially through the Crib Service in Christ Church on Chrostmas Eve. Camp Pelican is a Diocesan Youth event for young people that has been the means of transforming lives and preparing people for on-going ministry. The Revd Matthew now

started so book now! James is leading the Years 5-6 from 28th Dec - 2nd Jan. There will be a **Big HUB and Camp Pelican Leaders Commissioning** Sunday 6 December at St Johns Canberra 5.30pm for fun and dinner on the lawns 7pm HUB and Comissioning

- ❖ I commend to you the Bishop's **Prayer for Healing Service** at St. John's Canberra on Wednesday 2nd December beginning at 7pm. This is a time for a deep encounter with the God who heals body, soul and spirit. I encourage people to go.
- ❖ **St Matthew's Karabar** is having a **Christmas Concert on Saturday 12th December at 5pm**. A great deal of time and energy is being put into this event. It will be followed by a sausage sizzle. Come and support this outreach ministry of our Parish.
- ❖ **"Call and Response"**: is a documentary film about the 27 million people held in slavery across the world today. It is being screened in the R B Smith Community Hall (Crawford St) next Sunday 6th December at 4pm followed by BBQ and a workshop. Cost \$10. This is an initiative of Pastor Steve Hall. Bookings: gelder@acom.edu.au

Readings for Next Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent – 6th December

Malachi 3:1-4

Song of Zechariah

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Prayers for the coming week

Prayers for God's people: Remember those in need of our prayers including: Shirley Murray, Lyn Boucher, Lyn Lyon, Susanna Pain, Russel Avery, Leanne, Joan Cobcroft, Roddie Beamish: those who mourn the loss of loved ones; those who face unwelcome news or hard decisions.

Sunday: Pray for those recently ordained and entering new ministries

Monday: Pray for all those who are ill at home or in hospital.

Tuesday: Pray for our ministries in Schools: and especially for our Christmas assemblies, that young people will know the love and hope of God in Jesus.

Wednesday: Pray for all who work in the public service.

Thursday: Pray for local businesses in Queanbeyan, for those who run them and for leaders in our community.

Friday: Pray for Bishops Stewart & Trevor and for the mission of the Church in our Parish and Diocese.

Saturday: Pray for Bishop Allan and Trish.



Regular Sunday Worship

Christ Church	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion [with Sunday School]
St Matthew's (Karabar)	9.45am	Prayer and worship
St Paul's (Burra)	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Family Worship
Jerrabomberra	5.00pm	Contemporary worship Community Hall
St Thomas' Michelago	9.30am	Holy Communion [1 st & 3 rd Sundays]

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: Christ Church

Saturday 6pm Eucharist: the Chapel of the Celebration Community [15 Callum St]

Clergy Team

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