

Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church

Queanbeyan, Karabar, Jerrabomberra, Burra, Googong, Michelago

The Second Sunday of Advent



Parish Bulletin

6th December 2009

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight ... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3:6*

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.

Statement on climate change by the NSW Council of Churches

In the Bulletin for Sunday 18th October we published the statement of the Anglican Communion in preparation for the Global Conference on Climate Change starting in Copenhagen this week. That document prepared by Bishop George Browning does deserve careful reading and can be found at: "<http://acen.anglicancommunion.org/news/index.cfm> The hope we share a vision for Copenhagen"

Today we are printing the NSW Council of Churches statement on Climate Change passed on 7th November 2006. It briefly introduces the Biblical basis for care for the earth; poses the responsibility that nations and churches have to meet the challenge, and give some practical steps that people can take.

The Bible declares that God created all things and that God's creation is good. Humans are part of the creation, although humans alone are made in the image of God (Gen 1:1-2:2). While all things belong to God, God has entrusted the care of creation to humans (Ps 24:1; Gen 1:28-29; 2:15). The relationship between humans and the rest of creation is therefore one of interdependence and stewardship. As God's



stewards we bear an ethical responsibility for the care of the Earth and the welfare of all living things.

The Bible further declares that God created all things through his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will return to the Earth to redeem and renew the whole of creation (John 1:1-3; Col 1:19-20; Eph 1:10; Rom 8:21; 2 Cor 5:17; Rev 21). This hope in Christ encourages us to share with our Lord in his work of redemption and renewal of the natural environment and its ecosystems, as well as the redemption and renewal of people, as we are inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:6; 1 Cor 15:35-49).

We acknowledge that humans have often denied our interdependence with the creation and abrogated our stewardship of the creation. One significant outcome of this long pattern of sinful behaviour is the global environmental degradation and climate change we now face. Overwhelming scientific evidence shows that humans have caused much of the global warming occurring today.

We believe that climate change is a significant threat to our economic and social life, and to the wellbeing and survival of countless species of flora and fauna. Failure to respond effectively to climate change will result in unmanageable cost blow-outs, irreversible devastation to ecosystems and biodiversity, the suffering and death of millions of the world's poor, and the migration of millions more to less physically threatening regions. It is imperative that governments and corporations, as well as individuals and local communities, respond to the imminent global environmental crisis.

We affirm that godly stewardship of the creation includes respect for the creation and its ecosystems as gifts from God, wise allocation and use of the creation's finite natural resources, and a responsibility to address damage caused by human use and misuse of the creation.

We deny that the creation and its ecosystems are to be worshipped or venerated, and that humans have a right to exploit natural resources in permanently destructive ways, and that Christians should focus on "spiritual" or "heavenly" matters to the exclusion of godly stewardship and care of the creation.

We call on the Australian Government to take immediate action to mitigate the effects of global climate change by reducing to a sustainable level the human contribution to climate change, addressing the human suffering and loss resulting from climate change, and enabling our generation to pass on Earth's resources responsibly and faithfully to future generations. In particular, we call on our state and federal political leaders to implement policies to reduce global "greenhouse gas" emissions by 50 per cent by 2050, and to encourage wider use of renewable energy sources.

We call on all Australians to reduce their own "greenhouse gas" emissions by taking action such as:

- ❖ using public transport or walking where possible, and purchasing smaller vehicles*
- ❖ reducing household energy consumption (especially air conditioners)*
- ❖ reducing household water consumption and installing rainwater tanks where possible*
- ❖ reusing and recycling household products.*

News and Notices

- ❖ **Camp Pelican Registration and Mission Giving.** This month our Mission giving will be to support Camp Pelican and especially through the Crib Service in Christ Church on Christmas Eve. Camp Pelican is a Diocesan Youth event for young people. James is leading the Years 5-6 from 28th Dec - 2nd Jan. There will be a **Big HUB and Camp Pelican Leaders Commissioning today Sun 6th Dec** at St Johns Canberra 5.30pm for dinner on the lawns 7pm commissioning.
- ❖ **View Bishop Stuart's latest Youtube message at:**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BU-fnFrjpfI&feature=player_embedded



- ❖ **St Matthew's Karabar** is having a **Christmas Concert next 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 encourage the faith of these young people.
- ❖ **St Benedict's Day Centre** will be hosting a Christmas Lunch again this year for the homeless and disadvantaged people in Queanbeyan. To make the day a success we ask for donations of toiletry packs as gifts for our guests. We would also appreciate food or cash donations, for Christmas and throughout the year. Please bring to Church - see Val or Ian or Sue.
- ❖ **Thank you from Chris Hadland** and family for the support, enthusiasm, encouragement and participation given by many people in our Parish for Operation Christmas Shoe Box. This year in the Canberra region 24,048 shoeboxes were collected and filled. Many are already on their way to places in SE Asia and the Pacific Region. Thank you to Chris & Amy for leading us!
- ❖ **Christmas Tree Memorial Service:** this is an annual service sponsored by O'Rourke's Funeral Services held in Queanbeyan. This year in Christ Church Thursday 10th Dec at 7pm. All are welcome. A time to remember.
- ❖ **Next Sunday 13th December at 3pm,** churches around the world are asked to ring their bells for action on Climate Change. I welcome those - young and old - who would like to take part to come and have some fun!

Readings for Next Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent – 13th December

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

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, Nin Collet: those who mourn the loss of loved ones; those who face unwelcome news or hard decisions.

Sunday: Pray for the Conference in Copenhagen and for care for the earth

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

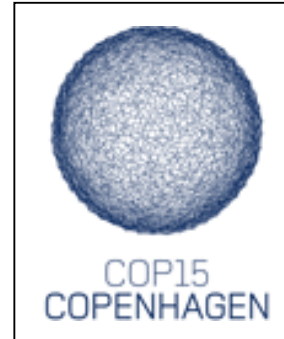
Tuesday: Pray for our ministries in Schools: and especially for our Christmas assemblies, that young people will know the love and hope of God in Jesus.

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. Meeting of Bishop in Council today.

Saturday: Pray for preparations for our Christmas Services.



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]

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