

# Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church

Queanbeyan, Karabar, Jerrabomberra, Burra, Googong, Michelago

## The Third Sunday of Advent

### Parish Bulletin

13<sup>th</sup> December 2009



Do not worry about anything, but by prayer with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, will be with you.

*Philippians 4:7*

### 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.*

### Looking back - and thank you

On Wednesday evening the Parish Council will meet for the last time this year and it will be the last session of the two-year cycle of the Council.

The whole Parish owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the Councillors who have led the Parish over these years.

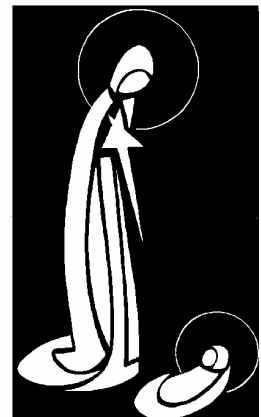
With grace, respect and Christian love they have listened to one another; shared ideas and caught the vision of



### May God grant us a holy Christmas and God's blessing in 2010

Let God's presence and peace in the Lord Jesus guard you and protect you, keep you from being anxious or afraid and give you courage to face all that lies ahead in the power of God's love. With our love, prayers and good wishes,

*Ian, James, Michael  
Mary, Gayl and Ann*



what both continuing and new ministries might look like.

- ❖ We have continued to nurture one another in the faith and love of our Lord. This has led to fresh expressions of ministry with young people and children. I think particularly of Michelago, Karabah and Burra. I think of the blessing that has come as people have been to Camp Pelican or travelled the journey to confirmation. The Parish Council has released James to work one day a week as Chaplain to Jerrabomberra Public School this has brought blessings to many.
- ❖ We have completed and blessed the clergy house in Burra and James, Jo, Ellen and Molly love living there.
- ❖ We have kept the vision of working together as a ministry unit: "Growing communities confident in Christ". We remind ourselves of this vision in the Parish Prayer, which we say each week. It really captures how we want to live as Christians in these communities.
- ❖ At Michelago James and Mary have been taking more services. This is a cause for great celebration and community building.
- ❖ I give thanks for the ministry of St Matthew's Karabah that reaches people on the edge. I am thankful to Monique, Beryl and Karen and to the team they have drawn around them. Thankful too to Gordon and we look forward to David Skinner joining the Parish Council as their new Warden.
- ❖ At Christ Church we have begun to celebrate our Sesquicentenary [150 years since the foundation stone was laid in 1859 and the first service was held in October 1860]. We have put an impressive new roof on the church - that will serve Christ Church for many years;
- ❖ HOME in Queanbeyan has been started and will be opened in the middle of 2010 on the Parish Hall site that has been leased to HOME.
- ❖ The people of Burra have been blessed as the Church celebrated 140 years of ministry in that area and has grown from one small service on a Sunday morning to two lively services.
- ❖ We have been faithful in our administration of the resources of money, people and buildings entrusted to us. Thank you to **David Horton** as Treasurer and to **Edith Allen** who so ably looks after our Office and the accounting. Also to **Marilyn Waind** who continues as Presiding Member.

We are greatly indebted to **Debra Bowles** who has retired as Parish Secretary. Many thanks also to **Wendy Smith** and **Gordon Walsh** who have served as Wardens so faithfully over many years and are retiring. **Thank you to all the PC.**

## News and Notices

### ❖ Carols this evening:

❖ **St Paul's Burra:** 6pm for a Sausage Sizzle followed by readings, carols and the Christmas story.

❖ **Queanbeyan Carols in Queanbeyan Park.** Approx 8pm start for the Queanbeyan Churches contribution to the Carols but other signing, entertainment and events from late afternoon.



❖ **Today 13<sup>th</sup> 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! The number 350 reflects the need to stabilise greenhouse gas emissions at 350 parts per million (this is the safe upper limit for CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere according to many scientists, climate experts, etc. in order to prevent catastrophic climate change).

### ❖ Mission Giving for Camp Pelican.

This month we are asked to support Camp Pelican especially through the Crib Service in



Camp Pelican



An Anglican Diocesan Organisation of Canberra and Goulburn Australia

Christ Church on Christmas Eve. Camp Pelican is a Diocesan Youth event for young people. James is leading the Years 5-6 from 28<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. **Caroline Faulder** is one of the new youth leaders we will be supporting. There are several other young people from our Parish who will be attending.

❖ To view **Bishop Stuart's latest Youtube message** go to the Diocesan website and follow the link: [www.anglicancg.org.au](http://www.anglicancg.org.au)

❖ **St Matthew's Karabar** had wonderful Christmas Concert on Saturday evening. Lots of people were there, lots of kids, and Bishop Stuart. Congratulations to the performers and organisers. It is an important ministry of hope into that community.

❖ **St Benedict's Day Centre** will be hosting a Christmas Lunch again this year for the homeless and disadvantaged people in Quean-beyan. 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.

### Readings for Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20<sup>th</sup> December

Micah 5:2-5

Song of Mary

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-55

## Prayers for the coming week

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

**Sunday:** Pray for the world leaders gathering this week in Copenhagen may we be responsible in our care for the earth

**Monday [St John of the Cross 16<sup>th</sup> C mystic]:** Pray for all those who are ill at home or in hospital.

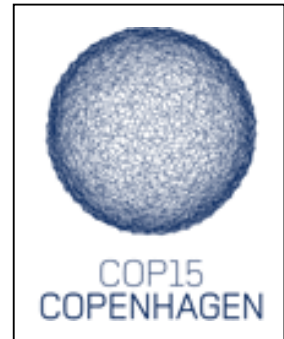
**Tuesday:** Pray for our ministries in aged care residences.

**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:** Give thanks for the leadership of Bishops Stewart & Trevor and pray for the mission of the Church in our Parish and Diocese.

**Saturday:** Pray for preparations for our Christmas Services.



## Regular Sunday Worship

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

**Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion: Christ Church

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

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