

Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church

Queanbeyan, Karabar, Jerrabomberra, Burra, Googong, Michelago

Christmas 2009 and New Year 2010

Parish Bulletin

20th Dec 2009 to 3rd Jan 2010

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us ... and we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1.18



You are welcome

*You are worshipping among friends this Christmas and New Year. **Welcome.** We trust that in this time of worship you will know the joy of worshipping Jesus the Infant 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.*

Danger is not over yet

Our hearts go out to the people in the Michelago part of our Parish who endured the threat, danger, destruction and injury during the bushfires last Thursday and Friday. Family members of people in our congregations did suffer in the fires and we want to assure you of our thoughts, prayers and good wishes. If there are any other practical needs that people have we will



endeavour to assist in any way we can.



James spent the whole of Friday [his day off] down in Michelago among many people who over the years he has got to know and others to whom he was a complete stranger. [As well as taking services in the community, James teaches in the School, and plays for the Michelago cricket team.] I am so grateful James was there, as he said; "I woke up on Friday morning, listened to the news and knew that was where I had to be". I am proud of James and grateful to him - he did not have to do it!

James is back down there at St Thomas's this morning and there will be a service in Michelago on Christmas Eve at 5pm. Please continue to hold this community and these people in your thoughts and prayers. The danger is not over yet. The latest information is that they are not yet contained.

James' presence there last Friday - because he cares - is a living witness to the presence of God who in the baby Jesus comes among us, not with a lot to do, but by his presence shows the value and love that God gives to every person in need, trouble, danger or simply wrestling with the challenges of life. One name given to Jesus is "Immanuel" which means: "God is with us".

**May God's love,
forgiveness and
hope be with you
and your families
this Christmas
and during the
coming year**



With our prayers and best wishes,
*Ian, James, Michael,
Mary, Gayl and Ann*

News and Notices

- ❖ **Carols this evening at Christ Church 7pm** with the choir and congregational hymns and carols. The theme: *"Jesus of Nazareth: Who Do You Think You Are?"*
- ❖ **Next Wednesday** there will be a chance at Christ Church at 10am to choose and sing your favourite carols.



- ❖ **Last Sunday** churches around the world and in **Queanbeyan and Burra** rang their bells for action on Climate Change. Bishop Stuart commented during the week, "If the community was not aware of our presence they certainly are now! That said; do please continue in prayer for the



Copenhagen process (and its aftermath). A just, responsible and generous accord is what we long for."

❖ **Mission Giving for Camp Pelican.**

This month we are asked to support Camp Pelican 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. **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.

❖ **James** is leading Camp Pelican for a week from Sunday 27th December to 2nd January. Then after the services on the 3rd January he goes away for the rest of the month.

❖ **Ian and Liz** will be going to Melbourne on 27th December and returning on 4th January. **Gayl and Ann and Mary** will be conducting the services in Christ Church on 3rd January which we celebrate as **The Epiphany**.

❖ **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: see Ian or Sue Skinner.

❖ For those who have read about **Anglicare** in the papers during the past week I have little to add except that it is true that it is being directed by a new working group chaired by the Bishop and including the new CEO Peter Sandeman. It is also true that the old board resigned. Above all the services Anglicare give continue with the same spirit of love and generosity.

In Memoriam

A number of people connected with our Parish over many years have passed away this week. All will have their funerals in Christ Church.

Shirley Murray - mother of Lee Furner - who has loved and served our Lord in many parishes during her 87 years. [Tuesday 11am]

Gordon Blizzard - known to some people when he was able to worship at St Matthew's Karabar. He suffered from Parkinson's Disease for more than a decade. [Monday 10am]

Pam Moore - who used to belong to Christ Church but during her increasing frailty Mary kept in touch with her. [Monday 1.30pm]

May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.



Prayers for the coming week

Prayers for God's people: Remember those in need of our prayers including: 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 that that leaders of the nations will be responsible in implementing policies and practices that will care for the earth

Monday 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 our mission and ministry in the Parish.



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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