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2nd Sunday *in Advent*  
8 December 2019



*Geertgen tot Sint Jans* **John the Baptist in the Wilderness** c. 1490

## We welcome

those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, old, young or somewhere in between.

We welcome wailing babies, excited toddlers, lonely parents, children and teenagers.

We welcome those who work too hard, don't work or can't spell. Those who are sick, anxious and worried or need to talk about such problems or just be with others who are friendly and helpful.

We welcome those who could use a prayer right now and those who may have had religion forced down their throats as children and feel switched off but still in search of something or are just plain curious.

We welcome locals, doubters, pilgrims, seekers and **YOU!**

**ST JOHN'S**  
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## **ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – ANGELS AND OTHER STARS NEEDED!**

Angels Needed! Along with Donkeys, Sheep, lots of other Animals, Wise Men (and Women), and all other sorts of characters, for St. John's Crib Service on **Sunday 15 December at 5:00pm**. Rehearsals begin soon! Volunteers are also needed to help with staging and costumes. Always a terrific community event, as the young ones all love the opportunity to star and dress up. Tell your friends, cousins, nieces, nephews, children and grandchildren! Email Mthr. Colleen at [curate@stjohnscamberwell.org.au](mailto:curate@stjohnscamberwell.org.au) or call on 0490 363 465 for further information. Singers, musicians and choristers also required! *All welcome!*

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## **NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS – 6.00pm TONIGHT Sunday 8 December**

For over 100 years, the service of 'Nine Lessons and Carols' from Kings College Cambridge has thrilled worshippers around the world. St. John's will hold it's own service of Lessons and Carols at **6.00pm TONIGHT Sunday 8 December**, with our wonderful Evensong Choir, **the St John's Consort**, under the direction of Michael Fulcher, leading the music on the night. It promises to be a very special evening. Tell your friends! Better still, invite them all! *All welcome!*

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**PARISH WORKING BEE** A comprehensive Parish Working Bee and pre-Christmas clean will be held from **9.00am on Saturday 21 December**. Come and help make the church look even more beautiful for those who will visit over the coming weeks!

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**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Parishioners are invited to donate to the cost of celebratory flowers for Christmas. Donations can be put in the container at the back of the Church or handed in to the Office on weekdays. Enquiries to Wendy Way on 0437 399 065.

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## **SONGS FROM A STRANGE LAND - ADVENT CALENDAR**

Join with others in the parish in prayer and reflection during Advent, utilising a new ABM App '*Songs from a Strange Land*'. With scripture readings, quotes, photographs, poems, cartoons and songs to take you from Advent to Epiphany, it has a particular emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christianity, the Australian landscape and Creation theology. Download to your phone or copies of the accompanying book are available from the Vicar.

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## **NEW AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM FOR THE CHURCH**

Parish Council has agreed to purchase audio-visual resources for use in the church and around the buildings. The large-format screens will be available for children's and young adult worship, as well presentations in the Rutherford Room and during funerals and the like. A quotation has been accepted for a system that will allow 'foolproof' operation and greater flexibility, as the screens will not be permanent in the church. The final cost is more than anticipated and donations would be gladly received to cover the cost. *Can you help?*

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**CAN YOU HELP WITH MORNING TEA?** Help is needed to set-up and serve morning tea after Sunday services. Offering hospitality to visitors and parishioners is one of the great ministries of the church. Call Diana Azzopardi 0411 201 443 for further information.

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**ANGLICAN CHRISTMAS CARDS** Anglicare Christmas cards are available after worship each Sunday from Ann Darlington or from the office during office hours. The cards are lovely and all the profits go to support the good work of Anglicare.

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## **WEEKLY MEDITATION**

Join for Meditation in the Chapel **each Tuesday at 4.00pm**. No experience necessary!

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## ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for your wonderful response Mission House staff are very grateful for your support for the families they help at this time of the year with gifts and festive food.

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**ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2020** Anglican Calendars are now available on Sundays from Dawn Harvey or the parish office during the week. \$12 each.

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**DECEMBER-JANUARY PRAYER JOURNAL** The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany is available today. Please take a copy.

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**A NEW PARISH COUNCIL** Congratulations to the Parish Council, elected or appointed at Annual General Meeting: Genevieve Bogtstra, Adrienne Bolch, Gavin D'Mello, Lee Ewe, Hans Ferdinands (Warden), Peter Forwood, Ferry Hasiholan, Andrew Porter (Warden), Muriel Porter (Warden), Graham Pratt, Ross Smith (Secretary), Geoffrey Vincent. We wish them all success in the year ahead and are thankful for their service.

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### TODAY SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2019

#### *Second Sunday in Advent*

#### **8.00am EUCHARIST**

Presider: John Baldock  
Preacher: Colleen Clayton  
Reader: Penny Galbraith  
Intercessor: Peter Forwood  
Server: Hans Ferdinands  
Eucharistic Asst: Penny Galbraith

#### **10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST**

Presider: Colleen Clayton  
Preacher: Colleen Clayton  
Deacon: John Baldock  
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith  
Readers: Kerry Pratt, Sue Banting  
Intercessor: Keith Dempster  
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC), Alison Asquith,  
Janice Wong

Eucharistic Asst: Sub Deacon, Janice Wong

For children: *Please make use of activities  
at the back of the Church*

#### **6.00pm NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

#### **LECTIONS OF THE DAY**

*Isaiah 11: 1-10 | Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15: 4-13 | Matthew 3: 1-12*

### NEXT SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019

#### *Third Sunday in Advent*

*Isaiah 35:1-10 | Luke 1:47-55  
James 5:7-10 | Matthew 11:2-1*

#### **8.00am EUCHARIST**

Presider: John Baldock  
Preacher: Helen Creed  
Reader: Liz Pratt, Graham Pratt  
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands  
Server: Hans Ferdinands  
Eucharistic Asst: Liz Pratt

#### **10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST**

Presider: Helen Creed  
Preacher: Helen Creed  
Deacon: Colleen Clayton  
Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent  
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way  
Intercessor: Muriel Porter  
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Robin Carter,

Sam Babuswamy, Ferry Hasiholan  
Eucharistic Asst: Sub Deacon, Jonathan Way  
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#### **2.00pm CÉLÉBRATION DE NOËL EN FRANÇAIS**

#### **5.00pm CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Morning (9am) and Evening Prayer (5pm) Mondays to Fridays*

<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>	12 noon	Eucharist in the Chapel
	4.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
<i>NB Earlier starting time</i>	7.00pm	The Rutherford Group meets in Rutherford Room Annex.
<b>Thursday 12 December</b>	8.00pm	Thursday Study Group at the home of Ross Smith

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## IN YOUR PRAYERS

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### **MEDITATION: *The desert is a good teacher...***

The desert is a good teacher. It is a place where we do not die of thirst. It is a place where we rediscover the roots of our existence. Once we grasp this lesson, we realise that the physical desert is not necessary to lead the life of a hermit. It then becomes pointless to go in search of a desert on the globe. You can find your desert in a corner of your house, on a motorway, in a square, in a crowded street. But you must first renounce the slavery of illusions, refuse the blackmail of pressure, resist the glitter of appearances, repudiate the domination of activity, reject the dictatorship of hypocrisy. Then the desert becomes a place where you do not go out to see the sand blowing in the wind but the Spirit waiting to make his dwelling within you.

*Alessandro Pronzato 'Meditations on the Sand'*

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### **MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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### **YEAR'S MIND**

We remember before God, Nancy Mitchell, Edward Gibson, Winifred Saunders, Veronica McNeil, Joan Swindells, Lorna Ready, Ethel Oats, Virginia Macaleavey, Bert Hulme, and Roger Ridley (Priest), whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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#### **Sunday**

8:00am Eucharist  
10:00am Sung Eucharist  
6:00pm Liturgy of Light  
6.00pm Evensong -  
2nd Sunday of the month

#### **Weekday Eucharist**

Tuesday 12.00noon  
Wednesday 6.30pm  
1st Wednesday Eucharist & Curry  
2nd Wednesday 7.00pm

#### **Morning & Evening Prayer**

Weekdays 9:00am & 5:00pm

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