

ANGLICAN PARISH OF CALOUNDRA & GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY

St Andrew's, 46 Upper Gay Terrace, Caloundra
St Thomas', 31 Bray Road, Mooloolah
The Mary MacKillop Centre, 160 Peachester Road, Beerwah



PEW BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Advent – 12 December 2021

PARISH VISION: Our Parish seeks to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

MISSION STATEMENT: To share our Christian faith and values in love with one another; connecting the love of God with our community.



Zephaniah 3:14-20; A Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

THE SENTENCE

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. Zephaniah 3:16-17

This third week of Advent offers an opportune window to explore some basic elements of the Christian faith. The readings this week speak of water, fire, and Spirit (wind), and earth.

On Christmas day, we will celebrate once more that single spark of the Divine that God ignited in the world, the light of Christ that the darkness cannot overcome. Today, however, we celebrate sparks of joy, of justice, of thankfulness and praise, and of renewal. In this sense, the season of Advent is indeed elemental.

HOUSEKEEPING

Important information when attending church this Sunday:

- ✓ QR codes are to be used
- ✓ Social distancing is to be maintained
- ✓ Please note the markings on the pews for social distancing for seating
- ✓ Thank you for your ongoing support protecting yourself & others

ZOOM MEETINGS

Sunday Zoom services ON SUNDAY: Email the office for details.

Morning Prayer: Email the office for details.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him
whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY COMMENTARY

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The reading from Zephaniah reminds us that forgiveness follows confession, and rejoicing, rightly, follows forgiveness. These final verses remind the people of that day (and ours!) that God is present in our midst and that people on the margins have cause to hope and rejoice in this promise of being gathered in and brought home.

Isaiah 12:2-6

The image in verse 3 is a lovely concept of drawing water from the well of salvation in an act of joyful exuberance. In our world of fresh, safe water on demand from fountains, taps, bottles and fridges, the full importance of this life-giving and sustaining image may be lost on readers. Let's imagine drawing water, or hand cranking a tin bucket from the cool depths, of women walking miles to a water-life-source and pumping by hand or foot this valuable liquid into containers to be hauled home. Drawing from the well of salvation is not a chore but rather joy and delight, worship and praise.

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul's words from prison can provide relief to those who are imprisoned in the chains of modern life and all of its consumer trappings. Again, the image of God's nearness is lifted up. Because God is near and active in our lives and in the world, we can live without worry, anxiety, and fear. The key to joyful, abundant life is found in prayer and living in God's peace. This is good news for communities and individuals who find themselves weighed down with struggles, worries, or dissent. Don't worry; rejoice!

Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist believed in straight-shooting, at least when it came to matters of eternal significance. He reminded his audience that inheritance and lineage are not enough, righteous living matters. John said his water baptism for repentance was nothing compared with the Spirit, wind and fire baptism that the One to come will bring. He outlined in no uncertain terms what the faithful disciple needed (and needs) to do.

Consider using these elements of water, earth, Spirit wind, and fire as a contrast to the commercialised and confected holiday fabrication our culture offers us. Instead of a MasterCard moment, let's choose to look for the Messiah on the street corner. Instead of a cluttered calendar, clear a space for worship and wonder. Weave the earthy elements with the deep joy, praise, and peace promised in scripture. Steeped in the waters of salvation, cleansed by the purifying fires of confession, and buoyed by the winds of the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to live as elemental disciples who share our resources and possessions, who take no more than our rightful share of the earth's good gifts, and who are content with what we have and who we are.

The salvation we await is a pure gift, just as the Christ Child is divine gift incarnate. Today's emphasis on joyful response moves us one step closer to the manger and one step closer to ushering in the reign of God. While these elemental concepts may seem elementary, we sanctified sinners or sinful saints need to be reminded often about the "why" and "what" of "who" and "whose" we are.

Fr Michael - December 2021

Christmas Service Times 2021			
Date	Time	Location	Service
24 December	5pm	St Andrew's	Christmas Eve Family Eucharist
24 December	7pm	St Thomas'	Christmas Eve Family Eucharist
24 December	10.30pm	St Andrew's	Christmas Carols
24 December	11pm	St Andrew's	Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist
25 December	8am	St Andrew's	Christmas Day Eucharist
25 December	9am	Mary MacKillop Centre	Christmas Day Eucharist

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNNYKIDS EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE: We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Christmas gift collection for SunnyKids. This will help greatly to support and give joy and hope to the women and children caught up in situations of domestic and family violence on the Sunshine Coast, who are supported by SunnyKids. Statistics revealed that SunnyKids supported 1589 individuals on the Sunshine Coast last financial year, 1091 being children. This is only a fraction of the number of families experiencing domestic and family violence on the Sunshine Coast each year. It costs \$600 to support a child through its services and the SunnyKids organisation receives no government funding for working with children. They assist the women to stand alone by accessing funding that the women are entitled to and mostly the protection they need to make a new start. SunnyKids find housing for each mother and her children, through working with other organisations on the Coast for example IFYS. Your support during this year is truly valued by the SunnyKids team.

MOOLOOLAH MARKETS: We raised \$823 in total from the sale of cakes \$458.60 and plants \$364.40. Many thanks go to all who contributed their time and energy supplying cakes, preserves and plants to sell.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH: A reminder, these prayers continue at Jean Ward's home each Monday at 1.30pm. For more information contact Jean on 5492 4901.

ADVENT STUDIES: Advent Studies are via Zoom Thursday afternoons, commencing at 5pm. The Zoom ID: 818 8786 2874, Password: 4551 or in person at Mary MacKillop Centre on Friday mornings commencing at 10am. For further details please phone Fr Michael on 0424 344 273.

TAIZE SERVICE: Everyone is welcome to attend the Taize Service on the 11th of December 2021 at 6pm, St Andrew's Church for half an hour of peaceful contemplation and beautiful music.

PRAYER AND FASTING: Love you to join us on zoom for the prayer and fasting service at 6pm every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month to support the search for a new Parish Priest. One does not need to fast but joining us for prayer would be wonderful. Every person participating with us and our prayers, is that extra assistance for the nominators with their difficult task.

Location: Online every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Time: Sunday 6.00 pm.

Online:

Information: Please contact Anne on 0416 921 963

PRAYERS & SQUARES: There will be no Prayers & Squares workshop in Heather's home for December. Hopefully, P&S will be able to resume meetings in 2022 in the Church. To our parish family, P&S have a large selection of completed quilts available for sponsoring. Please contact Heather on her mobile: 0407767695 to help you select one. I hope everyone has a very happy Christmas. Keep stitching. Blessings Heather

MOTHERS' UNION: 10am Tuesday 14 December 2021

FATHER MICHAEL'S FAREWELL: Dear Parishioners, you are invited to attend a farewell morning tea for Father Michael Faragher following the 8am St. Andrew's service on Sunday 19th December. To assist with catering, attendees are asked to bring a plate of food from the following suggestions please – sandwiches, scones & jam, or scones, jam & cream, small cakes or muffins, biscuits or bun or cake, slices, fruit. Please place your

name on the catering sheets provided on the rear church table. A card is also on the table for signing. Thank you from the Wardens.

PARISH ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE: Reminding all people who report on parish group activities that have occurred or were suspended (due to COVID) throughout the year, reports are due as soon as possible. Your early attention to these reports will assist the office to prepare the Parish Annual Report for the AGM and meet Diocesan reporting requirements. The deadline for these reports is Friday 14 January, 2022. Thank you for your assistance – Office Administrator.

ST. ANDREW'S JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022 ROSTERS: To the parishioners who currently volunteer at the 8am Sunday service, please either list dates when you are unavailable to serve during these 2 months on sheets placed at each church entrance or contact Lorraine on 0431 752 686 or Judy on 54 933 823 with your information, by **Sunday December 19**, so that the new rosters can be emailed or delivered before Christmas. **Please note-** new volunteers or returning volunteers are most welcome to come onto the roster. Thank you from Lorraine & Judy.

TEAR FUND: It's TEAR time again. TEAR is a Christian organisation which works in partnership with churches overseas as well as with indigenous communities in Australia. Afghanistan, Burma, Uganda, PNG and Ethiopia are a few of the countries where they have projects. I have received the useful gift cards and catalogues which I will put at the back of the church if you would like to look or take one home. Goal: purchase a gift like a chicken, safe water, teacher training or a goat to give or post to your relatives or friends as their Christmas card or gift. Prices range from \$5 for a chicken to \$50 for a goat. Money spent on these purchases are tax deductible. I, with the help of Mary Bottomer, Kay Turner and Wendy O'Brien, am running a stall where you can purchase these cards from November 14 till the Sunday before Christmas. If you have any questions, I'll be at the table outside the front door of the church from the 14th or phone me on 0408 986243. If you are unable to come to church, please phone me with your order and one of us will deliver the cards to you. Many thanks on behalf of TEAR. Jean Ward

LECTIONARY ORDERS – 2021-2022: Lectionaries are now available from the parish office at the low price of \$12 each. There is a limited number of copies available. Please email the office at caloundra@anglicanchurchsq.org.au or write your name on the lectionary list situated at the back of the church. Please place payment in an envelope in the offertory bowl marked with your name, the amount and the number of lectionaries you are paying for. The office will be in touch to organise a convenient time to collect. The quickest way for people at Mary MacKillop Centre to receive a copy will be to email the parish office.

PEOPLE UNABLE TO ATTEND SUNDAY CHURCH: The Sunday service on Zoom has improved in recent weeks and we encourage those who cannot attend on Sunday morning to watch it on Zoom. A step by step guide has been produced to assist you to connect. It is available from the Office caloundra@anglicanchurchsq.org.au.

CAROLS & LESSONS: Will be on the 19 December 2021 at St Andrew's commencing at 3pm. Afternoon tea will follow. Please come and enjoy this special time together as we gather to focus on the spiritual significance of the season singing carols and hearing the lessons.

NO SERVICE AT MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE ON SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2021
NO SERVICE AT ST THOMAS' ON WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2021

To see all upcoming events, please see "Mountain and Sea" or visit our website.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH



Mercy Ships began our mission to provide hope and healing to those in need in 1978. Each year we send hospital ships filled with volunteer professionals who selflessly provide life-changing surgeries to children and adults who otherwise would go without. Together we are saving lives.

OFFERING TO THE CHURCH

ANFIN online: ANFIN deducts your offering amount from your nominated bank account. The amount can be updated depending on your circumstances. Request a form from the Parish Office.

Internet Banking: Direct deposits can be made directly to the Caloundra-Glasshouse Country bank account. Description is: "offering" or "gift" or similar. The details for our Parish Account are as follows:

BSB: 704 901

A/C: 00000110

A/C Name: Caloundra Anglican Parish

BPoint Link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/TIM/?BillerCode=1729896>

Cheques: are an acceptable method of payment. They can be posted to:

The Anglican Parish of Caloundra-Glasshouse Country
PO Box 52 Caloundra Qld 4551

Or dropped off in the locked green box located in the Rectory Carport.

External Appeals-e.g. Charity of the Month: via internet banking, please name the charity in the description; alternatively, if posting a cheque, please make it payable to The Anglican Parish of Caloundra-Glasshouse Country and include a note highlighting the amount that you wish to go to the charity. The parish will arrange this payment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The World	Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.		
The Church	<p>Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada The Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Grafton: †Murray Harvey; Clergy and People Our Diocese: The Parish of Goonaneman: Sue Barker Mathew Hale Public Library St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg: Principal - Craig Merritt; Chaplain - Iain Furby; Chair of School Council - Hermina Conradie; members of School Council; staff & students The Charity of the Month: Mercy Ships Our Parish: We pray for the parish's small groups. Thank God for the continuation of their ministry work.</p>		
Those in need: Caloundra	Shirley Barker Muriel Bates Raymond Bates Lois Campbell Jean Cliff Michael Conolly Ian Creighton Judy Dwyer Rosie Day	Ian & June Gillespie Margaret Macey Robert Macey Cameron MacFarlane Eileen Mann Odette Maskall Francis Nickelson Jacquie Nickelson	Kay Smith Val Phillips Randall family Rod Richards Kim Smith Beverly Stuart Bevan Thiele Deacon Diana Ware Hannah
Those in need: Glasshouse Country	Jim R Bronwyn A Maureen G Avis M Esma R Adam G Adel B Barbara B	Barbara & Lynda B Charlotte Cherry TW Col B Debbie D Ida & Ernest H John W Marguerite C Marj W	Nadine W Peter Y Phillippa B Rebecca Russell P Sandra W Sheila W Stephen S Terry D
Anniversary of Death	<p>12 December: John Wright; Douglas Darley; 13 December: Kevin Triffett; 14 December: Roma Horman; 15 December: Fr John Linton; 16 December: Harry Angus; Albert Waites; John Taylor; Nellie Brinkman; Kevin Ray; 17 December: Mary Clappison; Christopher Kite; 18 December: Kenneth Flood; Fr Des Williams.</p>		
<p>If you know someone who would like prayer, please speak with one of the clergy or add their name to the Prayer Book at Mary MacKillop or St Andrew's. Please keep us updated with news and requests for thanksgiving.</p>			

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The Rev'd Clarry White		
The Rev'd Diana Ware		

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Miriam Hargreave (5337 9408), John Turner (5492 2607) & Judy Sperling (5493 3823)		

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Miriam Hargreave (Glasshouse Country)		

Social Committee		
Cathy Richards		

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SERVICES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	LOCATION	TIME	OFFICIATING PRIEST
12 Dec	St Andrew's Caloundra	8am	Fr Michael Faragher
12 Dec	Mary MacKillop Centre	9am	Fr Tony Halstead
12 Dec	St Thomas' Mooloolah	9am	Fr Michael Faragher