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PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF PERTH

By email

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

I have returned from long service leave. In God's providence it was good to have this time away.

I was grateful to have the opportunity to meet with members of the Diocese in recent weeks. I am grateful to each of you for your presence, participation and contributions to these conversations. I am particularly grateful to Bishop Kate, Bishop Jeremy and Archdeacon Braden for co-ordinating these consultations.

I have decided to voluntarily stand aside from my role, function and duties as Archbishop of Perth and Metropolitan of Western Australia with immediate effect. This will include all duties including ordinations, pastoral visits, public functions, Synod, Diocesan Council, correspondence and other related engagements.

I have taken this decision after much prayer, thought and consultation with my advisors to allow for the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Perth to flourish. I believe this is the appropriate decision while I focus my attention on the Royal Commission's ongoing inquiry into the Diocese of Newcastle.

I am humbled by the courage and fortitude of survivors and victims of child sexual abuse as they continue to bear witness to their stories of suffering.

Bishop Kate has been appointed Administrator of the Diocese with full authority, with Bishop Jeremy and Archdeacons Braden Short, Lionel Snell, Kathy Barrett-Lennard, Onesimo Yugusuk and Mandy Herriman assisting in the task. I know that you will support Bishop Kate and the leadership team.

Cheryl and I remain grateful to you for your prayers for us and the family in this challenging time for us all.

You remain in our constant prayers and thoughts as we seek to be faithful to the Christ who is our strength and hope.

Sincerely in Christ

+ Roger Herft

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Welcome To Holy Cross

Welcome to Holy Cross Church. We hope that you find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

Front Cover:. Advent 2016

For those hard of hearing an **AUDIO LOOP** operates throughout the church area. Please use your "T" setting to make use of this.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you require these please speak to the service leader.

We invite you to stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the hall after the service.

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Advent

Advent has a twofold character; a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is therefore a period for devout and joyful expectation.

In the early Eastern Church the focus was on the Epiphany of Jesus as Christ at his baptism in the Jordan. Thus initiation was celebrated at Christmas time and so Advent was a time of preparation for baptism.

Rome had no tradition of baptism at Christmas for the western focus of Christmas had shifted to the manger scene at Bethlehem. The period of preparation, which fell at the end of the year, had instead an eschatological orientation. The pagan festival of "adventus" celebrated the coming of a god as emperor. This concept was carried into the observance of Advent as the Christian faithful waited with joyful expectation for the return of Christ as King and Judge at the end of time.

The celebration of Advent as we know it makes its appearance at the end of the fifth century in Spain and in Gaul as a five to six week preparation period. This spread to northern Italy in the sixth century. When Advent was adopted by Rome at the time of Gregory the Great, its duration was reduced to four weeks.

Advent comes at the end of the civil year and at the beginning of the liturgical year. As such, the season elicits contemplation of the past, of the present and of the future. The season evolved in the northern hemisphere where natural signs of the end of the year are days of decreasing light, falling temperatures and snow, dormancy or death of trees, shrubs and flowers so that the world of colour becomes black, grey and white. It can be seen as a depressing and frightening time for many. It could be the end of the world. It is naturally a time to long for the return of light, warmth, living things, beginning anew, a time to await a rescuer, a Saviour.

Advent is about the coming of Jesus: the coming of Jesus as the human babe of Bethlehem, the coming of Jesus as King and Judge at the end of time, the coming of Jesus into our lives NOW. Advent is preparation for the remembering of the Incarnation. Advent is also preparation for the Parousia the fulfilment of God's kingdom.

Advent (cont'd)

Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.

Priests wear purple or blue vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Advent. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests may wear rose-coloured vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent wreath is a popular Advent custom that originated in Germany. It consists of four candles, surrounded by evergreen branches with the white candle placed centrally. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, Who will come into the world at Christmas.

Each of the four Sundays of Advent has its own special readings and characteristics:

First Sunday of Advent

The readings look forward to the "End Times" and the coming of the "Day of the Lord" the Gospel is an excerpt from the Apocalyptic Discourse of Jesus in one of the Synoptic Gospels.

Second Sunday of Advent

The Gospel readings focus on the preaching and ministry of John the Baptist as the forerunner of Jesus the one who came to "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

Third Sunday of Advent

The Gospel readings continue to focus on John the Baptist, while the first and second readings convey the joy that Christians feel with the increasing closeness of the incarnation and the world's salvation.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospels tell of the events that immediately preceded the birth of Jesus, including the dreams and visions of Joseph and Mary of Nazareth.

The season of Advent starts the new year of the church calendar. The church calendar in 2017 will focus on the gospel of Matthew. The gospel writer presents Jesus as the fulfilment of prophetic promise in continuity of the Jewish tradition.

Rev. Graeme

Advent Study Group

During Advent, each Thursday night at 7:00 pm we will meet at Delicious Fingers, Marmion Street for an hour to reflect on the readings in the book, "Little Book of Advent".

The Little Book of Advent is an indispensable collection of readings from some of the most celebrated modern-day spiritual writers, with passages specially selected for each day of Advent. Some of the authors of daily reflections include Henri Nouwen, Rowan Williams, Delia Smith, Justin Welby, Deitrich Bonhoeffer, Jane Williams.

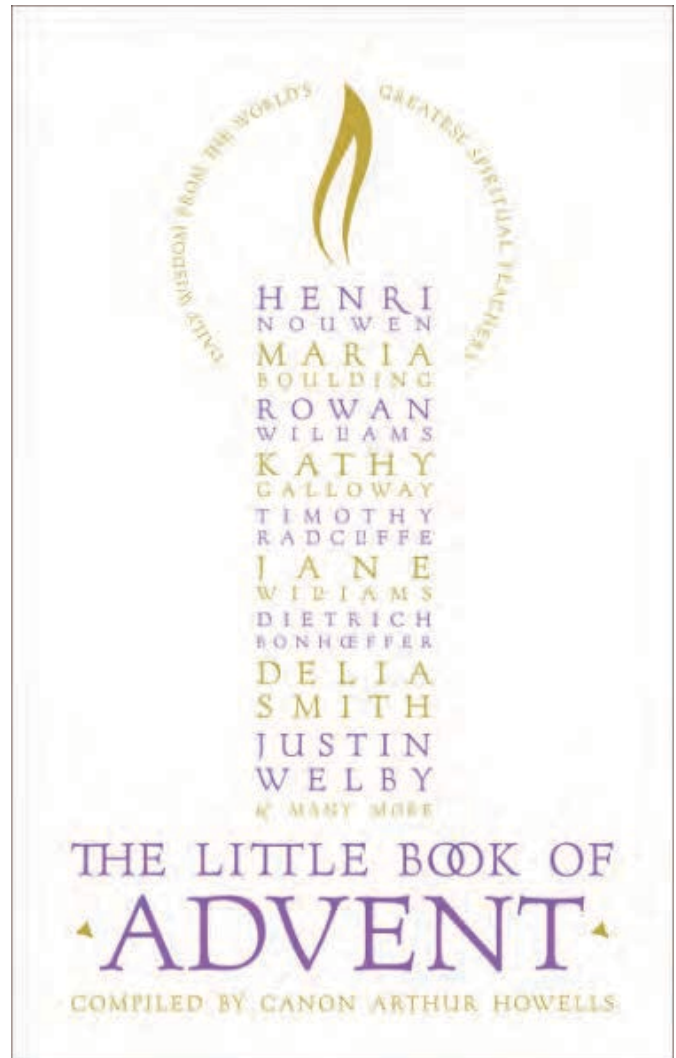
These carefully chosen insights come from men and women, lay and ordained, across the denominational spectrum, and their wisdom is combined with both a suggested scripture passage, and a prayer to make your own.

Please let Revd. Graeme know of your intention to join this group.

Note:

If any parishioners would like a day study please let Revd Graeme know & providing there is enough interest, a study group will be organised.

Advent Book Study Book - Little Book of Advent – cost \$10.00





There are a number of our Parishioners who, instead of placing their offerings in the plate each Sunday, have organised for Online Giving.

A Direct Debit with the Anglican Community Fund (ACF) is a convenient, efficient and secure method to make your offerings.

Debits can be made weekly, fortnightly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly.

You choose the amount you want to give.

- Your bank account or credit card will be debited and
- All transactions are held in the strictest confidence.
- If you want to make Direct Debiting your preferred method of giving, please see the Treasurer (Peter) who has the necessary forms

Rosters

Unfortunately the full roster was not available at the time of publication. Keep an eye out for it on the noticeboard.

Happy Hour & Olive Oil Bottling

It's not the quantity but the quality and so it was with our happy hour on Friday 7th October.

Most of those attending took the opportunity to bottle their own olive oil.

A pleasant evening; relaxed and convivial. The olive oil bottling just adding an extra dimension to the evening.

Our next Happy Hour is happening of Friday 2nd December 2016 at a venue yet to be announced and we are planning on singing some Christmas Carols (with the help of Sing Australia).

Order of St Luke

Order of St Luke the Physician Healing Ministries, Perth Melville Chapter: Healing Service

Date: Sunday 6th November 2016

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Church of the Holy Cross
56 McLean Street
Melville WA 6156

Topic: Inner Healing
the healing of memories.

All are welcome, especially the newly bereaved.

For further information: Call Chaplain
M: 0438 935 164

Wardens Wish List

The following is a list of tasks/jobs that have been done or need to be done around the church.



Job	Status
Car Park Bollards: Making them more visible	Reflectors to be done.
Kitchen Ceiling	In Progress
Tiling (wet areas)	Done.
Tennis Court Pavilion Steps	Ongoing
Reticulation	Done.

If you see anything that needs attention please contact the Warden.

Yoga

A new activity group is starting on Tuesday 1st November; Yoga sessions with Leonie. If you want to move, breathe, stretch and relax then give this a go.

When: Tuesdays
6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Where: Holy Cross Church Hall
56 McLean Street
MELVILLE

Cost: \$12

Bring: A towel

Contact: Leonie
08 9339 7073 or
0407084 307

Synod 2016

The Revd. Graeme Varvell, Jill & Peter Bowman, attended this year's Synod as representatives of Holy Cross.

Synod opened with prayer & after the president's address a review of the Profession Standards followed. In view of abuses uncovered by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse this was very relevant speech to the Synod.

Much of the business this year comprised of the acceptance of reports, financial statements and legislation mainly to do with the modernisation and consolidation of existing legislation.

With the adoption of the "Parish Governance Statute 2016", there were two new classifications of Parishes introduced.

Tier 1, must have 30 enrolled members, have a gross income of 220% (or more) of a stipend & be able to keep its Church, Rectory & other buildings in good repair.

Tier 2, must have at least 5 enrolled members, have a gross income of not less than 50% of a stipend and be able to keep its Church, Rectory & other buildings in good repair.

By these definitions, The Parish of Melville is a Tier 2 parish.

If you would like more information, please approach one of the Synod Representatives & they will be happy to discuss matters with you.



The **BIG Welcome 2017** is a user-friendly, flexible missional initiative, intentionally resourced to be context-based so that everyone, yes everyone, can participate. Behind the title is a simple concept – we should actively plan to engage and welcome people to be part of the church and its life.

When we go to a party or get involved in an activity it's usually because we have been invited. Why should church be any different? Recent research in Australia shows that, much like weddings, most people come to church because they have been invited. It also tells us that 47% of those asked said they would love to have a 'spiritual conversation' but had no one with whom to do so, and many people report that they would be willing to visit a church if they were invited and taken by someone they know.

The BIG Welcome 2017 is designed as a 3-stage rollout to coincide with key events in the church calendar.

Partnership has been specifically established with state-wide, national and international initiatives that offer further support, an example of which is Thy Kingdom Come – a global wave of prayer, launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The BIG Welcome 2017 is formulated so that each parish, agency and group can use the raft of ideas and material's to develop their own methods of engagement to suit their individual contexts, core values and passions.

3 STAGES

Stage 1:

New Year to Easter

1/1/17 - 16/4/17

Stage 2:

Pentecost season 1

7/4/17- 30/6/17

Stage 3:

Christmas on our horizons

1/7/17 – 31/12/17

Website details:

www.thebigwelcome.perth.anglican.org

St Bartholomew's House Christmas Hamper Appeal

It's that time again when we call upon your generosity to give to our Christmas Hamper Appeal.

St Bart's will be providing hampers to 350 male and 200 female clients this Christmas. In partnership with Foodbank WA we have organised Christmas food hampers, and we are looking for your support to provide the following;

Toiletries

- Shampoo & Conditioner (or 2-in-1)
- Toothbrush (soft or medium)
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Disposable Razors
- Tissues (individual packs)
- Body Wash or Moisturising Soap
- Sunscreen

Gifts

General:

- Chocolates, Nuts & Confectionery
- Refillable Water Bottles

For Men:

- Toiletry Gift Packs
- Caps
- Thongs/Flip Flops
- Pens
- Socks & Jocks (new)

For Women:

Toiletry Gift Packs

- Face & Body Moisturiser
- Perfumes / Body Spray
- Socks & Jocks (new)

For Children:

- Colouring Books
- Coloured Pencils & Sharpeners
- Water based paints & brushes
- Scrapbooks
- Textas, Pencils, Glue Stick, Pens

All food should be nonperishable and within use-by date. All clothing, toiletries & other items should be new/unused.

Please do not wrap gifts.

Food hampers have been supplied in partnership with Foodbank WA.

Financial donations can be made by credit card or cheque.

Please contact us to help us make a difference this Christmas.

Deliveries:

All donations can be delivered to 78 Brown Street, East Perth Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, from Wednesday 30th November to Friday 16th December 2016.

St Bartholomew's House Inc. 7 Lime Street, East Perth WA 6004

T: 9323 5100

E: reception@stbarts.org.au

W: www.stbarts.org.au

Ponderings

During this month we remember those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls us all to a radical heroism: 'You have heard that it was said, *'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'* But I tell you: *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.'* (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies:

Our 'enemies' are not always life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or spiteful neighbour, our attitude toward them must be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors:

It's only when we are ready to pray for someone we don't get on with, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote:

"This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them."

Good old Advent!

On the last Sunday in November the Church celebrates Advent. In popular thought this is seen as the start of the Christmas season. Advent Calendars are on sale in the supermarkets. Christmas, our annual festival of excess, is just a few weeks away. Good old Advent!

I yield to no one in my enjoyment of Christmas, with all the trimmings, but where Advent is concerned I have to be a bit of a party-pooper. It's not the start of the 'run-up to Christmas', whatever the shops think. In any case, they've been 'running up' since September. Advent is a solemn but exciting reminder that Christmas is not the end of the Christian story, but the beginning.

The end, with which Advent is concerned, is the ultimate triumph of love and goodness over evil and cruelty. The final loving purpose of God will be achieved. The kingdom of heaven will lie before us, its gates permanently open. *'Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more'. God says, 'I am making everything new'.*

'Advent' simply means 'Coming'. The first Advent was Christmas, the second Advent will be when all that the coming of Jesus promised will be fulfilled. Yes, it's a bit more complicated than a cattle shed and a manger, but it's a wonderful prospect.

Good old Advent!

100 years after the Somme

Remembrance Day this year will have a special significance. Almost exactly a century after the Battle of the Somme finally came to its inconclusive end (18th November) we shall once again be remembering all those who have lost their lives in war, or had their lives blighted by its consequences.

The unbelievable slaughter of the Somme – more than a million men were killed or wounded – made it perhaps the bloodiest battle of human history. The incessant bombardment of heavy artillery, the suicidal waves of attack by unprotected soldiers, the introduction, a few months from its close, of the first tanks in battle all contributed to the vast number of casualties, but so did the pointless efforts of both sides to break what was in fact a five month stalemate. This was a battle nobody won but a million men lost.

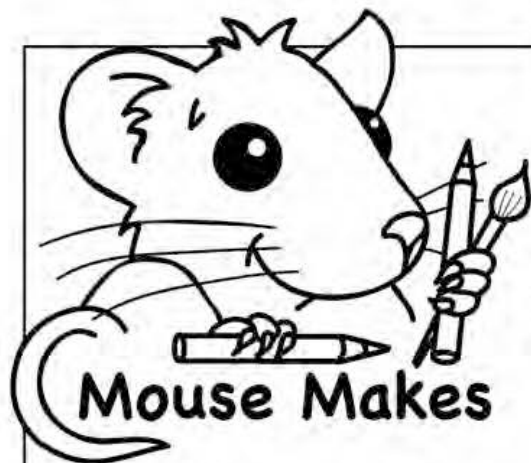
This year we shall once again make our prayers for peace and our reflective remembrance against a back-drop of a world that is stubbornly inclined to think that problems can be solved by fighting over them. In the Middle East and in parts of Africa there are still too many who believe that guns and bombs can solve things, when all the evidence of history is that they can't.

Today, a hundred years after the Battle of the Somme, historians still can't decide what the Great War was actually about. And the arrival of the Second World War in 1939 tells us that whatever anyone thought it was, five years of sickening killing had not settled it.

'We will remember them', we say. Surely the finest remembrance would be a world without violence. It still seems a long way off.



Australian War Graves at Villers-Bretonneux, FRANCE

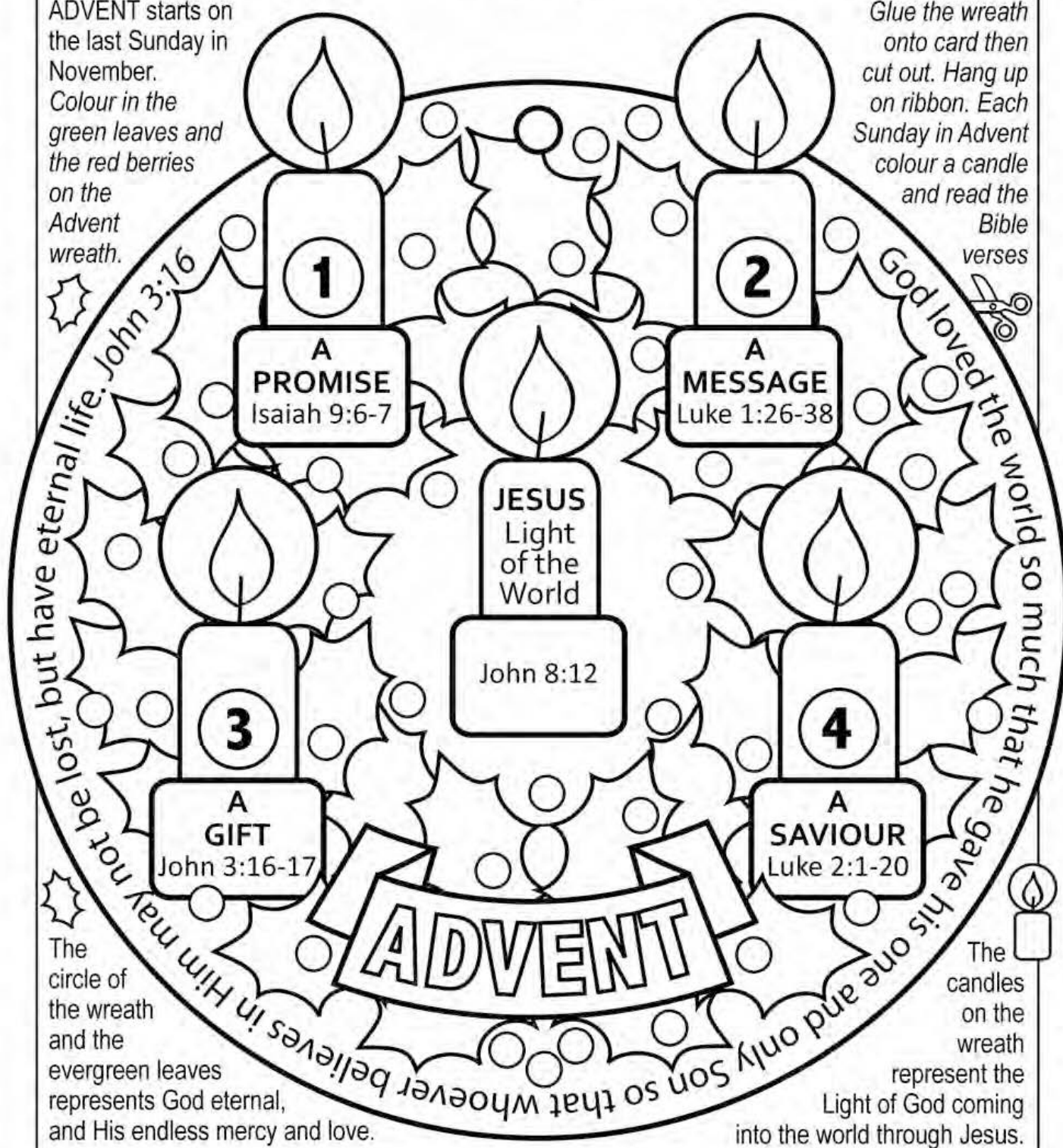


Jesus is coming, ADVENT is here!
Advent is the time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, who is God's Son and our Saviour. In Advent we remember
God's promise to the world,
God's message to Mary,
God's gift to us and
God's promise come true in Jesus.



ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November. Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Glue the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses



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'HIGHWAY'

NEWSLETTER OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF MELVILLE

October, 1979

BISHOP WARWICK SHAW BASTIAN

For three years, from 1953 to 1956, the Revd Warwick Bastian served as Rector of the Willagee Mission area. This included rapidly-developing residential areas south of the river, from Safety Bay to Melville and from Coogee Beach to Jandakot. Occasional visits were also made to Rottnest and the Cocos Islands.

With this far-flung region as his responsibility, it is a tribute to the quality of his leadership that in his time in Willagee the Melville Anglican community became firmly established. When the Reverend Warwick Bastian first visited Melville services for 12 to 20 people were being held weekly in the Scout hall. Three years later, under his guidance, pioneers of Melville Anglican Church were holding their services on an elevated site he had chosen for them in a reconstructed wooden church which had been All Saints Church in Peppermint Grove. Reclad with brick and tile the wooden building remains as our lesser hall.

All this development in three short years had been possible because of the way people responded to the far-sightedness of his vision and the warmth and infectious enthusiasm shown in his leadership. They recognized in their Rector a man who walked with God.

In September 1978, when Bishop Bastian dedicated the large refurnished church hall as a sanctuary the people's love for him, and his for them was felt by everyone present. It was an inspiring service revealing how his vision for the Church of the Holy Cross had lingered on as a star to light the way.

We, who have known this splendid priest, feel sadness at his death. But with great sincerity and thankfulness we praise God for his life which enriched the lives of so many others.

In consideration of our Diamond Jubilee, reproduced above is a copy of "Highway" which was the monthly newsletter of the Anglican Parish of Melville for many years. This issue is from October 1979.

It is interesting to look back nearly 40 years & see how important issues then are still important issues today.

Gladys A. Cox of 12 Young Street, Melville passed away on Sunday 16th September 1979. Born into a Christian family, Mrs Cox was a valued member of St Luke's church choir in Cottesloe. Since coming to the Melville Parish some twenty years ago she has been a faithful worshipper and untiring helper in the church. She was president of the Ladies Guild for many years.

Mrs Cox had a long association with the Myola Club (a women's cultural club which helped many charities) and of which she had been made a life member. Throughout her life she gave very freely of her musical talents in her help towards war effort and charity.

The members of the Ladies Guild are grateful for her example of strength, and offer our deep sympathy to her loved ones in their loss.

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A happy evening was spent by Mothers' Union Members on September 10th, when we celebrated our 13th Birthday.

We had a short church service, then our President welcomed our visitors, Mesdames Retallick, Burke and Mrs Soulsby who were formation members, also the Deanery President, Mrs Eagan, and Mrs Smith and Mrs Squires of the Ladies' Guild. The welcome also included Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Flindell who sang for us, and Miss Withers who accompanied her and afterwards played for community singing.

After supper a beautiful cake, made by Mrs Flennerhasset, and decorated by Mrs Baxter, was cut by our three oldest members, Mesdames Seddon, Spencer and Davidson.

There were nine Foundation Members present including Mesdames Doris Martin and June Wood.

SCRIPTURE READING ROSTER

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

October 21st
October 28th
November 4th

Mrs J. O'Brien
Mrs M. Joachim
Mr W.B. Frost

Mr M. deLang
Mrs E. Adam
Mrs L. Doust

Dear Friends,

I have it on good authority that this letter was actually received by the Deputy Commissioner for Taxation:

"Dear Sir,

Five years ago I cheated on my income tax. This has caused me considerable worry and I haven't had a good night's sleep since. I am enclosing twenty five dollars cash. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the balance."

Money has robbed many a person of sleep. Except in the most primitive societies people have devoted an inordinate amount of physical and mental energy to money. Making it, counting it and handling it. Lending it, losing it, betting it. Spending it, borrowing it, willing it. Investing it, banking it and keeping it.

It is a fact that Jesus treated the subject of money more than any other.

The teaching of Jesus regarding money is not that we should all take a vow of poverty. However, Jesus was concerned about people for whom money had become an obsession.

For some people the hot spot in their lives may be sex or power or vengeance. For others the hot spot may be a besetting obsession with money.

There are some Church people who believe that the Church too suffers from this obsession with money. Why stewardship programmes? Why pledge?

During this month of October we will be asking ourselves about our stewardship commitment - particularly as it concerns the giving of our money to the Church.

In all fairness it must be pointed out that this Parish of Melville operates on a shoestring budget.

There is a book on the market entitled Magic With Leftovers. Sometimes I wonder if it is about cooking or the Church. After 19 years in the Church as a minister I think we have worked some fantastic magic with the leftovers people have given us - the loose change, the remnants and odd bits that could be discarded without any pain.

Many people in this Parish are giving time, talents and money in a meaningful way and in good measure.

I believe that the Spirit of God is confronting us with a challenge to radically revise our understanding of Church budgets and Church giving.

Peter Ferguson
Rector.

Editorial

Tremors of shock play havoc with people, their buildings, the land. Earthquakes reduce to rubble derelict churches of another age. Standing in a sea of wheat or along forgotten lanes, small country churches remain, bereft of roof and windows, as relics of a local Christian community in an era of less mobility. Gaunt gables point aimlessly to the heavens as reminders of the past for new generations of men and women who pass heedlessly by.

One shock, one tremor, and the ruin collapses into a formless heap of rubble to be eroded by the elements of time.

But take a living church, with people of good faith and a building in sound repair, cemented by the mortar of a master craftsman. Such active communities are also vulnerable to the waves of shock. This was the experience in Melville at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 16th September. As the hour of worship and Communion drew to a close, the people felt renewed in the presence of God.

Suddenly the congregation was rocked by the announcement of the death of one of the builders of their church, Mrs Gladys Cox. Yet did the vibration of this sad news-flash reduce the Christian community to annihilation?

No. The faith, hope and love that unites us in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord, was able to bind us together and uplift us as the Rector led an act of remembrance and prayer on her passing. We gave thanks for the gracious life of Mrs Cox who gladdened the days of so many others. Her friends, although shaken, were thankful her suffering was at an end.

In crises such as this, the church does not disintegrate but is strengthened by the faith we all share. One life, well lived, has passed on, but we, who have been inspired by her leadership, friendship, personality and love, will continue to build on the foundations she helped to lay. Let her prayer be ours:

"Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart."

It takes time to make history. It takes time to write history - but we hope that the book telling the history of our parish will be on sale by Christmas.

LET MY PEOPLE GO - THE OPPRESSED ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

According to Dr Henry Schapper of the University of Western Australia, 90 - 95% of Aborigines are affected by poverty. It has become a way of life. It is a poverty in which a mere increase in income would probably not greatly help. Aboriginal people have been born into and raised in what can only be described as abject self perpetuating poverty. It is a way of life that they are psychologically attuned to. The fact that many Aborigines are no longer content to live in this way is a real ray of hope for their future.

Again, according to Dr Schapper -

"They (the Aborigines) have a relatively higher death-rate, a lower life expectancy, a higher proportion of individuals in the younger age groups. They are only partially integrated into national institutions, and are marginal people even when they live in the heart of a great city. They have a very low level of education and literacy, do not belong to labour unions, are not members of a political party, and make very little use of banks, department stores, museums, art galleries and airports. There is unemployment and under-employment, low wages, a miscellany of unskilled occupations, absence of saving, absence of food reserves in the home, a pattern of buying small quantities of food many times a day as the need arises, and the use of second-hand clothing and furniture. Living is in crowded quarters; there is a lack of privacy, gregariousness, a high incidence of alcoholism, frequent resort to violence in the settlement of quarrels, wife-beating, early initiation into sex, free unions or consensual marriages, a relatively high incidence of the abandonment of mothers and children. They have a strong present time orientation with relatively little ability to defer gratification and plan for the future, and a sense of resignation and fatalism, a critical attitude towards some of the values and institutions of the dominant classes, hatred of the police, mistrust of government and those in high positions. These and other elements of living have become integrated into a way of life known as the culture or sub-culture of poverty. This is a design for poor living which is passed down from generation to generation."

Aboriginal people live in a vicious circle of poverty, so that the solution of one of the conditions of their oppression will not miraculously save them from the other factors. What I mean is that even if they were to be provided with good housing, nevertheless racism, lack of education, alcoholism would continue to debilitate their communities.

The Care Group is off to a good start. Led by the Revd Ern King the twenty members have spent four evenings discussing various aspects of the caring ministry. One grain of wisdom learnt at the very beginning was the importance of listening. It is not the role of the visitor to sprinkle good advice like confetti. The silliness to listen is of far greater value. Respect for people should be practiced, whether or not their views coincide with those of the visitor. The golden rule for a caring group to observe is:

"Do for others only what they cannot do for themselves."

By participating in exercises members realised how their reactions and values differed in contrasting situations. A taped interview with a troubled lonely mother whose family had left home was analysed by the group.

One evening was spent discussing death and bereavement. The stages of grief were described so that they could be recognised and accepted. Mr King then suggested the response and help appropriate for each stage. A book he recommended for members to read and to give to a person suffering bereavement was "Good Grief", an inexpensive book available from most book shops.

The problem of caring for a stroke victim was discussed, and emphasis was placed on the particular frustrations of these people whose lives have been greatly changed. Friends may suggest ways in which optional lifestyles could help with adjustments made necessary by limitations. Continued acceptance of the person by family and the community is essential.

The caring group will look at the needs of people in the community from the elderly to young mothers and children. After attending the excellent series of talks by the Revd Ern King members will be well equipped for action.

ROSTER TO CLEAN BRASS AND ARRANGE FLOWERS

20th October	:	Mrs Wren and Mrs East
27th October	:	Mrs Worrall
3rd November	:	Mrs Blackman & Mrs Aplin

SIDESMENS ROSTER

	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.
October 21st	J. Burton	J. Davey
October 28th	R. Seddon	J. Blackman
November 4th	L. Atkinson	J. Raymond
		K. Cheng
		C. Adam
		A. Dyson

Service Times

Wed 2nd November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 6th November (Green)

Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

04:00 pm Order of St Luke

Wed 9th November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 13th November (Green)

Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

Wed 16th November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 20th November (White or Green)

Last Sunday After Pentecost

09:00 am Service

Wed 23rd November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 27th November (Violet)

First Sunday of Advent

09:00 am Service

Wed 30th November (Red)

09:30 am Morning Prayers

Sun 4th December (Violet)

Second Sunday of Advent

09:00 am Service

09:00 am Sunday Club

For Your Diary

Wed 2nd November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 03rd November

09:30 am Bible Study

04:00 pm Kids Plus

07:00 pm Advent Study Group

Sat 5th November

05:30 pm Diamond Jubilee

Wed 9th November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 10th November

04:00 pm Kids Plus

07:00 pm Advent Study Group

Mon 14th November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Wed 16th November

01:00 pm Mothers Union

Thu 17th November

04:00 pm Kids Plus

07:00 pm Advent Study Group

Wed 23rd November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 24th November

04:00 pm Kids Plus

07:00 pm Advent Study Group

Wed 30th November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 1st December

04:00 pm Kids Plus

(Final Kids Plus for this year)

07:00 pm Advent Study Group

Fri 2nd December

06:30 pm Happy Hour

(Carol Singing)

Wed 7th December

10:30 am Mainly Music

