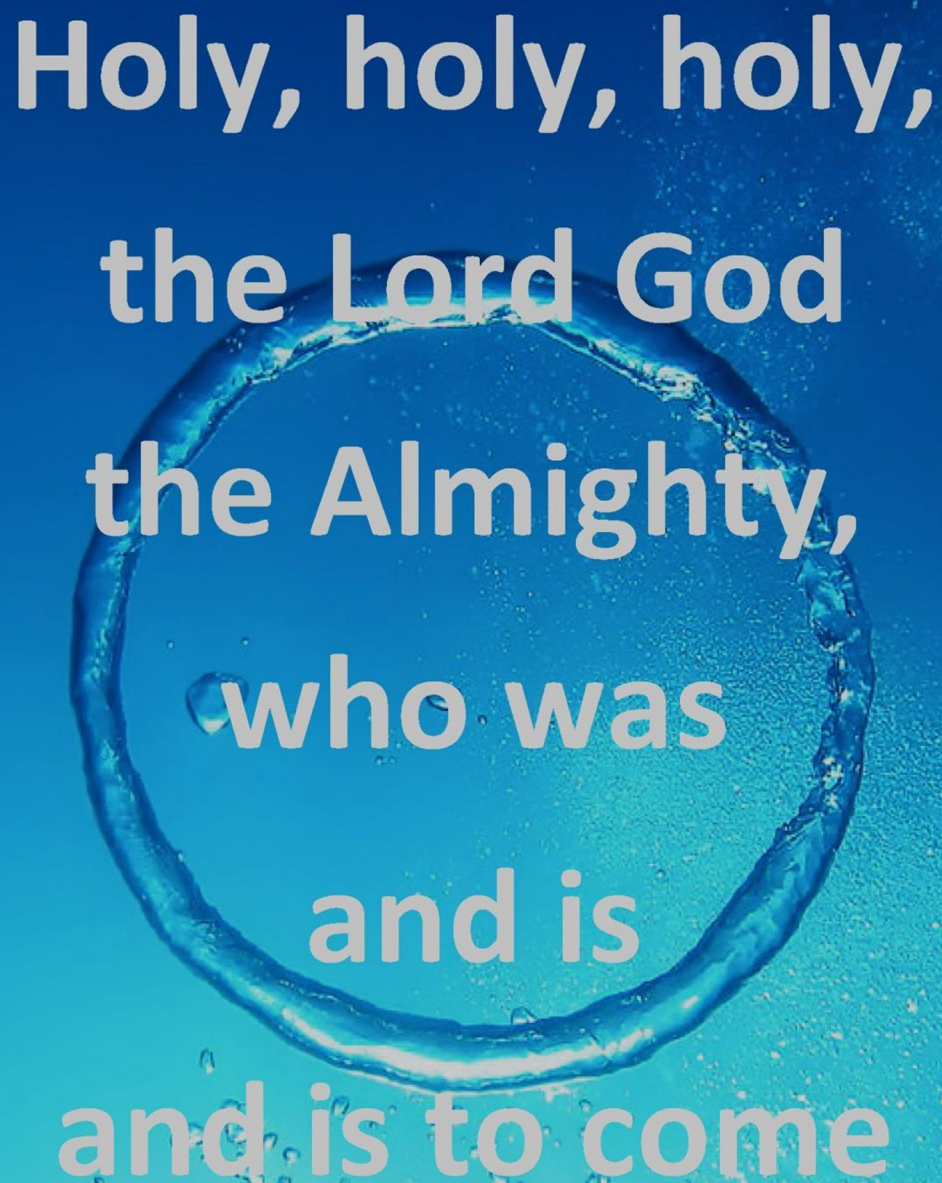


ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER



**Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God
the Almighty,
who was
and is
and is to come**

November 2015



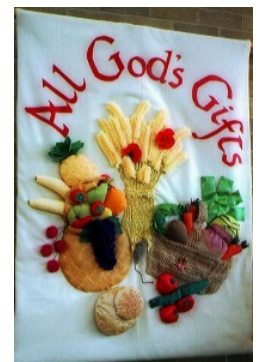
Anglican Church of Holy Cross Melville
56 McLean Street, Melville WA 6156

Harvest Festival!

Sunday 15th November
at 9:00 am

During our regular 9:00 am service you are invited to bring an item of non perishable food or a gift for children, teenagers, all age adults. These will be donated to Willagee Anglican Church for their Christmas hampers. Thanks.

You are also invited to bring something that represents the harvest of your creativity (woodwork, knitting, cooking etc) to display in front of the altar during the service and then taken home.



Further Info: Revd. Julie at julieblennard@gmail.com or
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<http://holycrossmelville.org>

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www.perth.anglican.org/bulletin

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: Revelation chapter 4: 8

Sunday Club is held on the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am and crèche facilities are available at the rear of the church. A change table is in the disabled toilet.

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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From the Revd. Julie

New Parish Councillor

As announced in Church recently, Lillian Daniels has accepted my invitation to join Parish Council. Thanks to Lillian for bringing her wisdom, time and commitment to this role. I still have the option of one more appointment, plus the appointment of another Warden.

Blessing of the Pets

Well – I think those of us who were at the Blessing of the Pets survived well! It was a great morning and for those with pets it meant a lot. Well done to everyone for joining in the spirit of the morning. If you have internet access do have a look at the many photos from the morning.

Team Developments

As a way of enriching our life together – and ensuring we are also outward looking – we have formed a few small teams that draw on people's different gifts to provide input into the various areas.

The teams formed to date are:

Fresh Expressions:

Jill Bowman, Lillian Daniels, Sheri McCarthy, Sue Saunders, Carole White (Ex Officio: Revd Julie). This team is currently meeting with Revd Alison Gilchrist, Diocesan Mission Enabler to distil all our ideas and discern a manageable way forward. Once the team is clear on that it will make a presentation to Parish Council and then to the wider Church community.

Welcoming:

Revd. Julie, Alice Duncan, Ida Kirby, Sharon Holyoake, Betty Rushforth. We will now have two Welcomers rostered on each Sunday. Alice will continue with her important role at the desk handing out whatever information is there for people and assisting with welcoming when there are a lot of people. The other welcomer will wait just inside the front door and be alert for new people and guide them as necessary. And of course, will offer a warm welcome to regular folk as well. This Welcomer will also be responsible for looking after new people after the service. Welcome Packs have been prepared for new people. Thanks to Sharon who has made special name badges for the Welcomers so they are easily identified. Whilst these two welcome roles are really important – it is equally important to remember we are all responsible for welcoming at Church and all need to be attentive to anyone either new or standing/sitting by themselves.

Worship and Liturgy:

Revd. Julie, Jill Bowman, Emma Charlton, Lillian Daniels, Sharon Holyoake. I think we have already seen the fruits of this team with Celebration Sunday, Fathers' Day and the Blessing of the Pets. It is certainly good to have input from a number of people in order to offer the best service possible when there are special events. Plans for the Harvest Festival are in hand and we will soon be planning Christmas services.

From the Revd. Julie (continued)

Of course, members of each team will not be expected to do all the work when an event is planned but they are the genesis of ideas which is really important.

Website

It is very good news that Lillian Daniels has taken responsibility for keeping Holy Cross' website up to date. Lillian has already been very active so check us out at www.holycrossmelville.org. The weekly sermons are now uploaded on Sunday so if you would like to read a sermon for whatever reason you can now easily download it. We can be very grateful to Lillian as we know people look on the internet for info about local Churches. Thank you to Peter who had been looking after the website until now.

Diocesan News

At the recent Synod it was announced that Bishop Tom Wilmot will retire in February 2016. Bishop Tom has served the Perth and Bunbury Dioceses well over many, many years in a variety of locations and responsibilities. Although Bishop Tom will retire from ministry, he plans to remain active in Ecocare projects – one of his great passions.

Harvest Festival

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This is another opportunity to extend an invitation to church.

Order of St Luke

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

Healing Service

Date: Sunday 1st November 2015

Time: 4:00 pm

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

Topic: All Saints Day -
The Gift of Remembrance

Bring and share supper

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
Air conditioners Service before hot weather	Completed
Reshuffle of storage	Nearly Done
Glass doors – need cleaning	Ongoing
Toilet seat in female toilet needs replacing.	Needs looking at again
Floors in Kitchen and meeting room need scouring	
General Weeding	
Hand water verge lawn.	
Rear Sheds need tidying	

If you see anything that needs attention please contact the Warden. If you can help with any of these jobs please contact the Warden – she will jump for joy

Defence Force Sunday

Sunday 8th November is recognised as Defence Force Sunday and so we will be having a particular focus on that during our 9 am service.

Christmas Kids Market

Our last fundraiser for the year is on Saturday 21st November. Can you please pass the message on to anyone you might know who has preloved or handmade children items to sell & encourage them to book a table for only \$15. We will be having a cake stall at the market. It would be great if everyone can make a cake, slice or some yummy creation for the stall. If you have any questions see Jill or Julie

ABM Advent Appeal

During 2015, almost 8000 people living in a remote western part of Zambia have been supported by community members that formed a gender action group (GAG).

Through the support of ABM, the group (GAG) help teenage girls to continue their education instead of marrying, as well as counsel both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. The GAG is also making community members aware of where they can go for help in the case of domestic violence and what their legal rights are.

Further funding is desperately needed so that more groups of motivators can be trained to work within their own communities. The training will help change attitudes and behaviours relating to gender-based violence and the empowerment of women. Please support the Gender & Governance program run by the Anglican Church in Zambia.

Parish Council Report

Meeting held 15th October 2015

Business Arising

- Plaque acknowledging original custodians now purchased and awaiting erection on outside wall near front door.
- Chocolates raised \$311.17 with just a few more to be sold.
- The idea of a Parish/Doctor nurse to be held in abeyance for the time being.
- Revd Julie's contract to be further discussed with Archdeacon Lionel Snell once he returns from leave.

Locum Priest's Report

- Most items raised by Revd Julie are covered in her Notes at the beginning of the Newsletter.

Children's Ministry

- Mainly music has resumed for term four.
- KidsPlus+ will resume on 29 October.
- Sunday Club continuing on first Sunday of the month.

Holy Cross Diamond Jubilee

- March 2016 will be "Jubilee Month" and our annual Episcopal visit has been requested for 6th or 20th March 2016.

Warden's Report

- Installing rail at tennis court steps been delayed and will now happen after Christmas.
- Door on server window will be completed in the next six weeks.
- More discussion and planning required for fencing of grassed area – including cost involved.
- Agreed to spend the estimated cost of \$100 to have airconditioners serviced.
- Agreed to purchase more gift vouchers to the value of \$250 (these assist people in need).
- Agreed to purchase a new large urn for \$229 as Holy Cross does not have its own. Will need to purchase some better teapots in due course.

Treasurer's Report

- Current biggest liability is the stipend owing to the Diocese (\$13,766). Will make another \$2,000 payment this month – and all being well will pay that amount monthly until debt cleared.
- Need to continually bear in mind the future need to pay for stipended ministry (even if part-time) and the need to eventually purchase a rectory.
- Mini Market raised \$1,677.37.

Parish Council (cont'd)

The Way Forward – Fresh Expressions

- Happy Hour on 18th September was enjoyed by all. The next one is on 27th November (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm) and will start with Carol singing with Sing Australia Choir – followed by turning on of the Christmas lights – and then drinks and nibbles.
- See Revd. Julie's Notes at beginning of Newsletter re Fresh Expressions and the team.
- Craft group still fairly small but continues to meet fortnightly.

Other Business

- Agreed to go ahead with Christmas Kids Market on 21st November (8:30 am – 11:30 am) as it does not entail a lot of work. Tables \$15 – entry gold coin donation – Holy Cross only providing a cake stall. Agreed that the market be opened up to distributors.

Next Meeting

Sunday 8th November 2015.

Note

A copy of the Minutes is posted on the Noticeboard every month for anyone to read.

The New Minister

The new minister was visiting in the homes of her parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to her repeated knocks at the door. Finally she took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, she found that her card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

Reaching for her Bible to check out the citation, she broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."



"...and don't forget we're coming into Nativity Play season – make sure we have extra tea-towels in stock!"

All Saints' Day

The feast day of all the redeemed.

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians.

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

All Souls' Day

A time of reckoning with the past.

The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain 'the Beatific Vision' through purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls' Day should follow the feast of All Saints' Day.

At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London.

In bygone centuries All Souls' Day was certainly uncomfortable for anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life.

On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. Some of these beliefs seem to have been caught up in the popular customs of Hallowe'en.

When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 2nd November

04:00 pm Prayer Group

Tue 3rd November

09:00 am Bible Study

Wed 4th November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 5th November

04:00 pm Kids+

Mon 9th November

04:00 pm Prayer Group

Wed 11th November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 12th November

04:00 pm Kids+

Mon 16th November

04:00 pm Prayer Group

Tue 17th November

09:00 am Bible Study

Wed 18th November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 19th November

04:00 pm Kids+

Sat 21st November

08:30 am Christmas Mini Market

Mon 23rd November

04:00 pm Prayer Group

Wed 25th November

10:30 am Mainly Music

Thu 26th November

04:00 pm Kids+

Fri 27th November

06:00 pm Happy Hour



Marriage In Australia

Median Age of First Marriage

In 2013, the median age for first time marriages was 29.9 years for men and 28.3 years for women.

Since the mid-1970s, the median age for first time marriages has increased significantly: 23.4 years for men in 1975 compared to 29.9 years in 2013, 21 years for women in 1975 compared to 28.3 years in 2013.

On average, women consistently marry younger than men.

Marriage Celebrants

In 1902, almost all marriages were performed by ministers of religion (96.2%)

In 1999, more marriages were conducted by civil servants than ministers of religion (51.3% compared to 48.7%)

In 2013, 72.5% of all marriage were conducted by civil servants, compared to 27.4% by ministers of religion.

Marriage Preceded by Cohabitation

Between the 1970s and late 2000s, marriages preceded by cohabitation increased significantly.

In 1976, just 16% of men and women lived together before marriage, compared to 71% in 2000, 77% of couples lived together before marriage in 2013.

(from the Australian Institute of Family Studies)

Older Women & Homelessness

Older single women are the new face of homelessness in Australia, welfare group Anglicare has revealed in a new report that looks at the groups falling through the cracks in society.

The State of the Family report, released on Monday 12th October 2015, found that older single women were much more vulnerable to poverty and homelessness due to lower workplace participation, lifelong unpaid caring responsibilities and lack of affordable housing.

Many found themselves without stable long-term accommodation when they left abusive relationships after their adult children had moved out.

“Older single women represent the changing face of homelessness; experiencing homelessness for the first time later in life,” the report said.

“Most have limited financial resources and assets meaning they are unable to hold their place in a housing market which is becoming increasingly unaffordable.”



According to the report, women of retirement age had 57% less superannuation savings than men due to greater caring responsibilities through the course of their lives. Taking time out from paid employment to look after children and ageing parents meant they had less superannuation.

“Anecdotally, we know that the instances of older women experiencing unstable housing are on the rise (Anglicare Australia, 2015), however determining the magnitude of this issue is complicated by the often ‘hidden’ experiences of older women. For example, research suggests that older women experiencing housing crisis are likely to be staying with friends, living in vehicles, or living under threat of violence in their homes due to a lack of viable alternatives (McFerran, 2009). Such arrangements are often not captured within the official counts of homelessness, but there is no disputing this is an emerging trend, and one that must be urgently addressed.

As a society, we have a clear moral and social obligation to support anyone experiencing homelessness. This obligation is arguably greater when the group affected experiences homelessness as a direct result of poor policy. So what can be done to support homeless older women in Australia?”

[Download the full document from the Anglicare Australia Website:](#)

St. James The Least Of All

On what it takes to be an ordinand

My dear Nephew Darren

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don't think he is cut out for the ministry.

We did our best. In a fit of hospitality the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird, and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf, and did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organize a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious, but then realized he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness, and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious – we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub - and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

The visit only proves the obvious: potential ordinands should be carnivorous, cricketing fly-fishers, most at home in well-worn tweeds and preferably accompanied by a muddy dog. How else will they get along with normal folk?

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Rosters: from Sunday 1st November 2015 through to Sunday 20th December 2015

Date	Media	Money	Reading	Prayers	Communion	Altar	Welcome	Kitchen
Sun 1 st Nov	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Peter B	Jill B	Jill B	Ida	Ida	Lillian & Joel
Sun 8 th Nov	Peter B & Joel	David D & Betty SG	David D	Revd. Julie	Adele	Ida	Ida	Lillian & Joel
Sun 15 th Nov	Michael A	Lillian & Betty SG	Pat	Jill B	Betty R	Ida	Ida	Ida & Margaret
Sun 22 nd Nov	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Lillian	Beryl	Beryl	Ida	Ida	Joy & Frank
Sun 29 th Nov	Peter B & Joel	David D & Betty SG	Norma	Revd. Julie	Adele	Ida	Ida	Michael & Adele
Sun 6 th Dec	Michael A	Lillian & David	Betty SG	Jill B	Betty R	Sheri	Betty R	Betty R & Hazel
Sun 13 th Dec	Peter B & Joel	Pat & Lillian	David D	Beryl	Beryl	Sheri	Betty R	Ida & Margaret
Sun 20 th Dec	Michael A	Betty SG & Pat	Pat	Jill B	Jill B	Sheri	Betty R	Lillian & Joel

Note
 If you are unable to fulfil your roster duty on your rostered day, please try to find someone to swap with.
 If you cannot find anyone, please contact Revd. Julie or Jill.

THE FOUR CANDLES OF ADVENT

The **Prophecy** Candle reminds us God's prophets foretold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle reminds us Jesus, our Saviour, was born in an ordinary town among ordinary people. The **Shepherd's** Candle reminds us that the first to worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's**

candle reminds us that it was the angels who announced the birth of Jesus and will be with Him at his return.

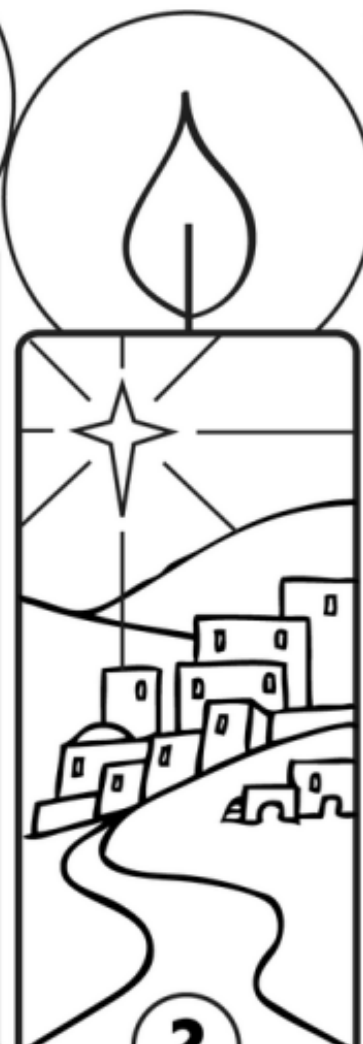
Mouse Makes

ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



**THE
PROPHECY
CANDLE**

Isaiah 9:2-7



**THE
BETHLEHEM
CANDLE**

Micah 5:2-4



**THE
SHEPHERD'S
CANDLE**

Luke 2:15-20



**THE
ANGEL'S
CANDLE**

Luke 2:8-14



Colour in one candle each Sunday in ADVENT and countdown to Christmas



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Service Times

Sun 1st November (White)

All Saints

09:00 am Service

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 11: 32-44

09:00 am Sunday Club

04:00 pm Order of St Luke the Physician
Healing Service

Wed 4th November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Pss: 11, 12

2 Kings 13: 14-25

Mathew 21: 23-32

Sun 8th November (Green)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
& Defence Force Sunday

09:00 am Service

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17

Ps 127

Hebrews 9: 19-28

Mark 12: 38-44

Wed 11th November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Pss: 28, 29

2 Kings 17: 21-41

Mathew 23: 16-28

Sun 15th November (Green)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost &
Harvest Festival

09:00 am Service

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

Song of Hannah (APBA p.429)

Hebrews 10: 11-25

Mark 13:1-11

Service Times

Wed 18th November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Pss: 41, 44: 1-9

2 Kings 20

Mathew 25: 14-30

Sun 22nd November (White)

Christ the King

09:00 am Service

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Ps 132: 1-12

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Wed 25th November (Green)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Pss: 62, 63

2 Kings 23: 31-24: 9

Mark 2: 1-17

Sun 29th November (Violet)

First Sunday of Advent

09:00 am Service

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Ps 25: 1-10

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-38

Wed 2nd December (Violet)

09:30 am Morning Prayer

Pss: 77

Isaiah 41: 1-16

Mark 5: 1-10

Sun 6th December (Violet)

Second Sunday of Advent

09:00 am Service

Malachi 3: 1-14

Philippians 1: 1-11

Luke 3: 1-6

09:00 am Sunday Club

Not just 4 Sundays!
Love, Share, Join in
Family, Smile, Support
Community, Welcome

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH
OF THE HOLY CROSS, MELVILLE**

Christmas Kids Market

A MARKET FOR PRELOVED BABY AND KIDS GOODS

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