

Proclaiming Christ in word and action;

Growing in care, love and service



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Next Wednesday: 9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret's

Next Saturday: 5.30 pm Carols & Holy Communion: St Stephens

7.00pm Holy Communion: St James Delamere

8.00pm Carols & Holy Communion: St Margaret's

9.30pm Holy Communion: Christ Church

Next Sunday: 25th December Christmas Day

9.00 am Holy Communion: St Ann's

9:00 am Holy Communion: Christ Church

9.00 am Ecumenical Service with Communion: Seaford Christian Churches

Next Sunday Readings: Isaiah 62.6-12~ Ps 97 ~ Titus 3.4-8a ~ Luke 2:8-20

Acknowledgement of Country: We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nation Peoples & are thankful for the community we share together. We pay our respects to the Kaurna People.

December 18th 2022 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sentence: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23

Collect: Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thought for the week: Christmas is a tonic for our souls. It moves us to think of others rather than of ourselves. It directs our thoughts to giving. BC Forbes

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 7, vv 10-16

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven". But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test". Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

Hear O Shepherd of Israel you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim shine out in glory;
Before Ephraim Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power and come to save us.

Restore us again O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts:

how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

You have fed them with the bread of tears:

and given them tears to drink in good measure.

You have made us the victim of our neighbours:

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us again O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:

on that son of man whom you made so strong for your self.

And so we shall not turn back from you:

give us life and we will call upon your name.

Restore us again O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

A reading from the letter to the Romans: Ch 1, vv 1-7

From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which God promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Ch 1, vv 18-25 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the Parish This Week

All items for Church Chatter should be either e-mailed (mcale2@bigpond.com) or phoned (08-8556 5351) to the *Editor by Wednesday evening. Thank you for your cooperation.*

Diary Dates

Wed 21st 9 am Holy Communion St Margaret's
 10 am Bible Study, St Margaret's
 6pm Contemplative Prayer Christ Church



Church Chatter:

Christian Care and Support Centre— needs supplies for December 2022. Place gifts (staple items preferred) in the outside basket or deliver to the Centre. Forget? Make a donation!

Those we continue to pray for: We pray for: Jac Bishop; Eileen Cook; Yvonne Scrutton; Brenda; Ted & Joyce, Catherine Cooling; Ursula Pridham; Trish McD; Barbara Webber; Tom Arnold, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank Thomas; Gordon Russell; Emily and her family; Wendy Sandercock: and *any others we wish to remember. If you wish to add people from a previous list or add new people, please contact the Editor.*