



# CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK

6 December 2009

**ADVENT 2**



MISSION and EVANGELISM by EXAMPLE and ENCOURAGEMENT

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**8:00 am LOW MASS**      Celebrant: Fr Robert      Preacher: Fr Robert

**9:30 am HIGH MASS**      Celebrant: Fr Robert      Preacher: Fr Robert

*The order for Mass begins on page 5 of the blue Service Book.*

*The music version is available at the back of the church*

### Sunday @ 5

**5:00 pm EVENSONG**      Led by Ben Dekatov

Psalm:      119: 89-104

Readings:      Amos 8: 4-12; John 5: 25-end

Hymns:      *Hark, A herald voice is calling*      **5**  
                  *Round me falls the night*      **249**  
                  *Lead us, heavenly Father*      **393**

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

7	MONDAY	7:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	The Patriarchs, and Wise Men of the Old Testament
8	TUESDAY APBA	7:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	Conception of Mary, the Mother of the Lord
9	WEDNESDAY APBA	7:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	
		10:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	
				followed by Morning Tea
		7.30 pm		Vestry Meeting
10	THURSDAY APB	6:00 pm	<i>Low Mass</i>	
11	FRIDAY APBA	7:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	
12	SATURDAY	8:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	
				followed by breakfast

### Readings for Sunday 13 December—Advent 3

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Benedictus  
Philippians 4: 4-7      Luke 3: 7-18

#### Memorial Flowers

Flowers today have been given in loving memory of  
**Richard Ponder**

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

(see pink sheet)

**INTROIT**

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above* **501**

**HYMN** *O Heavenly Word of God on High* **2**

**KYRIE** *Missa Aeterna Christe Munera* Palestrina

**COLLECT**

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING***Baruch 5:1–9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness from God;

put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting.

For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For your name will for ever be called by God,

“Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east,

at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,

carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills

be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,

so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command.

For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory,

with the mercy and righteousness that come from Him.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

## Chant – Turle

## Psalm 126



ANTIPHON (*Choir 1<sup>st</sup> time, All 2<sup>nd</sup> time*): **Out of Sion hath | God ap- |  
peared: in | per-fect | beau- | ty: Gather my saints together | un-to |  
me: those that have made a covenant with | me with | sac-ri- | fice.**  
**ALL**

When the Lord turned again the | fortunes of | Zion: then were we like | those  
res- | tored to | life.

Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter: \_\_\_ | and our | tongue with |  
singing.

Then said they a- | mong the | heathen: 'The Lord has | done great | things for  
| them.'

Truly the Lord has done | great things | for us: and | there-fore | we re- |  
joiced.

Turn again our | fortunes, O | Lord: as the streams return | to the | dry |  
south.

Those who | sow in | tears: shall | reap with | songs of | joy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Part:** They that go out weeping, | bearing the | seed: shall come again in  
gladness, | bringing their | sheaves with | them.

*Repeat antiphon once only*

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11*

Always in every prayer of mine for you all I make my prayer with joy,  
thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until  
now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it  
to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**HYMN**

*He who would valiant be*

**372**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

I was glad when they said unto me: **we will go into the house of  
the LORD. Alleluia.** WILT not thou turn again, O God, and quicken  
us; that thy peo-*ple* may re-joyce in thee: **shew us thy mercy, O  
LORD; and grant us thy sal-va-tion.**

✠ **GOSPEL**

*Luke 3: 1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be brought low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**CREED**

Merbecke

**SERMON**

Fr Robert

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling* **16**

**SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS & AGNUS DEI**

*Missa Aeterna Christe Munera*

Palestrina

***If you are a communicant member of another Church,  
you are welcome to receive communion.***

***Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail.***

**MOTET**

*Comfort Ye. Every Valley (Messiah)*  
(Soloist A. Ferrier)

G.F. Handel

**COMMUNION**

JERUSALEM, haste thee, and stand on high: **and behold the joy  
and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.**

**HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord*

**440**

***Please join us for refreshments in the Bardin Centre  
after the 9:30 am service.***

Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist stood at a pivotal moment in the history of God's dealing with his people; bridging the Old and New Testaments. John was a prophet, an orator for God. "The word of God came to John in the wilderness." John was the Servant of the Word, the Word of God who became flesh for our sake and for our salvation. Why was he in the wilderness? John was called from an early age to give himself to prayer and to the word of God. God taught him in the isolation of the desert and prepared him for ministry and for spiritual conflict. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who point the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs.

When a king toured his kingdom, he sent his messenger ahead to prepare the way. John is the messenger of the Messianic King who comes to usher in the kingdom or reign of God. Isaiah had long ago prophesied the role of the Forerunner of the Messiah. John certainly took this word to heart as he explored the scriptures and reflected on the word of the Lord in the wilderness. How does one prepare for the coming of the King and his heavenly kingdom? By conversion -- turning heart and mind from sin and rebellion to trust and obedience to God's word and desire for our lives. Luke's gospel emphasises the universal call of the gospel to all without distinction. He quotes from the prophet Isaiah that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." John stood at the gate of a new era of grace and salvation. He saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would attain through his death and resurrection -- pardon for our sins and eternal life for all who would believe in his name. Do you witness to others the joy and liberty of the gospel?

Yours in Christ,

Fr Robert

**Immediately following High Mass today, Richard Ponder's ashes will be interred in our Garden of Remembrance**

**Sunday @ 5**—today in the Bardin Centre and for the next two weeks.  
We are still collecting clothes etc for a nativity dress-up box.

**Advent Carol Service at the Cathedral today**  
6 pm at St Paul's Cathedral—Advent Carol Service and return of the Fresh Connections candles.

Many thanks to those parishioners who were involved in the Princes Hill Primary School Christmas Service on Friday.

Many thanks to all those involved in the Children's Activity Day yesterday.

Although **Bible Studies** are in recess until next year, Ben Dekatov will lead **Lectio Divina**—meditations on the Advent readings—each **Tuesday 6:30-7:15 pm** in the Lady Chapel

**Christmas Flowers**

Kaisu Parkes will be receiving donations for Christmas Flowers today.

**Op Shop Advent and Christmas Raffle**

Donations are sought of Christmas goods for prizes in the raffle to be held throughout Advent. Money raised will go to TEAR Australia's projects for the provision of primary schooling and literacy skills in Third World countries. Goods or cash donations may be given to Angela Scollary or Lucy Pope ASAP. Tickets at 50 cents each will be sold in the Op Shop and after the Sunday morning services in Advent. The raffle will be drawn on **21 December**.

**Stewart Lodge**

We will again be participating with the other Brunswick Churches in providing Christmas gifts for the residents of Stewart Lodge. Bags and lists of suggested items are available from Mary Harris.

**Parish Mission Giving**

**December: National Home Mission Fund**

supporting ministry to indigenous communities and remote Australia

Money from the candlestand goes to the Mollison Library at Trinity College.

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## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

For each day the intercessions are, in order, for the **Anglican Communion**, the **Anglican Church of Australia** and the **Diocese of Melbourne**.

- Sun 6 Western Mexico (Bp Lino Rodriguez Amaero); Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Andrew Curnow, Asst Bp Ron Stone) clergy & people; Melbourne Grammar School (Roy Kelley, Principal; Ronald Noone, Eleanor O'Donnell, William Peacock, Chaplains); St Mark's Camberwell (Greg Allinson); Advent Carol Service at St Paul's Cathedral; St Alfred's Blackburn North – confirmation (Bp Barbara Darling); St Philip's Collingwood (Bp Philip Huggins visit); St Nicholas' Mordialloc Patronal Day (Bp Paul White);
- Mon 7 Diocese of Western Michigan (Province V, USA) (Bp Robert Ronald Gepert); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Asst Bps Jonathan Holland, Robert Nolan, Geoffrey Smith) clergy & people; Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry (Jonathan Chambers, coordinator) & Chaplains; St Mary's South Camberwell (Andrew Ettles);
- Tue 8 Diocese of Western New York (Province II, USA) (Bp J Michael Garrison; Diocese of Bunbury (Bp David McCall) clergy & people; Archdeaconry of Frankston (Alan Hughes); St Paul's Canterbury (Susanne Chambers);
- Wed 9 Diocese of Western Newfoundland (Canada) (Bp Percy Coffin); Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Stuart Robinson, Asst Bps Trevor Edwards, Allan Ewing) clergy & people; Mentone Grammar School (Mal Cater, Principal; Roger Williams, Michael Prabaharan, Chaplains); Canterbury Fellowship (Stuart Blackler, locum); Parliament of the World's Religions;
- Thu 10 Diocese of Western North Carolina (Province IV, USA) (Bp Granville Porter Taylor); Ministry to the Defence Force (Bp Len Eacott) Chaplains & all members of the Defence Force; Theological Education - Network 1:28 (Robert Presland, Director); St Jude's Carlton (Richard Condie, Ross Green, Tim Patrick, Ariel Kurilowicz, Robert Miller, Richard Shumack);
- Fri 11 Diocese of Western Tanganyika (Tanzania) Bps Gerard E Mpango, Marko Badeleya, Naftal Bikaka, Sospeter Ndenza); Diocese of Gippsland (Bp John McIntyre) clergy & people; Anglican Media (Roland Ashby, Director); St Michael's North Carlton (Steven Webster, Gregory Davies, Melanie Lamb);
- Sat 12 Diocese of Wiawso (West Africa) (Np Abraham Kobina Ackah); Diocese of Grafton (Bp Keith Slater) clergy & people; Converge International (Lindsay McMillan, CEO); Parish of Caroline Springs (Lynton Wade); St George the Martyr Queenscliff – Thanksgiving (Bp Philip Huggins).

### Year's Mind

- Sun 6** Thomas Henry Driver, John Albert Stewart Hassall,  
Juliette Caroline Arnott
- Mon 7-** -
- Tue 8** John Philip Kline
- Wed 9** -
- Thu 10** Elizabeth Spiden
- Fri 11** Joseph Harry Webb, Thomas Lexington Flavell, Murdoch Flavell
- Sat 12** Tasma Clare Stitz, Charlotte Mae Boston