



CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK

27 December 2009

**ST JOHN
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**



MISSION and EVANGELISM by EXAMPLE and ENCOURAGEMENT

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8:00 am LOW MASS Celebrant: Fr Drew Preacher: Fr Drew

9:30 am HIGH MASS Celebrant: Fr Drew Preacher: Fr Drew

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

The music version is available at the back of the church

5:00 pm EVENSONG Preacher: Fr Drew

Psalm: 77

Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8, John 1: 21-35

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

28	MONDAY	8:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	The Innocents
29	TUESDAY <small>APBA</small>	7:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	Thomas of Canterbury
30	WEDNESDAY <small>APBA</small>	7:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	Josephine Butler
		10:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	followed by morning tea
31	THURSDAY	6.00 pm	<i>Low Mass</i>	John Wyclif
		11 40 pm	<i>Watchnight Service and</i>	<i>Ringing in the New Year</i>
1	FRIDAY	8.00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	The Naming and Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ
2	SATURDAY	8:00 am	<i>Low Mass</i>	Seraphim of Sarov

Readings for Sunday 3 January Christmas 2

Sirach 24: 1-12;

Psalm 147 12-20

Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18;

John 1: 1-18

INTROIT

GOD in his holy habitation; it is he that maketh brethren to be of one *mind* in an house: He will give the dominion and preeminence *un-to* his people. **Let God arise, and let his e-ne-mies be scat-ter-ed: let them also that hate him flee be-fore him.** Glo-ry be...

HYMN

From East to West

20

KYRIE and GLORIA

Merbecke

COLLECT

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8: 22-31

Thus speaks the Wisdom of God:
“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth;
before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master workman;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the sons of men.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN *A great and mighty wonder* **21**
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: **for it becometh well the just to be thankful.**

✠ **GOSPEL** *John 20: 2-8*

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ

CREED Merbecke

SERMON Fr Drew

OFFERTORY HYMN *Word, Supreme before creation* **202**

SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS & AGNUS DEI Merbecke

***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.***

COMMUNION

SON, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. **And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?**

HYMN *O thou who camest from above* **431**

Please join us for refreshments in the Bardin Centre

Dear Parishioners

At particularly critical moments in his gospel, John is referred to as the one whom Jesus loved. Perhaps this was true. Perhaps there was a particularly brotherly bond between Jesus and John. But there may have been a number of other reasons why this reference was stated so forthrightly and continually. Please bear in mind this is purely a spiritual flight of fancy, so make of it what you will, if anything.

In the early church politics was rife. There never was one perfect, ideal and united, whatever that means, church (perhaps the exception was in the early part of Acts, but even there the cracks were beginning to show). The gospel of Christ has always had to compete with politics and egos, if it did not, Easter wouldn't mean anything, but that's another story.

John appreciates the cosmological significance of the mystery of Christ. John sees Jesus the Christ as manifesting the very fabric of that which gives life to all of creation and sustains it. His consistent references to "I and the Father are one" and "I am," highlight this sense of unity between the appreciation of God as Source, Father, Word and Christ. Jesus the Christ through his very being is linked to this place but also to the foundations of the universe. He is the foundation of life, made flesh in all that he says and does.

In many ways the same could be said about the other gospels, they are earthy and of God, and cosmologically orientated. However, John is by and large thought to be written significantly later than the others and given the early church's blend of politics and theological infighting, John may have been thought to be a little too theologically advanced or big for his boots by other churches; early on there was no such thing as a canon of books. So John earns his stripes and justifies his Christological writing through the special relationship he has with Jesus, the founding fabric and Word of the Universe. This enables John to avoid being marginalized or avoided as being a Gnostic text.

John's gospel, John's community, John's Christ, reminds us that our joy is in service, love and following Christ this is at one and the same time a cosmological and intimate act. From John we can learn that everything we do, everything, has cosmological, theological, spiritual, political ... difference. This is a great gift of John, just as he was loved by Jesus the Christ, the Founding Fabric of the Universe, so too are we in what we do and are called to do and be in the world.

Peace,
Fr Drew

Thank you

... to all who contributed to our Christmas celebrations—musicians, servers, members of the Altar Guild, cleaners and caterers.

The Crib

... provides a focus for our thanksgiving for the incarnation of God's on during the twelve days of Christmas.

Pastoral

The Vicar is on leave and Fr Drew Hanlon is the Locum. Please contact him on 9354 6510 if you have pastoral concerns. Other matters should be referred to the churchwardens.

Ringing in the New Year

One of the conditions attached to John Grice's gift of our bell in 1871 was that the departing year be tolled out at midnight on 31 December to: *tell that one year less remains for us all*. You are invited to gather in the church at 11:40 pm for a brief Watchnight service, to honour John Grice's condition and to drink a toast to the year 2010.

The Christmas Bowl

The Christmas Bowl is a program of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. It aims to reduce poverty, protect refugees, prevent conflicts and empower communities. Envelopes are in the pews

Ordination

Thomas Leslie, our 2008 Theological student, is to be ordained deacon at Wangaratta on **Saturday 13 February 2010**. Please tell Mary Harris if you are interested in attending; it may be possible to hire a bus.

Parish Mission Giving

December—National Home Mission Fund—supporting ministry to indigenous communities and remote Australia.

January: The Parish of Maryborough.

Candlestand money 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 27 Diocese of Ysabel—Melanesia (Bp Revd Richard Naramana); Diocese of Willochra (Bp Garry Weatherill); Shelford Girls' Grammar (Pamela Chessell, Principal); Parish of Croydon Hills and Wonga Park (Mark Hanson)
- Mon 28 Diocese of Yukon—British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada (Abp Terrence O Buckle; Australian Cathedrals and Deans; Long Service Leave Fund—General Synod Office (Paul Bennett, Administrator); Church of the New Guinea Martyrs Croydon South (Bruce Bickerdike)
- Tues 29 Diocese of Zanzibar—Tanzania (Vacant); Theological colleges, Anglican Schools and Christian Bookshops (staff and students); Archdeaconry of Latrobe (Andrew Oddy); St James' Dandenong (Jeffrey Parker, Brian Higgins)
- Wed 30 Diocese of Zonkwa—Province of Abuja, Nigeria (Vacant); Tintern Schools (Jenny Collins, Principal; Stewart Taplin, Chaplain); St Michael's and St Luke's Dandenong (vacant);
- Thurs 31 Diocese of Zululand—South Africa (Bp Dino Gabriel); National Council of Churches; MU Australia (Elaine Longford, State President; Anne Kennedy, Melbourne President); Parish of Darebin South (Andrew Oddy, Olivia MacLean)
- Fri 1 Global Family Day; Anglican Church of Australia (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Primate; Martin Drevikovskiy, General Secretary); Archdeaconry of Maroondah (Stephen May); St Philip's Deep Creek (Rodney McArdle, Warwick Grant, Bruce McIntosh)
- Sat 2 Diocese of Aba—Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria (Abp Ugochuckwu Uwaoma Ezuoke); Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Jeffrey Driver, Asst Bp Stephen Pickard); Trinity Grammar School (Rick Tudor, Principal; Chris Leadbeater, Matt Campbell, Peter Turnbull, Chaplains); St John's Diamond Creek with St Katherine's St Helena and St Michael's Yarrambat (Dianne Nicolios, Robert Imberger, Craig Ogden)

Year's Mind

- Sun 27** Harriet Ruth Sharp, Elizabeth Gaye Lowe
- Mon 28** Florence Coish, Rene Jolley
- Tues 29** Septimus Charles Everard, Marguerite "Margot" Szigethy
- Wed 30** -
- Thurs 31** Allan Grainger (Snr), Nola Effie Boyd
- Fri 1** -
- Sat 2** -