

**Parish of Moe-Newborough
15th December 2024 – 10am
Third Sunday of Advent – Joy**



Celebrant: Rev'd Bruce Charles

Welcome to our service today!

Please join us for morning tea following the service.

Hymns	AHB 196	AHB 200	AHB 515	AHB 537
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Sentence: Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. Zephaniah 3.16–17

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD , is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD , your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD .

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

A Song of Isaiah

‘Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;
‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.’
With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.
On that day you will say:
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
‘Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.
‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.
‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

Isaiah 12.2-6

Second Reading:**Philippians 4.4-7**

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel:**Luke 3.7-18**

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Intercessions for today:

Our Diocese:

- Parish of Mirboo North:
Belinda Seabrook
Damien King - Lay Minister

Australian Church

- Diocese of Newcastle:
Bishop: Peter Stuart and Bishops
Sonia Roulston and Charlie Murray

Worldwide Church

- The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Our Parish:

We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Darrol and Joanna as they prepare to leave their familiar place to join us in our parish, and for the two sons they leave behind in PNG.

We pray for those coordinating their arrival in Australia and for our Parish as we prepare to welcome the family to their new home, ensuring they have all they need as they settle into their new surroundings.

Missions:

Anglican Overseas Aid

Special Focus:

- Mothers' Union
- Anglican Women Australia
- International Anglican Women's Network
- Women's groups in parishes



We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Alisha, Anne, Beth, Carolyn, Edith, Elsie, Helen, John, Kevin, Kym, Lina, Pauline, Robin, Sam and Yvonne, along with those others known to us.

Parish Prayer

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may listen to one another, speak the truth in love, and bear much fruit in the service of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If there are people near and dear to you or people who were part of both Parishes and you would like to have the anniversary of their deaths acknowledged in the prayers, please let Jan Misiurka know.

Advent Services

Newborough Combined Churches Ecumenical Advent Services

- Monday 16th December 7pm
at St Mary's, Monash Road,
Newborough.
Supper and fellowship to
follow after the service.



**List for volunteers for our
Christmas Services is in the
Narthex. Please add your name if
available, as there are a few
empty spaces.**

Christmas Services at St Aidan's Newborough

24th December Christmas Eve

- 5pm Crib Service
- 7pm Christmas Eucharist



25th December Christmas Day

- 9.30am Christmas Eucharist

St James, Yallourn North

Sunday 29th December New Year Service

- 10am Eucharist

Pews News

- **Op Shops and Clothing Bin** are now closed to give our wonderful volunteers a well deserved break.
- **Listening Post** will hold their Break Up next week on Friday 20th from 10-12 at Madge Vinnell Centre. Feel welcome to join the team.
- **Christmas Working Bee, Saturday 21st at St Aidan's:** Anyone who can help with cleaning around church and surrounds would be welcome from 10am.

Starting dates for 2025!

Prayer and Meditation group will resume on Wednesday January 8th, 7pm at Madge Vinnell Centre.

Listening Post will resume on Friday 10th January at 10am at Madge Vinnell Centre.

Donation Bin: re-opening on Saturday 11th January.

Op Shops Moe & Yallourn North opening 13th January. Newborough opening Tuesday 14th.

This Advent and Christmas, share peace and hope as two of ABM AID's partners, the Diocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka and Gawura in Sydney, are working towards that same peace, reconciliation and hope by providing education to disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Sydney.

Donate either online or place marked envelope in offertory plate, thank you.



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The Week Ahead:

Monday 16th December	7pm Ecumenical Advent service, 7pm at St Mary's, Newborough
Tuesday 17th December	10am Anglicare: G4G at MVC
Wednesday 18th December	10am: Holy Communion at St Lukes
Friday 20th December	10am – 12md Listening Post Drop-in Centre Christmas Break up. Please feel free to join our celebrations.
Saturday 21st December	Working Bee to spring clean church and surrounds from 10am.
Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	10.00am Holy Communion Celebrant: Canon David Head Readings: Micah 5: 2-5 Magnificat (P 9 APBA) Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke: 1: 39-45