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*The Parish Paper of
MOE-NEWBOROUGH
St Aidan's Newborough
St Luke's Moe
St James Yallourn North*

A 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.**

**DECEMBER 2025
JANUARY 2026**

Christmas and New Year in our Parish



“O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”

This Christmas, may the light of Christ bring peace and hope to our community, to each one of us, our families, friends and, ultimately, all creation.

Christmas Service Times

Sunday 21 December 2025

7.00pm Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December 2025

5.00pm Crib Service

7.30pm Eucharist

Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December 2025

9.30am Eucharist

All at St Aidan's, Newborough

Sunday after Christmas, 28 December 2025

10am Eucharist at St James Yallourn North



THANKYOU LORD FOR BRINGING MY SON HOME

- Fr Giles Motisi—Priest in Charge

I remember when my elder brother came for holidays in 1980. He had been away at School for two years. We all looked forward to his coming especially my mum. As a young mother she missed her elder son and for her it was a special reunion.

Then the time came, and the plane arrived with the children who were away at school. It was a wonderful time with lots of hugs and tears of joy. That evening we set for a simple dinner and my mum prayed, "Thankyou lord for bringing my son home." A prayer I had remembered since that night because it came from her heart. A heart that longed for her son now thankful that she could see his face and embrace him.

Last week I came across a similar story of a young 13-year-old Japanese boy. He heard the emperor announced that Japan had surrendered at the end of the war and knew that his dad would soon be coming home.

Every time the train passed the village, he would go to the train station hoping that his dad was on the train. He continued to go to the train station week after week and never gave up each time the train came without him. Until one day the train came and his dad was the only passenger. What a joy as he ran and embrace his dad.

His dad was everything and his coming home was a very special moment. There are people in our lives who have and are special. They loved us and sacrificed so much so that we could become what we are. Christmas is a time to celebrate that love. A time to have a party and share gifts and the greatest gift is each other's presence

God too loved us so much that he gave us his son and we celebrate his birth on Christmas day. His greatest gift is his love in the presence of his Son, through the Holy Spirit.

I have come to realise in my short ministry that Advent is a special season. The year begins with Advent, where we prepare with hope and expectation of Christ coming. It is a time when we make rooms ready in our hearts to receive him. Let Christ find room for him ready in your heart so that he will dwell with you.

As we begin the new year, we may not know what lies ahead but we can be sure that Christ our companion knows. We can trust him on our journey in 2026.



Carols – Holy Songs proclaiming Christ

- Rev'd Bruce Charles

Most if not all of us, have memories from our earliest days, of Christmas Carols. In shopping centres leading up to Christmas, community Carol nights especially in Melbourne 'Carols by Candlelight', and then of course in church at Christmas. Carols are heard by thousands of people in the time leading up to Christmas. Probably far more than we imagine. This year for example the Australian Girls Choir is performing Carols across the nation in all the major cities as well as the nationally broadcast events of 'Carols in the Domain' on 20 December in Sydney and Carols by candlelight at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl on 24 December.

The Carols that are heard are a mixture of secular and religious sharing one thing in common the celebration of Christmas which most people know, celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ as is reflected in

the religious Carols amidst the secular.

It is worth pausing to reflect on what impact these Carols might have. Some of the most popular are: Silent Night, O come all ye faithful (particularly significant on the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed), Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World and O Holy Night. You might well add to this list Carols such as: O Little Town of Bethlehem, Away in a Manger etc etc. These all so explicitly declare the divinity of Christ and his divine mission. A significant but not as well-known Carol, usually the sung at 'Carols by Candlelight' is 'The Holy City'. This Carol in 3 verses speaks of Christ, his divine purpose and the ultimate fulfilment of God's purpose.

However secular we might feel Christmas is becoming, people are still hearing who Jesus is in a deep and profound way. It is not necessarily for us to know the impact these Carols are having on all who hear them. In fact, secularisation and

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THE NOEL PRESSURES!

By Canon Jeff Richardson and Rev'd Bruce Charles

Christmas is widely considered one of the most universal celebrations in the world. It is observed in over 160 countries, often as a public holiday, and has spread far beyond its Christian origins to become a cultural and social event embraced by people of many faiths and backgrounds. In our country, although highly secularised, it still has its Christian roots and, significantly, is more important than Easter.

Christmas can be a period of heightened stress for many individuals and families. The Noel Pressures. The pressure to create an ideal celebration often leads to emotional strain and, in some cases, significant relationship stresses or breakdowns. While extensive research has explored the causes of Christmas-related stress, no definitive answer exists beyond the tendency to overemphasise the importance of a perfect holiday experience. This emotional drive can push people beyond their usual stress thresholds, affecting how they respond to the season's demands.

Consequently, amidst the busyness and stresses of our preparations, it is worth us pausing and reminding ourselves, our friends and others, of an often used quote in recent times 'Jesus is the reason for the season'

The season of Advent, now characterised by the Advent themes: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, are foundations of the Gospel and remind us of God preparation for Christ's first coming amongst us, our preparations for Christ's coming into our hearts and for the time when Christ comes in glory. These preparations need to be part of our preparations for Christmas.

If you do not have your own practices that prepare for Christmas spiritually, the following are some suggestions that might help for your spiritual preparations for Christmas

Suggestion One

Each day before Christmas, find a quiet place, turn your Mobile Phone off, sit comfortably, eyes closed, and breathe softly. Focus on your breath as you inhale and exhale. Block out all noises and distractions. As you become completely relaxed, inhale saying in your mind "Born for me" and as you exhale "The Prince of Peace", repeat 10 – 20 times. Next, while remaining silent, prayerfully focus your thoughts on the things you need to do for Christmas and allow about 3 – 5 minutes. Then repeat the above words for each breath that you take and then

end the session with "Thank you Jesus, born for me, the Prince of Peace."

Suggestion Two

Pray the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Prayer of Preparation (Prayer Book page 119), followed by silent prayer. Among other things, pray for the peace, love and joy of Jesus to envelop you, your families and friends during the Christmas festivities. Personally, bring before God the concerns you may have about your own ability to share the Good News of Jesus' incarnation and salvation in the redemption of the world.

Suggestion Three

During your preparation for Christmas, you may consider offering a daily amount of money to a Christian organisation or your own church, which will set your mind beyond the secular Noel Pressures to the material needs of others. Such a monetary sacrifice has the effect of reminding you daily, that God's salvation begins in the sacrifice of Jesus, God's son born in a stable and dying on the Cross. Each day before Christmas, as you put aside an amount of money for others, say a simple pray like:

'Thank you God of love, in your Son Jesus' birth, you brought to our world your love, through his life and his death on the Cross. Enliven your Holy Spirit in me to live as Jesus lived and experience the wonder of his love, peace and joy, in what I give and receive at this Christmas. Amen'.

If the Noel Pressures cause stress or fractures in our relationships or at any other time, for that matter, we are spiritually obliged to offer up prayers of hope for people experiencing broken relationships, trusting that God will repair relationships and restore them in love. Below is a prayer expressing this hope:

A Prayer of Hope to Repair Relationships

Loving and merciful God,

glory and honour and praise be yours.

For through your Son Jesus Christ,

you revealed your relentless love

to this broken and divided world:

wherein relationships between all peoples are

held together in the fragility of love, honesty and truth.

Be present Lord, with those whose relationships are broken and estranged by misunderstanding, anger and abuse.

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Pour down your powerful love upon on these relationships

and fill each person with your Spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation,

that healing may prevail, and broken relationships restored to newness of life.

In your goodness Lord, make for everlasting peace.

And while we have time in this life remain steadfast in your love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Intentional Prayer

Lord, I especially pray for NN.

In the goodness of your time and in the fulness of your love,

enable NN to put aside their differences.

Through your grace, restore their relationship/ friendship in true love,

that leads to loyalty through your gift of forgiveness, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

REMEMBERING CHRISTMAS

BY CANON JEFF RICHARDSON

All of us will have fond memories of Christmas, from the time we were little nippers to as recently as last year, and usually such memories are filled with joy and excitement, as we gather with family and friends to celebrate the Christian festival of God's Incarnation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a young child I remember walking to church on Christmas day, (after attending the Christmas pageant the night before), meeting people along the way, all who had the Christmas spirit offering one another a "Merry Christmas"; and of course, the children talking about the gifts Father Christmas dropped off during the night! It was such a happy parade of friends and family all heading to church for the main Christmas Service.

The church was almost full when we arrived. The organist playing popular carols, while people greeted one another with the Christmas greeting, and the servers were making last minute alterations, just before there was almost complete silence. The choir, sanctuary party and the Clergy assembled in the Narthex, suddenly a lone voice sang the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City", then the organ sounded and the whole congregation dived into the rest of the carol, singing full gusto. Those gathered in the Narthex processed in behind the Processional Cross and an acolyte either side of it, they processed down the main aisle and then proceeded to do a figure eight around the church. It was a specular entrance, ending up in the Sanctuary wherein the sanctuary party took their places. It was a full accompaniment of Choir members, servers and clergy, which filled the air with divine expectation and the sense that a very special time of worship was about to begin.

The church was totally devoid of any Christmas decorations (no tree), which seemed of little consequence, to the drama that was about to unfold in the Service of Holy Communion, which was no different to the normal Holy Communion Service, except of course special Christmas Collects, Readings and the well-known carols. The real sense of Christmas was more in the spirit of people gathering for the celebration of the feast, the special words that make for Christmas and the central act of Holy Communion, wherein people received the true gift of Christmas, the Body and Blood of Christ (without which there would be no Christmas).

The conclusion of the Christmas service was filled with as much expectation as at the beginning. There were no notices, instead the Vicar standing at the Altar, facing the congregation pronounced the Christmas blessing, which was the clue for the Crucifer, Acolytes, Servers, Choir and Clergy to recess from the sanctuary to the Narthex. The recessional carol was, appropriately "Hark the Herald Angels Sing...", which was sung more robustly than the processional carol at the beginning. It was such a joyous moment to hear such a large congregation almost lift the roof off the church.

That is the Christmas spirit! Nothing can match it – not Santa Clause, Gifts, Decorations, Trees, Christmas Dinners, nothing except the experience of Jesus which for Christians is carried on through the family Christmas Day festivities. The ultimate gift at Christmas for Christians is Jesus himself known to us through

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Around the Parish

Parish Council Report

Parish Council Structure

During the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November, the council reviewed and agreed upon the structure for the upcoming church year. Following the Annual General Meeting, it was resolved that the Parish Council will be made up of three wardens, with one acting as the Rector's warden. Alongside the wardens, the council will also consist of nine councillors. Of these nine councillors, six will be elected directly by parishioners, ensuring representation from the wider church community. Fr Giles retains the authority to appoint additional members to the council, at a future time.

Wardens for the New Church Year

As a result of the Annual General Meeting, the following individuals have been appointed as wardens for the new church year:

Jan Misiurka – Rector's Warden, Susan Lendon and Marizel Gatica Charles (people's Wardens)

Council Members

The council members for the upcoming term are as follows:

Russell Savige, Beryl Brien, , Helen Davis, Stephen Heath, Gwyneth Jones, Julie Bruce

Further appointments to the council may be made at the discretion of Fr Giles.

Parish Council and Op Shop Volunteers' Break-Up Function

The annual break-up function for Parish Council and Op Shop volunteers has been scheduled to take place on Monday, 15th December at Turfside. The event will commence at 12pm. To acknowledge and thank our volunteers for their dedicated service throughout the year, the cost for their attending the function will be subsidised. This gesture is made in recognition of the invaluable effort contributed by these wonderful individuals.

Christmas advertisement in the Latrobe Valley Express

We hope that you enjoyed seeing our advertisement in the Express regarding our Christmas Services (all of which will be held at St Aidan's this year.) Thank you to Father Giles for his contribution which has been well received.

The following Sunday's service will be held at St James, Yallourn North at 10am.

Repairs

A second quote to repair the building at the rear of 7 Anzac St, currently used as a sorting area for the Op Shop, will be required and hopefully the building can be made watertight before next winter.

Community Garden

More planting and an irrigation system has been installed. Many thanks to the Nicholls and Motisi families for your effort in making this happen. A large tree in the garden was felled by a windstorm and has been removed from the site.

Church member meetings

Three church member meetings are to be organised for 2026.

Offer to Purchase the Op Shop at Yallourn North

The Latrobe City Council has provided us with the first opportunity to consider purchasing the Op Shop located in Yallourn North. At present, this potential acquisition is under review by the parish, and no final decision has been made. We are carefully evaluating the implications and benefits of this option as we determine the best course of action for our community's future.

Walhalla

Recently an event took place on the grounds of St John's Walhalla, a prayer and praise picnic. It was not our parish event but even so, it was good to see something happening there. We are hoping that monthly services can resume at Walhalla in the near future.

In Conclusion

The reinstated parish council looks forward to working with you and for you in the coming year. We hope that you have a blessed Christmas as we look to God to guide us as a parish in Moe, Newborough, Yallourn North and Walhalla.

Julie Bruce (Secretary)

Worship Services in the Parish

St Aidan's 111 Torres St, Newborough

Sundays, 10am

Preceded by Prayer Time 9.30am to 9.45am

St Luke's, 47 South St, Moe

Wednesdays, 10am

Both services followed by Morning Tea



OUR MINISTRY TO THE AGED (January 2026 be finalised)

Communion by extension from our Sunday Eucharist

Latrobe Valley Village Hostel 11.00 am First & Third Tuesday

Narracan Gardens Hostel 10.30 am Second & Fourth Monday

Narracan Gardens Nursing Home 11,00am Second & Fourth Wednesday



OPPORTUNITY SHOP MINISTRY

Shops Close 12 December 2025 Open 12 January 2026

Newborough Shop 46 Rutherglen Road. Open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 2pm

Moe Shop 7 Anzac Street Open Monday to Friday 10 am to 2pm

Yallourn North Shop Reserve Street Open Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm

Check out our Facebook Page Moe & Newborough Anglican Op Shops.

Our thanks to our wonderful volunteers and there is always room for more if you would like to join us. Support of our Food relief program is much appreciated. Contact Stephen Heath 0438 913 572

Get out for Good—restorative justice for the Kingdom of God.



Every Tuesday in the Madge Vinnell Centre, 10am—2pm.

A program in partnership with the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry established by Anglicare Victoria. An Anglican Church Welfare Agency.

The "Get out for Good" program, provides social and emotional support for people who have been released from prison to find social and emotional support. It provides a safe space to talk about what they are going through and encouragement to reconnect with family, friends and community. The program acts to strengthen people's ability to identify and develop their own resources and build capacity while making the adjustment from prison to the "outside"

Last meeting for 2025, 12 December. First Meeting 2026, 10 February

Prayer and Meditation Group.



The group meets every Wednesday, 7.00pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre.

Our current focus is 'Reflecting on how we experience God in our time together', particularly in a time of Silence. Contact 0429 045 132

Last Meeting for 2025, 17 December First Meeting 2026, 7 January



The Listening Post

The Listening Post closes on Friday 12th December with a Festive Morning Tea and reopens on the 9th January 2026

Every Friday from 10am to 12 pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre, at the back of 7 Anzac St, Moe.

The Listening Post provides an opportunity for anyone in the community who would like to come and share in an enjoyable social morning and chat about their lives, if they feel the need. It also provides an opportunity to discuss a variety of social and life issues including discussing matters of faith. Tea, Coffee and a scrumptious morning tea are provided. The Listening Post also has a food bank that provides some essential food items for anyone in need. The food is free as is attendance. Contact 5127 1119



Parish Website

Don't forget to check out our website. You will find copies of past newsletters and pew notes, recordings of the Sunday Sermons if you missed out or would like to hear again and up to date news of what is happening in the parish.

www.moenewboroughanglican.org.au

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commercialisation means more people are hearing them than ever before as their wide spread use is fairly recent historically. The tradition of Carols as we know it with a revival of the practice of singing Christmas Carols in Victorian, 19th Century, England. Although Carols are part of ancient traditions prior to Christianity and adapted to Christianity particular from the 4th century A.D., the fact that they were sung in Latin somewhat limited their universal application. St Francis of Assisi was one well-known historical figure who sought to give people Carols in their native tongue.

One of the best known stories that illustrates the power of Carol singing is that from World War One. The Christmas Truce of 1914. On Christmas Eve in 1914, amid the mud and misery of the Western Front, something extraordinary happened. German soldiers placed lanterns and small fir trees along their trenches and began singing Stille Nacht. Across No Man's Land, British voices answered with Silent

Night. Slowly, men climbed from their trenches, meeting in the middle with handshakes, laughter, and tears.

On Christmas Day, enemies became friends for a few brief hours. They exchanged gifts of chocolate, tobacco, and buttons, buried their dead together, and even played football on the frozen ground. Though the war resumed soon after, this moment of peace has echoed through history as a sign of humanity's longing for reconciliation. Given that the respective high commands disapproved of it, the story is a powerful reminder of the profound importance of Christmas Carols and how we all



need to be agents of reconciliation not just leaving it to those who have power and influence. Christ was born in a stable not a palace. May we too be bearers of peace, choosing love over division and reconciliation over conflict.

For Christ's birth brings light into darkness, love into enmity, and hope into despair.



MENS BREAKFAST

First Saturday of each month at 8.30am, at THE MADGE VINNELL CENTRE behind the Op Shop at 7 Anzac Street Moe. Parking at the rear of the site accessed by Trinity Lane.

Next Mens Breakfast Saturday , 7th February 2026 at 8.30am.

All are welcome for this time of fellowship. If you are a new person interested in attending please contact Stephen Heath 0438 913 572 to help with catering arrangements. Cost \$10. Profits to Parish Food Relief Program.

COST OF LIVING RELIEF:

Our Op shop staff report that the need for food and other basic commodities continues to be a major priority. If you are able to assist you can :

- drop off goods at the Op Shop,
- place them in the box provided at the Church
- ask someone to collect them
- make a donation in the collection plate on Sunday in an Envelope marked Food Relief
- Make a Donation by Direct Debit (See Parish Banking details on p16)



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our Baptism and tangibly experienced in each act of Holy Eucharist, wherein we celebrate the incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord. It is in the worship of Jesus during Christmastide that the true spirit and meaning of Christmas to each member of the congregation and to the world as we share this gift with others.

Even as I have aged and seen Christmas become a massively-over-rated-commercialised-secular-event that does more to demote the true meaning of Christmas, than hold Jesus at the centre of it, I find solace in the fact that the Christian act of worship in the God of the Incarnation (Christmas), is always present in each celebration of the Eucharist (especially in, the Gloria, the Creed and the Great Thanksgiving Prayer). The spirit of Christmas and the gift of Christmas is with us each Sunday and come Christmas day it is like a spiritual culmination of this most joyous moment of God's presence in our lives, when our spiritual hearts overflow with God's love and grace, and our tongues rejoice with songs of the Angels singing "Glory to God in the Highest Heavens".

May this spirit of Christmas remain in you each day as you celebrate and give thanks to God for your gift of life, because as you do so God's gift of Jesus, born in a manger and heralded by the angels, becomes alive in you through the Holy Spirit, who enables you to live as Jesus lived, beyond the stable of his birth to the wooden crossbeams of his Cross.

Perhaps, as you gather with your family and friends offer this prayer in silence or aloud before the meal:

*Jesus let me live as you lived:
Born to us in the image of God,
Lived among us with the heart of God,
Died for us in the truth of the love of God.
Jesus Son of God, our brother in birth, life and death
Bless this our celebrations today,
with your Spirit of peace, joy and goodwill. Amen.*

I began this article by writing, 'all of us will have fond memories of Christmas' and I am hoping what I wrote evoked a few memories for you. I approached Gwyneth Jones to offer some of her recollections for this Newsletter and as a follow on to what I have provided in my reflections. Thank you, Gwyneth, for these thought-provoking memories:

MY CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



Walking past the school where they were practicing Christmas Carols.

Making paper chains for decorations.

Making cards with stencils to colour in and faint pencil lines so the words stayed in place.



Having a real tree.



Wrapping presents to put under it.

The shine of tinsel.

The excitement and anticipation of getting a present plus usually an orange (rare in Post War Britain) and a bag of mixed nuts which needed a nutcracker.

Helping to mix the pudding and hoping to get some of the real coins inside it when served with custard.

I still love Christmas but now I've got the real reason to celebrate.

Gwyneth Jones





You are invited to forward the names (&dates) of loved ones who have died so that they may be remembered, especially those who have been fellow worshippers.

We remember those who have died in the past month:

From the Lectionary

December 1st ANDREW, Apostle & Martyr;
2nd Frances Perry founder of the Royal Womens Hospital Melbourne;
3rd Francis Xavier priest and missionary;
4th Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer;
6th Nicholas of Myra bishop and philanthropist;
8th The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Richard Baxter pastor and spiritual writer;
13th Lucy, martyr and virgin;
22nd THOMAS Apostle and Martyr;
25th The Birth of our Lord;
Stephen Deacon and first martyr;
27th JOHN Apostle and Evangelist;
28th HOLY INNOCENTS;
29th RThomas Beckett, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr;
30th Josephine Butler, social reformer;
31st John Wyclif, teacher and reformer

JANUARY 2nd Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops and teachers;
Eliza Hassall pioneer of CMS Australia
6th THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD;
10th William Laud Archbishop of Canterbury;
13th Hilary of Poitiers bishop and teacher;
14th Sava first Archbishop of the Serbian Church;
17th Antony of Egypt, abbot;
18th The Confession of Peter;
21st Agnes, martyr of Rome, virgin;
22nd Vincent, deacon and martyr;
24th Companions of Paul including Timothy, Titus and Silas;
25th CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE;
27th John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher;
28th Thomas Aquinas, theologian;
30th Charles, king of England

Alison Lambden was a faithful parishioner in Moe and for a period of time in Eden on the South East Coast. Alison is the mother of our auditor Sue Bechaz.

Over her life Alison wrote a number of Short stories and poems, some of which were published. The one opposite was printed on a bookmark handed out at her funeral.



Birthday Greetings

for DECEMBER Pauline Arrowsmith,
 Jackson Purcell

For JANUARY Helen Davis, Peter Lendon,



Celebrating the life
 of

*Alison
 Claire
 Lambden*

29.12.1930 - 26.10.2025

Those we love don't go away
 They walk beside us everyday.

Life

My life has been full
 I always pressed on
 through sadness and joy-
 made the best of it all.
 To waken each day
 and see the sun shine,
 the gardens, the sea
 A reason to go on-
 flowers, trees, birds -
 all the pleasures of life,
 visit friends
 spend time with family,
 visit grandchildren
 they bring so much joy.

Dont look back
 always look forward.
 Make something of 'our' time.
 As young ones press on to a
 'new' tommorow.

Live life to the 'full'
 with hope/joy/love and care
 The greatest of these
 IS LOVE.



TABLE TALK



WAITING, WATCHING Looking Back Moving Forwards

Discussion



ADVENT means “Coming.

Or reminds us of three different

“Comings of Jesus: “

1. Is in the **PAST** When Jesus, God’s own Son, came to earth as a baby. Sharing our human existence, demonstrating possibilities for a God led life.
2. Coming **NOW**, in the Present As Jesus waits for every person to invite Him into their hearts and Life. Humans were created to live
3. In the **FUTURE** when Jesus comes as a King and Judge of all Learning, from the past, experiencing the present and presence of God in our earthly life ,Advent is a time to be prepared and “ready” for the third coming and opportunity to join the family of believers from all times in God’s Eternal Life. With Hope, Love, Peace and Joy..

The Advent season is a fitting start for our Christian calendar as our scriptures then continue the story through Christ’s Childhood, and ministry of telling us of the nature and love of God and then His ultimate sacrifice of His Son, giving us forgiveness for our wrong doings , enabling us to be re united with all believers in Heaven eternally with our creator Father God.

What about NOW! “**FEAR NOT.**” the Angels often said.

In preparation, readiness for the prophesised third and final Coming, God continues to encourage, strengthen and enable believers to be active in preparing for this event and glorious future.

Maybe we have an advantage through the scriptures we can be encouraged by so many stories of faithful people from all walks of life, in extra ordinary and ordinary situations. God sent His Son ,Jesus ,for all and continues to walk beside us with His Holy Spirit ,known as “another comforter” After Christ’s resurrection Jesus said to His disciples, “WAIT... I will send you another comforter.” Yes , that waiting finished when He did that in sending the Holy Spirit (at Pentecost) ,who now dwells with us helping us prepare for the **FUTURE FINAL COMING.**

Can You recognise God’s help in your Life’s Journey? We are individually created “special “, our experiences may be quite different , but in faith ,hope trust, obedience . God is with us on varied routes to His eternal kingdom.

Each Sunday in Advent we light one candle on the advent wreath to remember God’s Gifts of *HOPE, PEACE, LOVE and JOY*

CHRISTMAS STORY Matthew 2.

As you read the story ,including the visits of the Angel Messengers to Mary Joseph , the Shepherds, Wise men,

Discuss How do you think you would react if such a message was sent to you today?

Was it ,do you think any different for those people in the first Christmas story?

How did God protect , provide for Jesus and His earthly family?

In the world today,, some circumstances mean that Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone.

Is there something you/your family might do to brighten someone’s day ,in some small way?

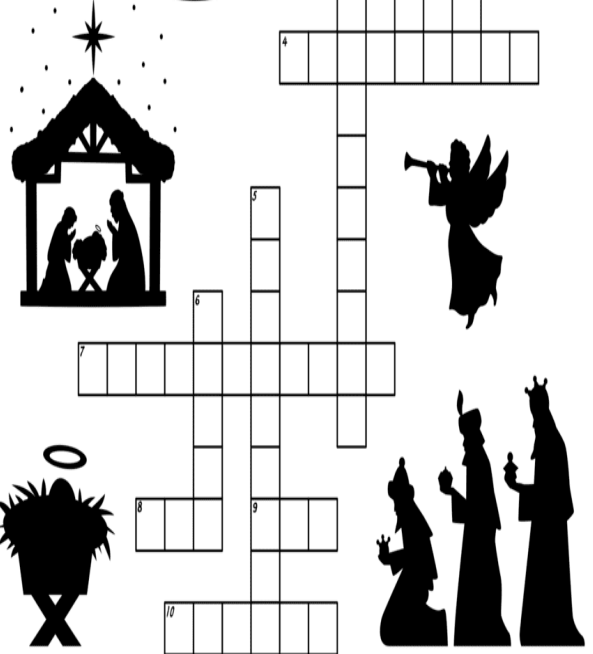


Colour the Advent Wreath



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

CROSSWORD
PUZZLE



ACROSS:

- 4. --- watched their flocks by night
- 7. Mary and Joseph bought----- as a sacrifice to temple
- 8. Angels brought good tidings of great—
- 9. The was no room for Mary and Joseph in the-----
- 10. Jesus lay in a -----

**JOY TO
THE
WORLD**

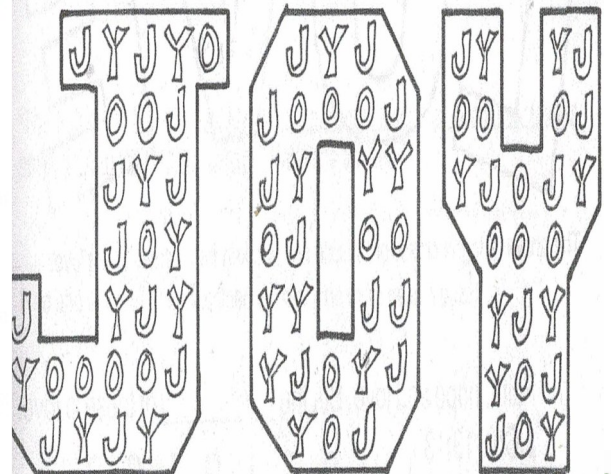
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- 1. Wise men brought Gold, Frankincense and-----
- 2. The----- appeared in the East.
- 3. Mary and Joseph travelled to----- to be taxed
- 5. Jesus was wrapped in ----- clothes
- 8. The ----- of the Lord shone down on the Shep-herds

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 L H T R I B H T B Z E G T
 E H S C M G A J A J S N H
 M Z Y A L R A J D M N I R
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- ADVENT
- ANGEL
- BETHLEHEM
- BIRTH
- BLESSINGS
- CAMELS
- FRANKINCENSE
- INFANT
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- MAGI
- MANGER
- MARY
- MIRACLE
- MYRRH
- NATIVITY
- REJOICE
- STABLE
- STAR
- THREE KINGS
- WISE MEN

UP, DOWN, ACROSS or DIAGONALLY, HOW MANY TIMES CAN YOU FIND THE WORD JOY?



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ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACTS

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Get Out for Good,

Silent Prayer and Meditation Group,

Listening Post A Drop in Centre. A place to drop in for a chat over Morning Tea.

Mothers Union

Men's Breakfast

Op Shops: Moe, Newborough and Yallourn North

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