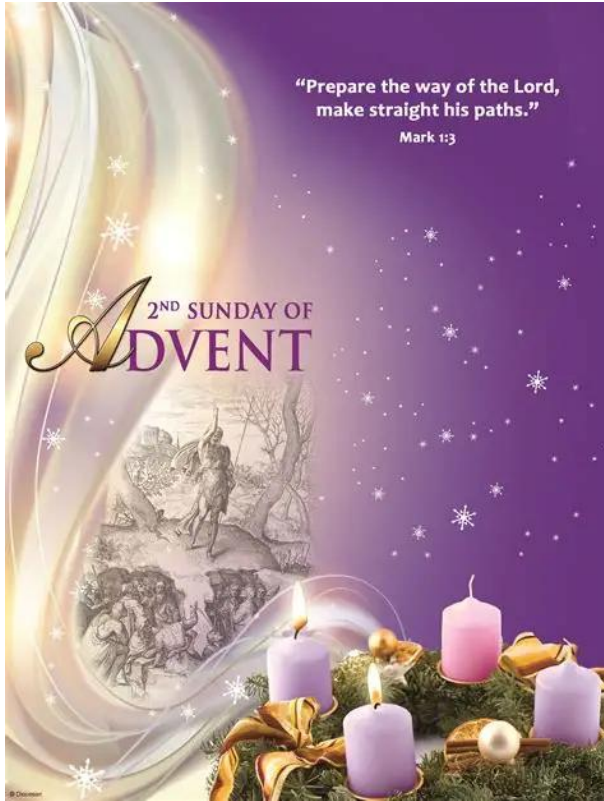


Parish of Moe-Newborough
Sunday 7th December 2025, 10.00am
St Aidan's, Newborough



Celebrant: Rev'd Giles Motisi

**Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after
the service**

Hymns	MP 379	MP 210	As printed below	MP 679
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1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard 1953-

Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Collect: God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 11.1-10**

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 72:18-21

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God: and your righteousness to the son of a king,

² That he may judge your people rightly: and the poor of the land with equity.

³ Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness: and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

⁴ May he give justice to the poor among the people: and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures: and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields: and as showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish: and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ Let his name live for ever: and endure as long as the sun.

¹⁹ Let all peoples use his name in blessing: and all nations call him blessed.

²⁰ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel: who alone does great wonders.

²¹ Blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen, Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name';

¹⁰ and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

¹¹ and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him';

¹² and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gospel

Matthew 3.1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 3, beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

² ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”’

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’

⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

⁹ Do not presume 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord, praise **to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Intercessions for today:

Worldwide Church

- The Church of Bangladesh
The Diocese of Bendigo:

- Bishop Matt Brain

Our Diocese:

- Bishop Richard & Leanne and family as they begin their travel and Long Service Leave
- Our Vicar General, Archdeacon Graham Knott as he takes leadership in Bishop's absence, and for the Parish of Leongatha.
- The Co-operating Parish of Croajingolong: Jude Benton & Andy
- Chancellor Roger Blythman & Alison

Mission

- Church Army

Special Focus

- Theological colleges and ordination candidates, that God will raise up people for ordained ministry
- National Council of Churches
- Universities, colleges, schools, teachers and students
- Victorian Council of Churches

Our Parish:

We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Darol and Joana and their family, Frank and Peter, and friends in PNG.

We ask God to help us be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us – our time, our finances, our talents and our opportunities.

In the busyness leading to Christmas, we pray for the tranquillity that only God's peace can bring.

We pray that through the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence campaign that there will be changes in community attitudes and support, meaning victims can become survivors.

We pray for the health, safety and wellbeing of all parish members.

Those who have especially asked for our prayers: Alisha, Annabel, Anne, Brendan, Cath, Carolyn, Coral, Daryl, David, Elly, Jen & Zed, Jane, John, John, Kevin, Laila, Lina, Nancye, Narrelle, Pauline, Penny, Ray, Rita and Yvonne along their families and with those others known to us.

We remember those whose anniversary of death falls around this time.

PEWS NEWS

Ecumenical Advent Services:

Monday 8th December hosted by Moe-Newborough Parish at St Aidan's. 7pm Service with supper to follow

Monday 15th December hosted by our Catholic friends at St Mary's
7pm Service with supper to follow

Christmas Services

Wednesday 24th December:

5.00pm Crib Service at St Aidan's

7.30om Christmas Eve Service at St Aidan's

Thursday 25th December

9.30am Christmas Day Service at St Aidan's



The Commissioning of Parish Office Bearers will take place during our 10.00am service next Sunday, 14th December.

Sunday 28th December: Our Sunday service will be held 10.00am at St James, Yallourn North.

Monday 15th December Op Shop Parish and Op Shop Volunteers Christmas Breakup is at Turfside from 12md. **Please let Julie know if you would like to attend.**

MU members are also meeting at Turfside from 12md on Monday 15th for their end of year meeting.

A recent article I read that gave food for thought!

You often hear, “they twisted the words of the Bible”. or “they are cherry-picking”. I saw a quote the other day by Jordan Harrell and it was summarized hot-topics in a new way and made me realize how much we need the mind of Christ. He is wisdom for us. Wisdom says, “know the context of the scripture. Know the audience. Know what world for which it was written.”

*Genocide is biblical; loving your enemy is biblical. But only one is Christlike.

*Slavery is biblical; Chainbreaking is biblical. But only one is Christlike.

*Patriarchy is biblical; Counter-culture elevation of women is biblical. But only one is Christlike.

*Retributive violence is biblical; Grace-filled restoration is biblical. But only one is Christlike.

*Segregation is biblical; Unity is biblical. But only one is Christlike.

Christ transforms, not the Bible. Be wary of those who know one but not the other.

~Jordan Harrell

John 1:14, 17 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth...For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came to be through Jesus Christ.

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Joy
Hope
Love
Peace
Christmas

The Week Ahead:

Monday 8th December:

10.30am Narracan Gardens Aged Care Service

7.00pm Ecumenical Advent Service at St Aidan's (Supper)

Tuesday 9th December

10.00am Get out for Good at Madge Vinnell Centre

Wednesday 10th December

10.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe

11.00am Narracan Gardens Aged Care Service

7.00pm Prayer and Meditation Group at Madge Vinnell Centre

Thursday 11th December:

Afternoon: MVC in use

Friday 12th December:

10-12MD Christmas Breakup of Listening Post Drop in Centre:
All are welcome to join in our fellowship and
festivities! Re-opening on 16th January 2026.

Sunday 14th December: Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Prayer time in Chapel (all welcome to attend)

10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough
Commissioning of Parish Office Bearers

Celebrant: Father Giles Motisi

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10 Song of Mary (Magnificat)
James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

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Services:

Wednesday 10.00am St Luke's, 47 South Street, Moe

Sunday 10.00am St Aidan's, 111 Torres Street, Newborough

(Unless advertised as otherwise)

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