

Parish of Moe-Newborough
Sunday 14th December 2025, 10.00am
St Aidan's, Newborough

Third Sunday of Advent



Celebrant: Rev'd Giles Motisi

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

Hymns	MP 496	MP 102	MP 631	MP 493
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Sentence: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.’ Isaiah 35.3–4

Collect: Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 35.1-10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
 like the crocus
² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord ,
 the majesty of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 ‘Be strong, do not fear!
 Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
 with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

The Song of Mary (Magnificat, Luke 1.47–55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Second Reading: James 5.7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Gospel Matthew 11: 2-11

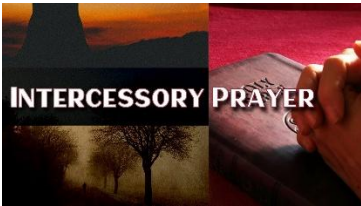
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 11, beginning at the 2nd verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples
³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

⁴ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see:
⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.
⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’
⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?
⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.
⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,
 “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way before you.”
¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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



Worldwide Church

- Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Ric Thorpe
 Bishops: Genieve Blackwell
 Paul Barker
 Brad Billings (This week elected to be the next Archbishop of Adelaide)
 Kate Prowd

Our Diocese:

- Bishop Richard, as he and his family enjoy some well-earned leave.
- Our Vicar General, Archdeacon Graham Knott.
- The Parish of Maffra: Rev'd Dr Tim Gaden

Special Focus

- Chaplains to the Defence Force
- RAAF chaplains Sale base
- Victims of war and violence

Our Parish:

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

Advent is a time of hope and preparation. But this week, may we pause to smile, sing, and take heart.

As we have joined with over 6,000 organisations from over 185 counties during the 16 Days of Activism against Violence we give thanks for the raised awareness that the call for an end to gender-based violence and abuse in all forms and all societies has produced.

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, Dave, 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 Adrian O’Brien and his family as the Anniversary of his death on 20th December approaches.

PEWS NEWS

Ecumenical Advent Service on Monday 15th December: 7pm Service, on hosted by our Catholic friend at St Mary’s.



Christmas Services

Sunday 21st December:

7pm at St Aidan’s Lessons and Carol Service

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 Week Ahead:

Monday 15th December

- 12md Volunteers and Mother's Union both meet for their
Break up dinners at Turfside, Moe
- 7.00pm Ecumenical Advent Service at St Mary's (Supper)

Tuesday 16th December

- 10.00am Last day of Get out for Good at Madge Vinnell Centre,
until February 2026
- 11.00am Latrobe Valley Aged Care Service

Wednesday 17th December

- 7.00pm Last Prayer and Meditation Group for 2025 at Madge
Vinnell Centre. Resume 7th January

Friday 19th December:

Listening Post Drop-in Centre has closed for 2025 and will resume on Friday 16th January 2026. Food Relief is still available if required. Ring Parish number.

Sunday 21st December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9.30am **Prayer time in Chapel (all welcome to attend)**
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough**
Celebrant: Father Giles Motisi

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25

- 7.00pm Lessons and Carols at St Aidan's



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(Unless advertised as otherwise)

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Council

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