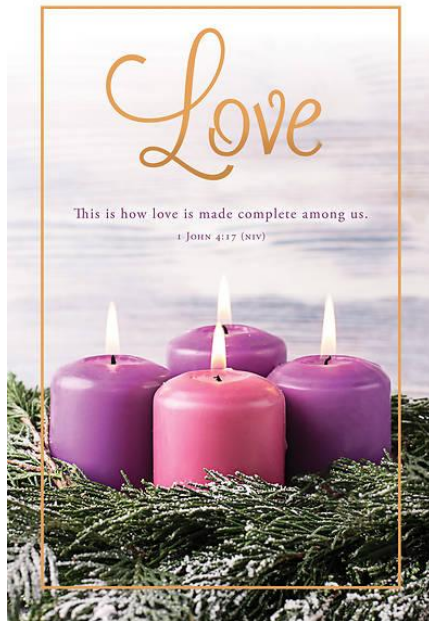


**Parish of Moe-Newborough**  
**Sunday 21st December 2025, 10.00am**  
**St Aidan's, Newborough**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



**Celebrant: Rev'd Giles Motisi**

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



**Reminder: Lessons & Carols tonight at 7pm  
at St Aidan's – All invited**

| Hymns | AHB<br>222 | AHB<br>241 | AHB<br>201 | Printed<br>below |
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| <p>1 Long ago, prophets knew<br/>Christ would come, born a Jew.<br/>Come to make all things new;<br/>Bear his People's burden,<br/>Freely love and pardon.</p> <p><b>Refrain:</b><br/>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!<br/>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!<br/>When he comes,<br/>When he comes,<br/>Who will make him welcome?</p> <p>2 God in time, God in man,<br/>This is God's timeless plan:<br/>He will come, as a man,<br/>Born himself of woman,<br/>God divinely human. [Refrain]</p> | <p>3 Mary, hail! Though afraid,<br/>She believed, she obeyed.<br/>In her womb God is laid;<br/>Till the time expected<br/>Nurtured and protected. [Refrain]</p> <p>4 Journey ends! Where afar<br/>Bethlem shines, like a star,<br/>Stable door stands ajar.<br/>Unborn Son of Mary,<br/>Saviour, do not tarry!</p> <p><b>Refrain:</b><br/>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!<br/>sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!<br/>Jesus comes!<br/>Jesus comes!<br/>We will make him welcome!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">F. Pratt Green b 1903</p> |
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**Sentence:** A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23

**Collect:** Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First Reading

## Isaiah 7.10-16

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

## Psalm 80: 1-7, 80: 17-19

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:  
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

<sup>2</sup> **Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup> **O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good measure.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup> **Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup> And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup> **Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## Second Reading:

## Romans 1.1-7

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## Gospel

## Matthew 1.18-25

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 1, beginning at the 18th verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

6:47pm

**Stronger  
together**

Unite for Bondi



*For those who are able there will be an opportunity at 6.47pm tonight, prior to our Lessons and Carol's service, for people to light a candle, in a minute's silence as a quiet act in remembrance.*

Words from our Vicar- General, Archdeacon Graham Knott

Dear friends in Christ,

I write with a heavy heart this morning, following the news of the mass shooting at Bondi Beach yesterday evening which has ended at least 15 lives and changed the lives of many wounded and traumatised.

That it has been declared “a terrorist attack” against members of the Jewish community celebrating Chanukah brings a sense of horror and disbelief that such a thing could happen on Australian soil.

Archbishop of Brisbane, Jeremy Greaves has said:

*“I write following last night's horrific mass shooting at Bondi Beach, which was directed at Jewish community members gathered to celebrate the first evening of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights.*

*I join with other faith leaders in grieving for those killed and injured...*

*I unequivocally condemn this antisemitic attack, and all antisemitism, which is a sin against our neighbour and an assault on human dignity. Such violence must be condemned wherever and whenever it occurs.*

*To the Jewish community in Sydney, Queensland and around Australia, I want to say clearly that you are not alone — I weep with you. Your safety matters — every person has the right to gather, practise their faith and celebrate their culture in peace and freedom.*

*I pray for all community members who mourn, for the wounded and those caring for them, and for those traumatised.*

*I pray for the police and paramedics, particularly for the seriously injured police officers, and the hospital workers who have served under incredible strain.”*

I wholeheartedly second Archbishop Jeremy's words. Here in the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland we join with our ecumenical and interfaith colleagues to call for all Australians to respond with compassion and sensitivity, and to hold the situation and those involved in it in prayer.

Could I encourage you to join in solidarity with other faith leaders in your locale to offer space for the community to pray, whether for private prayer or in gathered vigil?

Our Cathedral will be open for the next few days from 8am to 8pm for prayer and companionship for those who are feeling shocked, distressed, and heartbroken at what we're witnessing on the news media. There will also be a Blue Christmas service on Sunday evening 21st December at 5pm for those for whom Christmas is not a happy time, or who have lost loved ones this year.

At a time when we are preparing to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace, God-with-us, Emmanuel, this is a reminder of our vocation to be peacemakers, and to hold our dear ones close.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as you hold and lead your faith communities through these days ahead.

If you need crisis support, you can call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or text 0477 13 11 14 or call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 (for young people aged up to 25) or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636. Embrace Multicultural Mental Health supports people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

With every blessing at this time,

*Graham Scott*



**We cry out to you, O God,  
in shock and grief  
in the wake of the violence at Bondi Beach.  
Hold in your eternal love the people who were killed.  
Surround their families and friends with compassion  
in the depths of their sorrow.  
Hold in your care the survivors, the injured,  
and all who witnessed the attacks.  
Guide the authorities responsible for investigating  
what happened,  
and how to prevent such devastation  
from ever happening again.  
Have mercy on all who are afraid.  
    Give courage.  
Have mercy on all who are in grief.  
    Give comfort.  
Have mercy on all who are in pain.  
    Give healing.  
Stir up Australians of all faiths and none  
to stand in solidarity with our Jewish neighbours.  
Make us builders of a community  
where everyone has safety, and dignity, and peace.  
Amen.**

*EJS OSW 14.12.25*

## Worldwide Church

- The Anglican Church of Burundi
- Diocese of Rockhampton: Bishop Peter Grice

## Our Diocese:

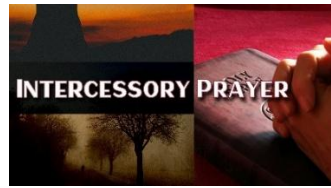
- Bishop Richard, Leanne and family.
- Our Vicar General, Archdeacon Graham Knott.
- The Parish of Paynesville: The Rev'd Dennis Webster

## Mission

Christian Blind Mission and all those who work with the blind

## Special Focus

- All those preparing for baptism, confirmation or admission to holy communion
- Godparents, grandparents and sponsors
- Sacristans and all who are responsible for preparing our churches for worship
- For welcomers and those who prepare and lead worship
- For our congregations as they seek to be inclusive



## Our Parish:

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

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent we reflect on the ultimate gift of love – Jesus Christ- and give thanks for His example in teaching us to love God and others.

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 20<sup>th</sup> December approaches.

## PEWS NEWS

Tonight : 7pm at St Aidan's Lessons and Carol's



## Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, St Aidan's



7.30pm Christmas Eve Service at St Aidan's

## Christmas Day



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am at St Aidan's

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Our service will be at St James.  
Yallourn North at 10am**



## CAN YOU ASSIST?

*People have heard at our AGM that the Diocese are working with our Parish to assist us in the way forward, as like many parishes, we are striving to find a Treasurer.*

*To make the role easier it is being broken into several smaller roles:*

*Banking, collecting and counting are attended by a dedicated team.*

*Joseph, the Financial Officer at the Registry, is organizing payments, with other signatories from our parish.*

***Parish Council are looking for several people, who have IT skills and a few hours to spare each week to transfer information that will allow Joseph to attend to payments, and Danielle, our bookkeeper, to keep the required documentation and provide the parish with all the required reports.***

*Please speak to Jan, Russell or Father Giles if you would like to know more about the roles and feel you are able to assist.*

## The Week Ahead:

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

10.30 Narracan Gardens Aged Care

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Get out for Good closed until February 2026

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe

11.00am Narracan Gardens Aged Care Service

Christmas Eve services at 5.00pm and 7.30pm

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December:

9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist at St Aidan's



### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December: First Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Holy Communion at St James, Yallourn North

**Celebrant: Father Giles Motisi**

Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2: 10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

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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)

Parish Direct Banking Details: Account: Moe-Newborough Parish  
Council

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