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St Michael and All Angels

Newsletter & Service Guide

Mission Statement: We respond as a multi-cultural Christian community to God's loving call by worshipping God; bringing Christ to our community; ministering to those in need; supporting mission; nurturing each other.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God,
who sent your messenger
John the Baptist
to preach repentance and
prepare the way for our
salvation:

give us grace to heed his
warning and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Meditation

One voice
telling the world,
"The kingdom is quite near":
shouting, out in the wilderness
"Turn now".

Who shouts
"Prepare the way"?
Who calls the world to change -
and seeks to have it turn around
to God?

This sharp,
prophetic, voice
which calls, is sent from God;
a messenger for him who is
to come.

How then
shall I prepare?
Joining in pious haste,
those leaning on ancestral faith
long past?

No, Lord:
let me reflect
the way you dwell in me:
living outward, bearing your fruit
each day.

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Advent 2



For Your Prayers

For all People: Pray for the people of Burma following a ceasefire deal with one of the war-torn country's major ethnic guerilla groups and the visit to the country by US Secretary of State which has raised hopes of a normalizing of relations; the Egyptian people following the results first-round voting in the first democratic election in six decades.

Anniversaries: Pray and give thanks for Nkazi Sibindi, Sinai Bhonsle and Dylan Kyreya, who celebrate their birthdays this week. *If you would like your household's important dates remembered in the pew sheet, please complete a Personal Details Authority Form and give it to Fr Evan or one of the Wardens.*

For Healing and Support: Please pray for all whose names are on the prayer requests on the board near the foyer.

For the Church: In the world-wide Anglican Communion, we pray for the Diocese of Western Kansas (USA); in the national Church for the Primate, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and the Diocese of Brisbane; in our Province for the Cathedral Grammar School, Diocese of Bunbury, and the Parish of Dongara and Mingenew in the Diocese of the North-West; in our own Diocese for Archbishop Roger Herft, Bishops Tom Wilmot and Kay Goldsworthy, and the Parish of Melville, the Reverend Debbie May and people.

In our Parish: Give thanks for the generosity of Anglicans working together and supporting appeals for those less fortunate over the Christmas season.

Psal m

1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:

and covered all their sin.

8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:

for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:

and his glory shall dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:

and our land shall yield its plenty.

13 For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet.

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13, *The Liturgical Psalter, Inclusive Language Version* © English Text 1976.

The Sunday Journal—For a couple of years we have been receiving multiple copies of this quarterly publication, which provides useful reflections on the weekly Sunday Bible readings. *The Sunday Journal* sells for \$10 per three months, and can be used for personal devotions focussing on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This month we have received extra copies, and so have multiple copies of both the Nov-Jan issue and the Feb-Apr issue. However—nobody seems to be purchasing or even borrowing the parish copies of *The Sunday Journal*, so unless there are parishioners who are finding this useful we will cease subscribing. Please let me know?

Fr Evan's Diary—Fr Evan is normally unavailable on Mondays (study) and Saturdays (day off!). Other fixed appointments are shown in the opposite column. If you would like to see Fr Evan at any other time, please ring him to arrange a time to meet either at your home or the church.

Anglicare Christmas Hampers—Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas Hamper collection. We have a wonderful selection of food items, which will be delivered to the distribution centre in Midland this coming week.

Christmas Gifts for Mary Smith residents—as in previous years we will be collecting presents for children and mothers at the Mary Smith night shelter. A list of children by age and gender is on the notice-board, and gifts should be of about \$20 value.

Thank You—to Op Shop and Garden Group volunteers who braved the hot weather yesterday.

Services at St Michaels—The Eucharist will be celebrated this week on Wednesday morning at 10.00 am and Thursday at 7.30am. Our Sunday services next week will be held at 8am and 9.30am.

This Week and Beyond—

- ◆ 10 Dec (Sat) 6am Kent St Weir Park, Cannington. A blessing of the river ceremony featuring an indigenous welcome to country and dance performance, followed by breakfast. All welcome.
- ◆ 18 Dec (Sun) 7pm—Carols by Candlelight at the City of Canning, cnr Albany Hwy and George St, featuring children from local churches.
- ◆ **24 Dec (Sat) 6pm 'Bethlehem Bop'** Christmas Eve service for families and young children; 11.30pm Midnight Mass.
- ◆ 25 Dec (Sun) 9am Christmas Day service.
- ◆ 23 Jan (Mon) 7.30pm World Day of Prayer planning meeting at Uniting Church, Woodloes St Cannington. All welcome.



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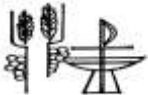
*Pew Sheet Information to Fr Evan by Wednesday morning
ph: 9458 1348, email evan.pederick@perth.anglican.org*

Today's Service Outline

Advent 2

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.
Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a*

Processional Hymn	TIS271 The advent of our God
First Reading	Isaiah 40.1-11
Psalm	85.1-2, 8-13
Second Reading	2 Peter 3.8-15a
Gradual Hymn	TIS282 The voice of God goes out
Gospel Reading	Mark 1.1-8
Offertory Hymn	TIS270 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Final Hymn	TIS687 God gives us a future



Ministry Roster Next Sunday



	8.00 am	9.30 am	
Liturgical Assistant	Paul Duncan	Rev'd Judith Peterkin	
1st Reading	Geoff Johnson	Ing Ing Bong	
2nd Reading	Deb Hurn	Caleb Denhere	
Welcomer	Joanne MacMillan	Kitty King	
Sidespersons	Noel Hamilton & Ian Campbell	Nkanyiso Sibindi & Ing Ing Bong	
Kidz Zone	N/A	Debbie & Joanne Lacey	
Morning Tea	Hazel Samuels & Dorothy Minas	Pauline Khan & Siyona Bhonsle	
Flowers	N/A	Cleaning Ian Campbell	
READINGS NEXT WEEK			
1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Isa 61.1-4, 8-11	126	1 Thess 5.12-28	Jn 1.6-8, 19-28