



TRINITY FAMILY NEWS



The Weekly Bulletin of
Holy Trinity Anglican Parish Launceston
and St Matthias Windermere

*The vision of the Parish of Holy Trinity Launceston
is to know Christ and to make Him known.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK – 17 DECEMBER TO 24 DECEMBER 2017

SUN 17 DECEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (V) Year B



8.30 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity
 (Hymn: TBA)
 10.00 am Prayer Meeting at Holy Trinity
 10.30 am Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
 (Hymns: listed in service sheet)
 Readers: as arranged.
 5.30 pm Worship in the Spirit of Taizé

WED 20 DECEMBER

10.30 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity

THUR 21 DECEMBER

12.15 pm Eucharist at Holy Trinity

SAT 23 DECEMBER

2.30 pm Choir Practice at Holy Trinity



SUN 24 DECEMBER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (V) Year B CHRISTMAS EVE

8.30 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity
 (Hymn: NEH 19)
 10.00 am Prayer Meeting at Holy Trinity
 10.30 am Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity
 (Hymns: NEH 19, 6, 33, 186)
 Readers: Christoffel Zuiddam, Marie Bird
 Intercessor: Bronwen Courtney
 5.00 pm Family Service at Holy Trinity
 7.00 pm Carol Service at St. Matthias Church
 11.00 pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity



WELCOME

A **warm welcome** to any who are visiting our churches today. We are delighted to have you with us and we hope to see you again soon. Our Sunday morning services are normally celebrations of the Eucharist or Holy Communion, in which we particularly remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the resulting forgiveness of sins which we have as believers in him. All those who are believers in Jesus are very welcome to participate (you don't need to be 'Anglican'). For those who need it, there are **gluten free** communion wafers available - please pick up one of the yellow cards at the front desk and hold it in your hand when you come to the rail.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve see previous page

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

9.00 am Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Note: No service at St Matthias'



Regular weekday and Sunday evening services will conclude for the year this week. The Wednesday service resumes on **31 January**, the Thursday service on **1 February**, and Sunday evening services on **4 February**.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our service of Nine Lessons and Carols is today at 10.30 am. You will find the list of carols in the special service sheet. A service of Nine Lessons and Carols was first drawn up by Archbishop Benson in 1880 when he was Bishop of Truro (Cornwall, England) for use in that Cathedral. It was later adapted for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge in 1918 by the Dean at that time, the Very Reverend Eric Milner-White who wrote an Opening Prayer (or Bidding Prayer) incorporating benedictions which had preceded some of the readings, and which is still commonly used. Since then the service of Nine Lessons and Carols (or variations of it) has been used all around the world and is famously broadcast from King's College each year. **Please stay for morning tea after the Nine Lessons and Carols.**

ADVENT

The four Sundays prior to Christmas are known as the season of **Advent**, the start of the liturgical year. Although commonly treated as a 'count down' to Christmas, Advent is an important season in its own right, and has its main focus on the **second** (rather than first) coming of Christ. Many churches — across all denominations — follow the practice of lighting a candle on each of the four Sundays, with a final one lit at Christmas. The burning candles become a visual way of marking time spent in anticipation of what is to come. There is no formal liturgy (Anglican or otherwise) for lighting the candles. Nor is there any wide agreement about what the candles mean! Rather, a range of traditions has evolved over time. For example, some follow the patterns of **Hope-Peace-Joy-Love** or **Patriarchs-Prophets-John the Baptist-Mary**. The central (white) candle is always used to signify the birth of Christ. However, the themes of the Bible readings vary a little over the three year lectionary cycle and do not always fit neatly into such pre-defined patterns.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

As Christmas Day falls on Monday this year, we have decided to prepare the Church for the Christmas Services following the conclusion of the 10.30 Service on the 24th. If anyone has flowers or greenery we could use or would like to help in any way it will be most appreciated. For more details please see Dorothy.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas greetings cards issued from the Mothers Union are available for purchase for 50 cents each. The various designs are on display in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

There are rosters for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services on a clipboard in the narthex. A number of our regular parishioners will be away over the Christmas period, so if you are normally on the service rosters and are available to assist, please put your name down as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS

Please remember to save any used Christmas or other postage stamps for the work of the Anglican Board of Mission. It would be helpful if stamps could have a 1cm border left around them. There is a special box in the narthex for the stamps.

EPIPHANY GIFTS

Our parish relies heavily on donations from regular attenders, which is mostly via offertories. In recent years, some have enjoyed the opportunity to donate specific items for church use and, since the season of Epiphany has long been associated with gifts (because of the gifts offered by the Magi), this has provided a convenient opportunity.



A list of suitable items is displayed in the narthex. If you wish to take part, simply select an item and take the corresponding gift envelope from the box. Write your name on the envelope (or leave it anonymous if you prefer) and place the money inside. If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, just include a note to that effect. Gift envelopes may then be placed in the offertory bags. The gifts will be dedicated on the Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday 31st December.

SCAFFOLDING AND RESTORATION WORKS

The scaffolding beside the Southern transept wall is to give access to the windows while they are repaired and restored. The scaffolding will be in place for a number of weeks so please be careful when moving around that area of the church.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New sets of Offertory Envelopes are available for you to take. For those who prefer giving by **direct bank deposit**, the details are:

Account name: Holy Trinity Anglican Church
BSB: 037 608
Account number: 480769

SENIORS CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX APPEAL

The Rotary Club of Youngtown is seeking help for its Seniors Christmas Gift Box Appeal, which aims to give gifts to residents in aged care facilities, especially to those who receive few visitors. There is a list of suggested items on the notice board and a collection box in the narthex.



ANGLICARE AND RSPCA

Christmas is a time when organizations such as Anglicare and the RSPCA need some extra assistance. If you are in a position to make donations towards our collection boxes in the narthex it would be greatly appreciated.

USEFUL GIFTS CATALOGUE

The TEAR Useful Gifts catalogue is available in the narthex for those who wish to support this organization in its fight against poverty. There is a broad range of gifts to choose from including education needs, water, sanitation, chickens, goats, growing of gardens, etc. The order form is on the back of the catalogue or you can order online at usefulgifts.org.

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

Christoffel Zuiddam will be moving to Hobart to study in the new year. Benno and Anne-Marié would appreciate hearing from anyone who has contacts in Hobart that could assist with finding accommodation.

PUBLICATIONS

There are several new publications available for you to take a copy – The Eternity Newspaper, ABM's Partners magazine, the Tasmanian Anglican and the Christmas issue of our quarterly parish magazine, The Grapevine.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 24 December 2017

First Reading:	2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16	Psalm: Song of Mary
Second Reading:	Romans 16.25-27	Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

WAR MEMORIAL

150. GEORGE GILL

George was 18 when he joined the militia in 1904. He rose through the ranks becoming a colour sergeant in 1908 and then transferred to the regular army as a sergeant major on the Instructional Staff. In April 1917 he was commissioned and embarked on the Shropshire as ship's adjutant. On reaching England he was attached to the 52nd Battalion as adjutant and proceeded to France in October 1917. George was promoted Captain in October 1918 and was attached to London HQ before returning to Australia in July 1919.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS



Noah, Norm, Phillip, Bruce, Pauline, Ursula, Margarete, Angela, Warren, Frank, Tara, Michael, Sara and the Rosevear family.

A reminder to everyone that names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless other arrangements have been made.