

There is ONE ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR left for sale—\$12—See Edith.

REJOICE

The only person in History who was able to choose where He was to be born, chose a stable.

The hinge of history is found on the door of a Bethlehem stable.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS.

Who started the rumour that one needs a lot of money to remember, to rejoice, to celebrate the birthday of the One who chose to become poor for us.

—a WORKER AMONG THE POOR IN MEXICO in A Procession of Prayers (Comp. John Garden)

May the warm, guiding star drive from your life every shadow; may the glad song of angels find an echo in your heart; may the spirit of worship in the hearts of the wise men, and the simple faith of the shepherds be ours as, once more, we celebrate the Birthday of the King.

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Sunday 18th December 2011 — ADVENT 4.

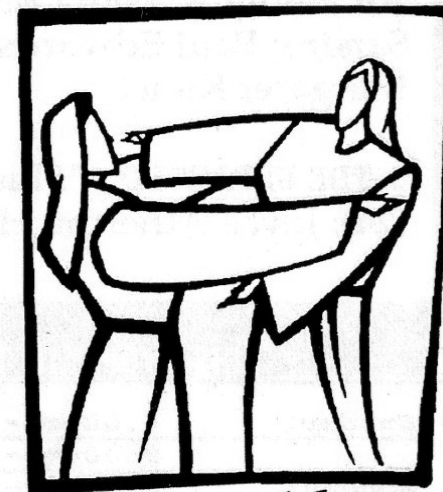
Welcome to St John's today: newcomers, visitors and our parish family. Please join us after the service for a cuppa and a chat.

Christmas Day is only a week away. The narrative story in the gospel reading today prepares us for the great event. But it also does more. Together with the other readings, it connects us with the whole event.

From David to Jesus, to the early believers and onward to us—we are put firmly in the middle of the story and the call to be witnesses to the coming of Jesus Christ into the world.

The gospel story is our story.

Greetings
favoured one
Lukel:28



Advent 4

Sentence for today: "THIS CHILD WILL BE GREAT, AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH. HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER, AND OF HIS KINGDOM THERE WILL BE NO END." 1 Kings 1:32-33

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Come join us for Worship, fellowship, study, service, music and fun.

Monday 19th December

Tuesday 20th December

Wednesday 21st December

7.00am—Morning Prayer

9.00am—Eucharist & Morning Tea

****7.00pm—CHRISTMAS IN WORD
& MUSIC****

Thursday 22nd December

5.00pm—Choir Practice

6.30pm—Band Practice

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 24th December— CHRISTMAS
EVE—6.00pm FAMILY EUCHARIST

MIDNIGHT MASS—

11.30pm(with incense)

Sunday 25th December
8.00am—Eucharist



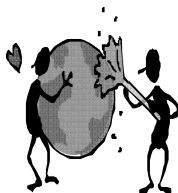
BIBLE READINGS for TODAY.

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16. Psalm 89.
1-4,19-27. Romans 16:25-27.
(Co138x) Luke 1:26-38

READINGS for Sunday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 62:6-12. Psalm 97.
Titus 3:4-8a.
Luke 2. 1-14 (15-20)

*****(Please check if you are reading or
serving at Christmas services.)**



Financial Stewardship

Amount received 4th
November 2011

Open plate \$1,557.25

Required (per week)

\$2800.00

JANUARY SERVICES

All through January, there will
only be **ONE** service on
Sundays at 8.30am.

There will be **no mid-week
services** between Christmas &
New Years Day.

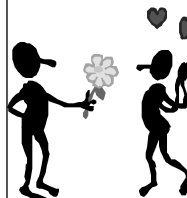
PARISH PLANNING MEETING for 2012 on Sunday,
22nd January, straight after the 8:30am service

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY— 8:30am
Sunday 19th February, 2012

2012 BUDGET accepted by Parish council 13/12/12. See
copy on Porch Notice Board & in gathering area. Any

ANNUAL REPORTS are now due please. To be in by
31st January. Please e-mail to Church Office @
stjohns.rt@bigpond.com

VIRGINIA GRACE &
family would like to THANK
everyone for their prayers and
concern during Virginia's
recent health
issues.



Thank you all.

BAPTISM—Today 18/12/11
11.30am.

SEBASTIAN

*Welcome to God's family
Sebastian, may you shine
as a light in the world.*

