

Welcome

December '22 and January '23

St Nicolas Anglican Church

Anglican Parish of Carine-Dun Craig

Cnr Beach Road & Poynter Drive,

Dun Craig, WA 6023



All are welcome here.

Jesus welcomes everyone so we reckon we will too.

Advent is all about challenge and change. We are challenged to remember the birth of Jesus and the reality of incarnation; what does it mean, that God loves us enough to come and live with us? We are challenged to consider what it means to pray "Your kingdom come", as we look forward to the coming reign of Christ. We remember the stories of Mary, Joseph, and their son Jesus; of Elizabeth, Zechariah, and their son John; we remember the prophecies about who their babies would grow up to be, and how the world was about to be changed.

Advent and Christmas offer the world so much more than a sanitised image of a cute baby in a sweet-smelling stable, adored by his parents and worshipped by ruggedly handsome shepherds and exotic Eastern kings. Advent and Christmas offer us opportunities to tell our neighbours, families, and friends, that Christmas is about more than presents, pretty lights, and terrible Christmas muzak in shopping centres.

No amount of glittery Christmas decorations can hide the fact that so many people are struggling to pay the rent and feed their children. Christmas will look different to the Christians in Ukraine, in refugee camps, or living in tents following climate disasters.

That baby was born to change the world; and he invites us to join in his mission of love, peace, kindness, and hospitality. May we reach out in love to those we can help; may God bless them and us, this Christmas and always.

I can't quite believe that this is the last time I will write for this newsletter. I am sad to be leaving so much sooner than I anticipated- there is still so much I wanted to do! But situations change, and God calls us to respond. I am confident that this parish will thrive and grow, continuing to be a blessing to the community of Carine-Dun Craig.

*God bless,
Lorna*

Christmas services:

Advent Sundays:

Eucharist 7:30am & 9:30am

Sunday 11th December 7pm

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 19th December 7pm

'Blue Christmas': a quiet, reflective service for any who find this time of year difficult

Christmas Eve 24th December:

Children's Nativity Play 3pm

Midnight Mass 11pm

Christmas Day 25th December:

Eucharist 9:30am

First Sunday after Christmas

Eucharist 9:30am (Rev'd Lorna's last service)

Collections for families in need

In recent years we have collected money and goods for Christmas Hampers for both **Balga Snr High School** and **Roseworth Primary School**; both schools have students from disadvantaged families, and both have written to ask if we can help again. Following discussion at Parish Council last week we decided just to **collect cash this year**, so the schools can purchase what is most needed for the hampers. **If you would like to give a donation, please put it in an envelope marked 'Christmas Hampers'**; if you wish to specify which school write that on the envelope too, otherwise we will divide the donated money between the two schools.

Bible Readings:

ADVENT 1	27-Nov-22	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:9-14 Matthew 24:36-44
ADVENT 2	04-Dec-22	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12
ADVENT 3	11-Dec-22	Isaiah 35:1-10 The Song of Mary James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
ADVENT 4	18-Dec-22	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
CHRISTMAS EVE 11PM	24-Dec-22	Isaiah 62.1-5 Psalm 89.19-29 Acts 13.16-25 Matthew 1.1-25
CHRISTMAS DAY	25-Dec-22	Isaiah 52. 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1. 1-4 John 1. 1-14
CHRISTMAS 1- EPIPHANY	01-Jan-23	Isaiah 60. 1-6 Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	08-Jan-23	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17
EPIPHANY 2	15-Jan-23	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42
EPIPHANY 3	22-Jan-23	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23
EPIPHANY 4	29-Jan-23	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD	05-Feb-23	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Recycling hub

Collections: 3rd Saturday of every month 9-11am

Contact: Marian Green 0403 026 717

Our last **St Nic's Recycling Hub** for the year is on Saturday, 17 December, 9-11am, or especially for parishioners, our mini-Hub will be available after each service on Sunday, 18 December.



As the year comes to a close, I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in the Hub. The majority of those who help out each month are from the community and have volunteered because they are passionate about sustainability and caring for our world. As special Thank You goes to Ruth Oxley who has been there every step of the way to help out and support me! Thank you to everyone who has brought along their recyclables, asked questions about recycling, or who has stopped to think about making changes to their habits as a result of something they have learned from the Hub. Small steps result in big changes to the way God's Creation is cared for and sustained.

The Hub will continue next year, with some changes to the way it operates and the recyclables that we collect. If you have any questions about recycling, would like to get involved, or would like to start a collection point at another community group that you're involved in, please have a chat with me! (Marian 0403 026 717)

Containers for Change:

We have a bin outside the hall for suitable containers.



Our Scheme ID:
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Mother's Union

Mothers' Union members are reminded that our Christmas Lunch will be held on Monday 5th December in the hall at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Please arrive at 11:30 am with lunch served at 12 noon. All the food is being provided by the committee. Dress in your Christmas best and please bring a gift to the value of \$10, Christmas wrapped and ready to go under our Christmas tree. Also for everyone who has been collecting their \$1 or \$2 in a jar for Overseas and Northern Outreach throughout the year, please bring them along for collection. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration.

Celebrating St Nic's Day

The planned evening event for 3rd December will not be going ahead this year.

Instead, let's bring tasty teatime treats to celebrate after the services on Sunday 4th December (the closest Sunday to St Nicolas' Day), when Bishop Jeremy will be coming to celebrate and preach.

Thank you

The family of Gere Harwood would like to thank the parish of St Nicolas for their kindness and the preparation involved to make the Service of Thanksgiving for Gere's life on 21st November, so special. Thank you Kay for the flowers, Jenny for the music, David and Tom on the sound desk and Rev Lorna for all her work in preparing the slide show. Grateful thanks to all the members of Mothers' Union, Jenny Barkhouse and Sandra Boylan for the delicious afternoon tea and to all those who set up, served and cleaned up afterwards. We have received many messages of thanks from people who attended the service asking us to be sure to thank the parish.



It's in the bag - Thank you to everyone who donated bags and items for the sharethedignity.org.au/itsinthebag collection. We pulled together and donated ten lovely bags filled with necessities, treats and love. xxx

Congratulations, Grahame!

Grahame Bowland, who was recently with us as formation student, has been told he will be ordained as a deacon at St George's Cathedral on February 23rd next year! Wonderful news and please join us in wishing him congratulations.

No Wednesday Services during January:

Please note that Wednesday Eucharist services will not take place during January. If you would like to meet up at the usual service time for a cuppa and chat, please feel free to do so in the hall and on the patio.

A prayer for a new incumbent:

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for
ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

Parish Diary

Top tip: you can view an up-to-date calendar of all Parish activities on our website: stnicolasanglican.org/parish-calendar

27-Nov-22	Sun	Eucharist - <u>ADVENT 1</u> Eucharist with Sunday School	07:30 09:30	Church Church & Hall
29-Nov-22	Tue	Craft and Chat (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
30-Nov-22	Wed	Eucharist Advent Study wk 2: Morning Group WAGS (weekly) Advent Study wk 2: Evening Group	09:15 10.45 11:00-14:00 19:00	Church Church Hall Hall
01-Dec-22	Thu	Toddler Jam (weekly)	09:30-11:00	Hall
02-Dec-22	Fri	Heartmoves	09:00-10:00	Hall
03-Dec-22	Sat	Men's Breakfast	07:30-09:00	Hall
04-Dec-22	Sun	Eucharist - <u>ADVENT 2</u> Eucharist with Sunday School St Nicolas Day Celebration	07:30 09:30 Time tbc	Church & Hall Church & Hall Patio
05-Dec-22	Mon	Mother's Union	10:00-12:00	Hall
06-Dec-22	Tue	Craft and Chat (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
07-Dec-22	Wed	Eucharist Advent Study wk 3: Morning Group WAGS (weekly) Advent Study wk 3: Evening Group	09:15 10.45 11:00-14:00 19:00	Church Church Hall Hall
08-Dec-22	Thu	Toddler Jam (weekly) Parish Council Meeting	09:30-11:00 19:30	Hall
09-Dec-22	Fri	Heartmoves	09:00-10:00	Hall
10-Dec-22	Sat	Cursillo ASG	08:00-09:00 12:00-16:00	Church Hall
11-Dec-22	Sun	Eucharist - <u>ADVENT 3</u> Eucharist with Sunday School Service of Lessons and Carols	07:30 09:30 19:00	Church & Hall Church & Hall Church
12-Dec-22	Mon	Friendship Group	19:30-21:30	Hall
13-Dec-22	Tue	Nursing Home Eucharist (Opal) Craft and Chat (weekly) Parish Council meeting	11:00 13:30-16.00 19:30	Opal Care Hall Hall
14-Dec-22	Wed	Eucharist Advent Study wk 4: Morning Group WAGS (Christmas Lunch) Advent Study wk 4: Evening Group	09:15 10.45 11:00-14:00 19:00	Church Church Hall Hall
15-Dec-22	Thu	Toddler Jam (weekly) Nursing Home Eucharist	09:30-11:00 10:30	Hall Lady McCusker
16-Dec-22	Fri	Heartmoves	09:00-10:00	Hall
17-Dec-22	Sat	St Nic's Recycling hub	09:00-11:00	Front porch
18-Dec-22	Sun	Eucharist - <u>ADVENT 4</u> Eucharist with Sunday School	07:30 09:30	Church & Hall Church & Hall
19-Dec-22	Mon	Children's Holiday Workshop 'Blue Christmas': a quiet, reflective service for any who find this time of year difficult.	13:00-15:00 19:00	Hall Church
21-Dec-22	Wed	Eucharist	09:15	Church

22-Dec-22	Thu	possible Nativity Rehearsal Children's Holiday Workshop	10:00 13:00-15:00	Church & Hall Hall
24-Dec-22	Sat	Children's Nativity Midnight Mass	3pm 11 pm	Church Church
25-Dec-22	Sun	Christmas Day Eucharist	9:30	Church
28-Dec-22	Wed	Eucharist	09:15	Church
01-Jan-23	Sun	Eucharist - EPIPHANY Rev. Lorna's final service at St Nic's followed by a farewell tea in the hall	09:30	Church
04-Jan-23	Wed	Cuppa and catch up	09:00	Hall
06-Jan-23	Fri	Heartmoves	09:00-10:00	Hall
08-Jan-23	Sun	Eucharist Eucharist	07:30 09:30	Church
10-Jan-23	Tue	Nursing Home Eucharist (Opal)	11:00	Opal Care
11-Jan-23	Wed	Cuppa and catch up Children's Holiday Workshop	09:00 13:00-15:00	Hall Hall
13-Jan-23	Fri	Heartmoves Children's Holiday Workshop	09:00-10:00 13:00-15:00	Hall Hall
15-Jan-23	Sun	Eucharist Eucharist	07:30 09:30	Church
16-Jan-23	Mon	Mother's Union	10:00-12:00	Hall
17-Jan-23	Tue	Craft and Chat (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
18-Jan-23	Wed	Cuppa and catch up WAGS (weekly)	09:00 11:00-14:00	Hall Hall
19-Jan-23	Thu	Nursing Home Eucharist	10:30	Lady McCusker
20-Jan-23	Fri	Heartmoves	09:00-10:00	Hall
22-Jan-23	Sun	Eucharist Eucharist	07:30 09:30	Church
24-Jan-23	Tue	Craft and Chat (weekly)	13:30-16.00	\Hall
25-Jan-23	Wed	Cuppa and catch up WAGS (weekly)	09:00 11:00-14:00	Hall Hall
27-Jan-23	Fri	Heartmoves (weekly) Hexagon & Patchwork	09:00-10:00 10:30-15:00	Hall Hall
29-Jan-23	Sun	Eucharist Eucharist	07:30 09:30	Church
31-Jan-23	Tue	Craft and Chat (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
01-Feb-23	Wed	Eucharist WAGS (weekly)	09:15 11:00-14:00	Church Hall
03-Feb-23	Fri	Heartmoves	09:00-10:00	Hall
04-Feb-23	Sat	Men's Breakfast	07:30-09:00	Hall
05-Feb-23	Sun	Eucharist Eucharist with Sunday School	07:30 09:30	Church & Hall

A New Church Year Has Begun

What does this mean?

Most Anglicans know that our liturgical New Year begins on Advent Sunday. It's that day in late November or early December when we look forward to the end of everything, when Christ will come again with judgement and mercy... It's a moveable date, unlike the first of January (for secular calendars) or the first of July (for the financial year). We count back four Sundays before Christmas to kick off Advent, and forward the famous twelve days towards Epiphany.

The other moveable dates in our liturgical calendar wander around with the moon. Western and Eastern Christians have slightly different systems for calculating the date of the March equinox, so there is ecumenical slippage. Generally, Easter is the Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox. Once you know when Easter falls, you can count backward to Lent and Ash Wednesday and forward forty days to Ascension and thence to Pentecost and Trinity, before everything calms down and we settle into 'green' Sundays for the long haul.

The Calendar is our guarantee that we will recall all the key events in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

He is the reason for every season. But some of his friends pop up in the Calendar, too, not on their birthday, but on their anniversary of their death. Some are given celebrity treatment: John the Baptist, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, the blessed Virgin Mary, and other biblical personalities are celebrated with their own special readings and prayers. We used to call them 'red-letter days' for the ink used in old manuscripts to highlight their importance. Other saints, less foundational or more local, pop up as needed to remind us of their unique and often eccentric contributions to Christian life: the mystics and martyrs, the argumentative, the creative, the outrageous lovers of God.



A word to the wise: we don't much go in for 'special Sundays' in the Anglican Church. Occasionally we might highlight a theme for focused prayer or thanksgiving, perhaps during that long stretch of 'green' Sundays. But we treat every Sunday as a miniature Easter, a top-priority feast of the Resurrection, and we let each Sunday takes its tone from where it fits into that useful liturgical artefact, the Calendar.

*'Loving the Liturgy' by The Revd Dr Elizabeth J Smith | Senior Mission Priest, Parish of the Goldfields.
<https://www.perth.anglican.org/news-and-events/news/liturgy>*

What does it mean to be in 'Year A' of the liturgical calendar?

There is a set three-year cycle for the Bible readings, which is laid out in the Lectionary. Each Sunday, the first reading is usually from the Old Testament; then there is a psalm, and the second is usually from one of the letters written to an early church community. The Gospel readings which follow are then mainly from the Gospel to which that liturgical year is dedicated:

Year A – Gospel of St. Matthew

Year B – Gospel of St. Mark

Year C – Gospel of St. Luke

(The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years).



Nativity Play

Saturday 24th December 3pm

All are welcome

If your young ones would like to participate, please attend:

- Dec 4th Parts and scripts decided at Sunday School
- Dec 11th & 18th Rehearsals during Sunday School
- Dec 24th 2pm Run-through before the performance
- Dec 24th 3pm Nativity Service

The service will be live-streamed for those who can't attend.

(If you don't want your performers to appear on camera - please just let us know and we will easily position them out of shot).

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Weekly Service Times:

Wed Eucharist at 09:15

Sun Eucharist at 07:30 & 09:30

(Sunday School 09:30 during term)

Offerings:

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'St Nicolas Carine Dun Craig'

Advent Calendar with A Difference

Add a bit extra to the countdown to Christmas - these daily snippets can:

- slot into pockets of an **advent calendar**
- fit into **lunch** bags or books
- inspire daily **discussion** moments
- lip underneath family **dinner** plates
- be ticked off daily, while on the **fridge**

Day	Something we can do today:	A passage:
1	Put up Christmas decorations while thinking of all the ways we are blessed and how we can share our blessings with others.	Isaiah 9:6
2	List 3 kind things that others have done for you. Then list 3 kind things you will do for others in the coming week.	1 Peter 4:8
3	Write an encouraging note to someone	1 Peter 5:7
4	Make kindness rocks and hide them in a nearby park or playground	Isaiah 40:29
5	Learn about St Nicolas and what he did in his life	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
6	Fill a bag with toys or clothes to donate to charity	Isaiah 9:2,6-7
7	Make Christmas cards	Isaiah 11:1-9
8	Watch a Christmas movie and consider what you learnt	Genesis 22:15-18
9	Draw pictures to share at a retirement or care home	Micah 5:2-4
10	Read a book to someone or tell them a story	Luke 1:26-38
11	Attend a carol service	Ecclesiastes 7:9
12	Make Christmas ornaments you'll remember with love in years to come	Luke 2:8-16.
13	Learn how other countries celebrate Christmas	Matthew 1.1-25
14	Do a chore at home you wouldn't normally do	Matthew 2:1-11
15	Give someone a true compliment not involving appearance	Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
16	Call someone far away and tell them you are thinking of them	1 Peter 1:23
17	Write a poem about all the ways we can be kind to people	Psalms 107:
18	Help at a church, shelter or aged-care facility	Matthew 17:20
19	Deliver Christmas messages to neighbours	Romans 8:28
20	Make up a Christmas song	Psalms 107:8-9
21	Drive/walk around and see the local Christmas lights, remembering how fortunate you are to be enjoying them	Proverbs 3:5-6
22	Help someone without being asked	Galatians 5:22-23
23	Play and sing carols	Corinthians 13:13
24	Read the Christmas story	Matthew 1:18-23
25	Celebrate Jesus' birth	John 1:1-14

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