



# Anglican Church of Central and Western NSW Coolah—Dunedoo Parish Newsletter

Advent 2 ~ 9-10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

## Prayer for 2nd Advent Candle

*The first candle is already lit.*

The Prince of Peace is about to be born! The Kingdom of God is at hand! God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour (Isaiah 61:1-2)



"Created in God's image we must make peace on earth ... we shall find Christ among us as woman, child, or man." (Fred Kaan)

*The second candle is lit.*

## The Second Sunday of Advent

The Isaiah reading not only forms the background to the ministry of John, the Baptizer, but also fills out his cryptic message in the Gospel reading. It is a message of forgiveness, comfort and liberation breaking forth with the coming of the Lord to the people of the Covenant. John, indeed prepared the way for the coming of the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Pray for those who cry out in the wilderness in our generation; for those with a deliberate lifestyle that reflect the message they bear from God.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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## Community Carols 2017



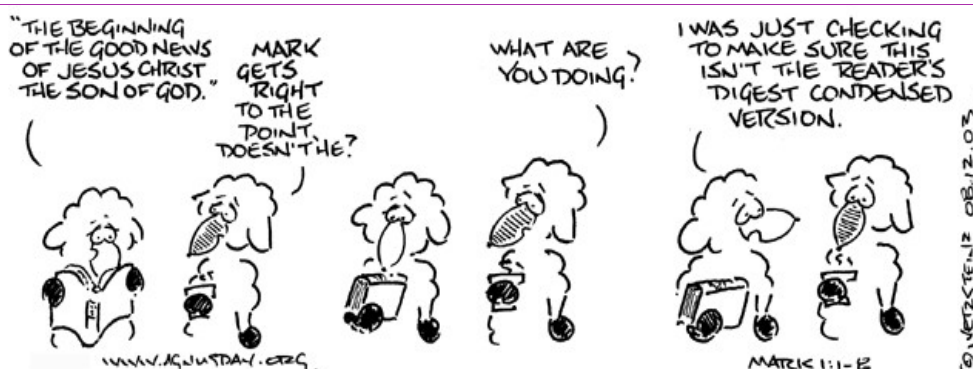
17/12/17

6:30 for 7:00 pm Can Assist Carols for Dunedoo-Coolah in Leadville Hall.

6:30 for 7:30 pm Coolah Community Carols at Coolah Hospital.

Mendooran Carols—t.b.a.

**Thank You** to the members of the Dunedoo AWA for the lovely Clock—complete with plaque - and gift presented to us at your Christmas Party on Monday Night.



## Prayers of the People

**V** Our God who comes

**R** hear our prayer.

We wait, O God, for your glory to be revealed, for the angels' message, for peace & joy.

Speak to your people and creation, Lord, where war and injustice, civil unrest and cruelty hold their sway. Bless all who serve as Defence Force Chaplains. **V/R**

Speak salvation to your church, O Lord, as we wait for your glory to be revealed through the world wide church, its leaders and elders, prophets and priests; + Ian who leads our Diocese, Fr Robert & Beth, those newly ordained, made Archdeacons and all who give spiritual direction or aid. Give wisdom to the Parish Council in their forward planning on Tuesday. **V/R**

Speak tenderly to your people, O Lord, as we wait for your glory to be revealed, for the message and longed for reality of reconciliation and love. Bless our homes, our neighbours, schools and hospitals that all may be your hands and feet. **V/R**

Speak comfort to your people, O Lord, that as we wait for your glory to be revealed, for the good news of healing and wholeness. Bless all who care for others; comfort those who can no longer care for themselves; give hope to those who seek it; and be our consolation, Lord. We remember: Ian, John & Janet, Jann & Ken, Dorothy & Neville, Irene, Tracie & Pat, Hugh, Michelle ...

**V/R**

Speak forgiveness to your people O Lord, as we wait for your glory to be revealed. With all your saints we long to hear, "Behold your God"., and praise you for all those gathered into your eternal presence. **V/R**

**Come quickly, to your people, O Lord, that with all your faithful ones we may sing the eternal song "Salvation belongs to our God, and unto the Lamb: Hosanna." Maranatha! Amen**

**Maranatha**  
Come Lord Jesus!



## NEXT WEEKEND

**Dec. 16-17**

**Sunday 8.30 am** All Saints

9:00 am St Andrew's

11:30 am Christmas Service,  
St. Chad's. Mendooran

## PARISH CALENDAR:

### DECEMBER 2017

**Dec. 12 Parish Council** Dunedoo Hall  
(Please note changed date) Apologies to Jenny, please. Supper follows. Archdeacon Jono Williams attending.

**Dec 13** 1pm Thank you Lunch for all Op Shop volunteers.

**Dec 15** Op Shop closes for Christmas/New Year break (*Re-opens Jan 4th, 2018*)

**Dec 20** 7.30 pm LLM meeting at Rectory

### 2017 Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24th

4pm St Laurence Neilrex

7.30 pm All Saints' Dunedoo

7.30 pm St Andrew's Coolah

#### Christmas Day Monday Dec 25th

8.30 am All Saints' Dunedoo

9 am St Andrew's Coolah

#### Sunday Dec 31st

(*Fr Robert & Rev Beth's last services*)

8.30 am All saints' Dunedoo

10.30 am St Andrew's Coolah

#### JANUARY SERVICES

Morning Prayer in Coolah and Dunedoo as per regular worship cycle during January. **FEBRUARY SERVICES**

To be advised.

**SRE School Concerts** have been held recently. Coolah's was on 21/11 in the Octagon; Dunedoo's on 1/12 in the DCS Hall. Both services were celebrations of Christ's faithfulness and love in the last year. Dunedoo presented them with Certificates, flowers and gifts to go with us into our retirement. (How did they know Fr Robert likes to collect pens; and that they both like chocolate?)



**Thank You** to everyone who organised and gathered to farewell us last week. It was a celebration of friendship, love and moving forward in Christ. The personal messages from those at the farewell and from those unable to attend were touching and humbling to receive.

In Christ's Love,

*Robert & Beth*



### November 2017

#### Parish Council Meeting:

**The Treasurer Reported:** Oct. Income \$6,098; Expenses \$24,958 YTD Surplus \$9063

\$15,000 returned to Mayor's Fire appeal as requested for Uarbry village assistance.

Neilrex Appeal letter for replacing windows at St Laurence Church posted and support received.

The October 2017 meeting decided to distribute the \$7000 given directly to our parish for fire assistance, \$1000 per request. These funds have now been fully disbursed by the Parish Wardens (Coolah Dunedoo Church Wardens) in accordance with Parish Council's decision. This action was ratified at the November meeting.

Parish Council will retain Parish Website.

Parish Christmas cards with services times to be sent to all on our parish Roll.

Plans for 2018 Valentines Dinner discussed (9th Feb 2107)

December meeting brought forward one week.

Reports received from Octagon, Mendooran and

#### Fr Robert Reported:

The Bowman's will move first week of January 2018.

Warren Spooner from Compassion Australia to preach at all services Nov 25/26

Services at Dunedoo and Coolah on December 31 (Fr Robert and Rev Beth's last services,) to include

"Conclusion of Ministry Payers."

Conducted 5 funerals, attended Remembrance Day at Mendooran School and Dunedoo Cenotaph, School SRE Christmas assemblies and 2 baptism booked for December 2017

**A Scripture selfie** of the SRE team for Dunedoo Central School at a Morning tea, after a successful



year of teaching and a wonderful SRE Christmas Assembly with the whole school on Friday 1st December. Pictured are Fr Robert, Janet, Beth S, Area coordinators Helen (retiring) & Jacinta (new), Rev Beth and Carmel (Michelle was unable to attend)

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