



SERVICES UPDATE

If you are intending to attend the service in any centre -

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For St Laurence's Neilrex - Eric Beer—0429388530

Good News - we can now SING!
So warm up your voices ready to sing joyfully.

Everyone will need to sign in when arriving at church with contact details.

Social distancing and use of hand sanitiser will still need to be adhered to and there will be no singing yet but music will be played.

Morning prayer service sheets will be given out and whoever is conducting the service will explain any other conditions we need to follow.

If possible, please pass this newsletter on to others in our Parish who do not have the internet. Thanks.



DECEMBER SERVICES INCLUDING CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Sunday 13th December - 8.30am All Saints Dunedoo M/P
9am St Andrews Coolah—M/P

Christmas Eve—Thursday 24th December 2020 -

4pm—St Laurence's Neilrex—Nine Lessons and Carols
4pm—St Andrews Coolah—Holy Communion (Fr David Craig)

6:30pm—All Saints Dunedoo—Holy Communion (Fr David Craig)

In January there will only be a service on Sunday 17th January at All Saints Dunedoo at 8.30am and at St Andrews Coolah at 9am both will be Morning Prayer services.

Services for following months will hopefully get back to normality.

Readings for 3rd Sunday in Advent -
Sentence: Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God ..
Isaiah 61:1-2

Prayer of the Day - *Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*
Amen.

Readings—Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126 or St Luke 1:47-55,
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Gospel of John 1:6-8, 19-28



We are still encouraged to use the Bishop's videos for our Sunday worship at home. To do this go to the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst website. These services have been an encouragement to us all and thanks to our Bishop Mark for his guidance during this time.

Stay safe everyone and please follow safe distancing and also wherever you need to—wear a mask for your own and others' protection.

If you require any pastoral care during this difficult time please call our Parish office or contact our Secretary, Jenny Tunks—0429866205 or by email on jennyt0410@gmail.com

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, Year B

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ISAIAH 61.1-4, 8-11

The reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 61, beginning at verse 1
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he 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; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully

give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear the word of the Lord
thanks be to God

PSALM 126

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- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion: then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.
- 3 Then said they among the heathen: 'The Lord has done great things for them'.
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us: and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord: as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 Those that sow in tears: shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 They who go out weeping, bearing the seed: shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

or ST LUKE 1.47-55 page 31

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my

Saviour,

- 2 Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed;
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.
- 4 God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation.
- 5 The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 6 Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.
- 7 God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.
- 8 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,
- 9 The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

1 THESSALONIANS 5.12-18

The reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 5, beginning at v. 12
Ready for the coming of our Lord

We appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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Allelujah

Allelujah! **Allelujah!** The spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring good news to the poor. **Allelujah!**

ST. JOHN 1.6-8, 19-28

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John, chapter 1, beginning at verse 6

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

He who comes after me stands among you

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ...

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, "Why then are you baptising if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

For the gospel of the Lord
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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