

# ST. BENEDICT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula  
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**PEW SHEET**  
24/25/26<sup>th</sup> December, 2010



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**Christmas**—Thousands of Orthodox Christians will have worshipped all night by firelight and candlelight before breaking their fast on Christmas morning. In this beautiful Gospel, John takes us back to the time before creation, when only God existed. God is light, the kind of light that brings enlightenment and life itself. This is in complete contrast to the darkness, the blindness, the non-recognition and even the refusal of this world to believe. The Christmas festival reminds us that we are born from above. We have come out of darkness and, through believing in Him, have become His own, born of the Spirit.

Reflection: Where we are born is irrelevant. We are all God's children and we all have a part to play in His on-going plan to save the world from darkness and blindness.

- Pray: that God will show us those who long for someone to help them come out of darkness into His marvellous light. *Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflections 2010*

**READINGS 26<sup>th</sup> December**

Isaiah 63. 7-9

Ps. 148

Hebrews 2. 10-18

Matthew 2. 13-23

*Reader: J. Hunter*

*Sidesmen:*

*D. Litster/H. Martin*

**READINGS 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

Jeremiah 31. 7-14

Ps. 147. 12-20

Ephesians 1. 3-14

John 1. 10-18

*Reader:*

*Sidesmen:*

*K. Newbold/J. Rice*

**FUTURE SERVICES** - Michael Ford is putting together a roster for priestly ministry in the Ministry District during the interregnum. Bishop Garry has asked Rev'd Anne to take an extra Eucharist at St. Benedict's each month, so there will be at least two eucharists per month during this time. As there is not likely to be a definite pattern as to when they occur, just keep watching the pew sheet or website if you wish to know when you can take Communion. On the other Sundays of the month there will be a non-eucharistic service, capably led by one of our LLMs.

Peace is a never-ending process, the work of many decisions by many people in many countries. It is an attitude, a way of life, a way of solving problems and resolving conflicts. It cannot be forced on the smallest nation or enforced by the largest. It cannot ignore our differences or overlook our common interests. It requires us to work and live together.

*Oscar Sanchez 1987 Nobel Peace Prize winner*

**READINGS 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Isaiah 9. 2-7

Ps. 96

Titus 2. 11-14

Luke 2. 1-14

***Reader: J. Correll******Sidesmen:******G. Carmichael/B. Cook*****READINGS 25<sup>th</sup> December**

Isaiah 62.6-12

Ps. 97

Titus 3. 4-8a

Luke 2. 8-20

***Reader: K. Newbold******Sidesmen:******J. Cook***

**Prayer of the day-** Give us, O God, such love and wonder that, with shepherds and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised King, and with our gifts worship him, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**Southpark Hostel - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9-30amMelaleuca Court - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11amElanora - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 11amSt. Benedict's - every Wednesday at 9am MP

**WELCOME!** Especially to family and friends of our congregation, other visitors, or newcomers. If you receive Holy Communion in any Christian tradition, you are very welcome to receive the sacrament with us. We invite you to join us for morning tea afterwards in the hall. It is our custom to not pass the offering plate during the service, but there is a plate at the door if you would like to make a donation to our church

**Prayers** are requested for Felicity Corlett [*Dawn Parsons' Daughter*], Clarence Cook [*Jeff's brother*], Christopher Pullin, Rosemary & Bob Nicholls, [*friends of Michael & Anne*], Des Brockhoff [*priest*], Dawn Parsons, Richard Cook

**Year's Mind:** Harry Shaw, Annie Alderman, Richard and William Rattley, Fred Glazbrook, Fred Schwarz, George Glazbrook, Laurence Redding, Sam Fletcher, Judy Ford

# THE CALENDAR

*Enjoy the holiday time and come back refreshed for next year*  
**PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK**

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## The Juggler of Notre Dame

A 12<sup>th</sup> century legend tells about a juggler who became a monk. He loved the Christ child and his mother, Mary and felt badly because he had no gift to bring to honour to the statue of Mary in his church, so the juggler went before the statue and did his best juggling. The other monks laughed and told him he was not honouring Mary, but the statue came to life and blessed the juggler because his gift was so special. This legend eventually became the song we know as “The Little Drummer Boy”. Sing or listen to this song; then talk about the gifts you have and how you can use them to honour Jesus. Think about the difference between gifts wrapped in paper and gifts of the heart.

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A woman was out Christmas shopping with her three young children. After hours of trailing around toy shops and hearing her kids asking for every item on the shelves, she was thoroughly fed up. Weighed down with bags, she squeezed herself and her kids into a crowded shopping mall elevator and sighed aloud, to nobody in particular: “Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be arrested and strung up!”

A voice from the back of the elevator replied quietly: “Don’t worry, ma’am, I believe they crucified him.”

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A man went to the doctor complaining of a sore throat.

“Hmmm,” said the doctor, examining him. “Your throat is very swollen. I wonder if it’s an allergic reaction to something you’ve eaten. Have you eaten anything unusual lately?”

The man looked sheepish. “Well, doctor, I know it was a stupid thing to do, but two days ago I ate our Christmas decorations.”

“Ah, that explains it!” exclaimed the doctor triumphantly. “You’ve got tinselitis.”

