

# ST. BENEDICT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula  
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PEW SHEET  
19<sup>th</sup> December, 2010



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**-Isaac Pur came to faith, from an animist background, in 1986, after many nights of a recurring, powerful dream, in which he was reading the Epistle to the Romans. These dreams filled him with awe, fear and joy on waking. This passage tells a familiar, yet extraordinary story, in an utterly down to earth way. God chose a mature, principled, 'righteous' man in Joseph. He could have had Mary stoned. Instead, he takes God at His word and does what he is asked. This birth is meant to be understood as a miracle of nature. Matthew is careful to tell us that Mary's virginity is preserved by Joseph's restraint and honour. In the section where we are given the names of Jesus, Matthew is telling us that God is actively working amongst His people now. *Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflections 2010*

## **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES -**

A working bee to clean up in and around the buildings will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 9am.

**Carolling** around the town - meet at the church to leave at **6pm**. At approximately **7-30pm** all [carollers or not] are invited to Robert & Roz Kidds for drinks and nibbles [BYO]

**REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES** - The 'innovation' of having two Evensong services was very much enjoyed by those who attended, and after the second one, the discussion on 'Our response to Euthanasia' was rather enlightening although it was difficult for some to come to a final decision. These "Fork & Talk" evenings are a great opportunity to listen, learn and discuss many subjects relevant to our Christian living. They will commence again in the new year. The sessions are not long and drawn-out: they always aim at finishing by 8pm. So keep an eye on the calendar for the next date.

**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.

**Christmas Day Readings - Isaiah 62. 6-12      Reader: K. Newbold**

Ps. 97

Titus 3. 4-8a

Luke 2. 8-20

**Sidesmen: J. Cook**

**READINGS 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Isaiah 7. 10-16

Ps. 80. 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1. 1-7

Matthew 1. 18-25

***Reader: M. Cook******Sidesmen:******D. Walton/B. Edwards*****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***

**Prayer of the day-** Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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:** Frances Cook, Fred Porter, Olive Oakey, Gordon Oakey, Walter Long, Arthur Glazbrook, H.J. Cook, Trevor Higgs, Albert Russ, Jack Glazbrook

## THE CALENDAR

- December 23    Clean up 9am  
                  Carolling 6pm  
                  Drinks & Nibbles from 7-30pm
- 24    Crib Service 6pm  
          Midnight Eucharist 11-30pm followed by drinks

**PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK**

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“A personal example can illustrate how important it is constantly to consult the teachings God has provided for us in His Word. My wife and I remodelled our house a few years ago and experienced a near catastrophe. We were placing finishing oil on a floor. All we did was brush it on. It all seemed like a quick and easy job. After we had gone to sleep, our son came into our bedroom, saying that he smelled something terrible. I got up and looked around the house. I smelled something burning, but I could see no smoke anywhere. We called the fire department, since I thought there was a fire within the walls. Finally, my wife saw some fumes rising from a big cardboard box in the living room where we had temporarily disposed of the rags and other materials we had used in finishing the floor. I picked up the box and took it outside. When the fire fighters got to our house, one of them took a stick and stirred the contents of the box - it burst into flame. You see, we had not thoroughly read the instructions on the oil can, which had very specific instructions for disposing of the rags separately from the steel wool and other materials. If you leave all those materials together, a chemical reaction occurs, called spontaneous combustion. We simply did not think it was that important to read the instructions about how to dispose of rags, and a major fire almost occurred. It is the same with the Christian and God’s directions in Scripture. If we assume we know what we need to know to live as Christians without habitually consulting God’s word, we may be headed for catastrophe. We must continually read the instructions of God’s scriptural handbook to avoid catastrophe such as the spreading flames of false teaching.” G.K. Beale

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When a kindergarten student playing Joseph in the school nativity play forgot his lines, he was prompted from the side by a teacher. She whispered: “You have travelled a very long way, Joseph. You are hot and tired. What do you think you would say to the innkeeper?” Joseph brightened up, wiped his brow and said loudly: “Boy, do I need a drink!”