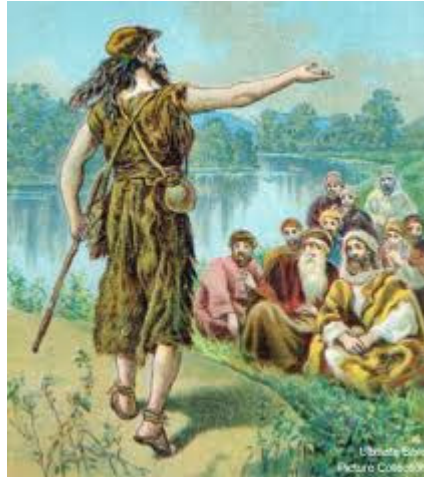


ST. BENEDICT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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PEW SHEET
5th December, 2010



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Second Sunday of Advent- The Chinese are building roads all over Africa and virtually everywhere in Ethiopia straight roads are driven through hills, forests, villages and the edges of towns. For us, the message of this passage is: Walk the other way; God's way. John urges: turn away from sin and turn to God. But he also warns, 'Produce fruit in keeping with repentance'. That would be a changed heart and mind: humility, compassion, forgiveness and perseverance under pressure. These, it seems, are the only ways to get ready for the coming King. Advent is the right time to remember that God will come again one day, as judge, to bring justice to the earth. How do we get ready for that day? By allowing God's love to direct our lives - by allowing Him to burn away the dross, to straighten us out and to cut out the dead wood.

- Pray: that we may all have the courage to allow God to do what He needs to do to ready us for His coming.

Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflections 2010

TONIGHT

At 5-30 EVENSONG followed by a shared tea and then a discussion on the subject "Our response to Euthanasia". The service will be from the APBA. Please come along and enjoy a time of fellowship and hopefully go home with a variety of thoughts on Euthanasia.

THANKS to all who supported the Christmas Trading Table. Results will be given during this morning's Community Notices.

THE ADVENT TREE - gifts are being received in the form of food and/or presents for children. Take a ticket from the tree if you intend giving something for a child. All donations need to be brought by next Sunday, 12th December.

MOTHERS UNION CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held next Wednesday at 10am followed by morning tea. Everyone is invited to this annual 'outreach'. If members are unsure of their duties for the day, please see Lorraine. Please bring one sweet and one savoury for morning tea. There will be a working bee on Tuesday at 3pm to make preparations - setting up the hall, etc.

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.

READINGS 5th December

Isaiah 11. 1-10

Ps. 72. 1-7, 18-21

Romans 15. 4-13

Matthew 3. 1-12

Reader:**Sidesmen:****K. Newbold/J. Rice****READINGS 12th December**

Isaiah 35. 1-10

Ps. Song of Mary p. 31

James 5. 7-10

Matthew 11. 2-11

Reader: G. Illman**Sidesmen:****A. Litster/R. Kidd**

Prayer of the day- God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WEEKDAY SERVICESSouthpark Hostel - 1st Thursday at 9-30amMelaleuca Court - 1st Thursday at 11amElanora - 3rd 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: May Glazbrook, Edith Dowdy, Charlie Chenoweth, Olga Heppenstall, Bill Richards, Doris Markall, Mary Stagbouer

THE CALENDAR

- December 5 Advent Evensong 5-30pm
Fork & Talk in church hall
7 St. Benedict's Council 7-30pm
8 Mothers Union Christmas Service 10am

PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK

ADVENT – A Season of Preparation

The four weeks leading up to Christmas form the Season of Advent which started last Sunday. Advent is known as a season of preparation, but what are we preparing for? Some people assume that we are preparing for the birth of Jesus. But everyone knows that Jesus was born on Christmas – so do we really need four weeks to get ready for that? Other people think that Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas – baking and shopping and sending cards. While neither of these thoughts is really wrong, they kind of miss the mark. If you read the Bible passages for the weeks of Advent you get a very different message. You will read about the reign of God and themes like peace, hope, joy, and love. You will notice that the prophets and gospel writers are telling us to wake up and pay attention to the way God's kingdom is coming among us. This is something we ask each time we say the Lord's prayer: "Your kingdom, come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The preparing we do in the Season of Advent is about waking up to God's presence in the world. What will you do in the four weeks of Advent to rejoice and recognise God's presence?

ALL SCOTTISH

A Scotsman was waiting in the queue at the first tee ready to play a round of golf when a small boy approached him and said: "Would you like me to caddie for you, Sir?" The Scotsman eyed him up and down for a moment before asking: "Are ye any good at finding lost golf balls?" "Oh yes, sir. I'm great at finding lost golf balls." "Okay, run and search for one. Then we can start!"

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Two Scotsmen – Kenny and Jock – were discussing Jock's forthcoming wedding. "How are the preparations going?" asked Kenny. "They're coming along famously," replied Jock. "The invitations printed, flowers ordered, and I've even bought a kilt to be married in." "A kilt?" said Kenny. "You'll look very smart. What's the tartan?" "Och," replied Jock. "I imagine she'll just be in white."