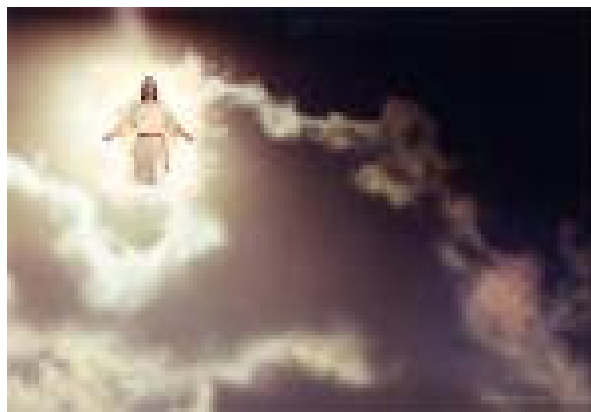


# ST. BENEDICT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Ministry District of Lower Yorke Peninsula  
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PEW SHEET  
28th November, 2010



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**First Sunday of Advent-** Life hangs by a thread for all of us. Here in Ethiopia, we're just much more aware of that fact. We take nothing for granted and depend upon God totally, every day. We prepare for most things in life, but, for some reason, we are not always so good at being spiritually alert and ready in our Christian lives. There is so much to distract us from looking at the big questions of our existence: love and faithfulness, suffering and death. The truth is that we cannot predict anything with certainty. Jesus urges us to 'Be prepared'. On Advent Sunday, traditionally, we commit ourselves to doing that by a period of repentance and by renewing our minds, through fellowship, watching, prayer, limiting our excesses and study.

- Pray: for Bishops and all teachers of the faith, that through them and by His Spirit, God will form in us and His Church, the mind of Christ.

*Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflections 2010*

**FORK & TALK** next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. As usual, there will be a shared meal starting at 6pm in the Ford household. The topic will be "Our response to Euthanasia".

**ADVENT EVENSONGS.** For those who enjoy those 'old-time' services, they will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November [TONIGHT] and 5<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

**ADVENT SUNDAY - TODAY** Once again we would like to donate *gifts* and Christmas *food* items to the local Health Services. The tree with gift tags has appeared! All gifts to be brought in by ***12<sup>th</sup> December.***

**CHRISTMAS TRADING TABLE - 3<sup>rd</sup> December** starting at 8-30am and closing at mid-day at the Rest Centre. Baked goods, crafts, plants, etc will be well received. There will also be a raffle. **RAFFLE TICKETS** are available today. Please support this important annual fund raiser.



**INVITATION from Minlaton U/C Fellowship - Christmas Service** next Wednesday at 10am followed by morning tea. All welcome.

**SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING TODAY** immediately following the service to discuss modifications to allow for a permanent retractable projector screen to be placed at the front of the church. Photos are on the glass doors for perusal.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Isaiah 2. 1-5

Ps. 22

Romans 13. 9-14

Matthew 24. 36-44

**Reader: T. Martin****Sidesmen:****D. Litster/H. Martin****READINGS 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Prayer of the day-** Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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:** Judy Oxley-Pearce, Bill Porter, Joe Williams, Jim Beswetherick, Barbara Longbottom, Gwen Hoyle, Heather Emery, George Parsons, Thelma Rogers, Muriel Cook

## THE CALENDAR

- November 28 Advent Evensong 5pm  
December 3 Christmas Trading Table  
5 Advent Evensong 5pm  
7 St. Benedict's Council 7-30pm  
8 Mothers Union Christmas Service 10am

**PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS EACH WEEK**

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### ADVENT RESPONSES

Leader: The desert will sing and rejoice

**ALL: AND THE WILDERNESS BLOSSOM WITH FLOWERS.**

Leader: All will see the Lord's splendour,

**ALL: SEE THE LORD'S GREATNESS AND POWER.**

Leader: Tell everyone who is anxious:

**ALL: BE STRONG AND DON'T BE AFRAID**

Leader: The blind will be able to see;

**ALL: THE DEAF WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR;**

Leader: the lame will leap and dance,

**ALL: THOSE WHO CAN'T SPEAK WILL SHOUT.**

Leader: They will hammer their swords into ploughs;

**ALL: THEY WILL TURN SPEARS INTO PRUNING-KNIVES.**

Leader: The nations will live in peace;

**ALL: NO MORE WILL THEY TRAIN FOR WAR.**

Leader: This is the promise of God.

**ALL: GOD'S PROMISE WILL BE FULFILLED.**

(from Isaiah 2:4 and 35:1,2,5,6)

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### LABOUR COSTS

A man having lunch at a Chinese restaurant noticed that the table had been set with forks, not chopsticks. He asked why. The waiter said, "Chopsticks are provided only on request." "But," the man countered, "If you gave your patrons chopsticks, you wouldn't have to pay someone to wash all the forks." "True," the waiter shot back, "but we would have to hire three more people to clean up the mess."