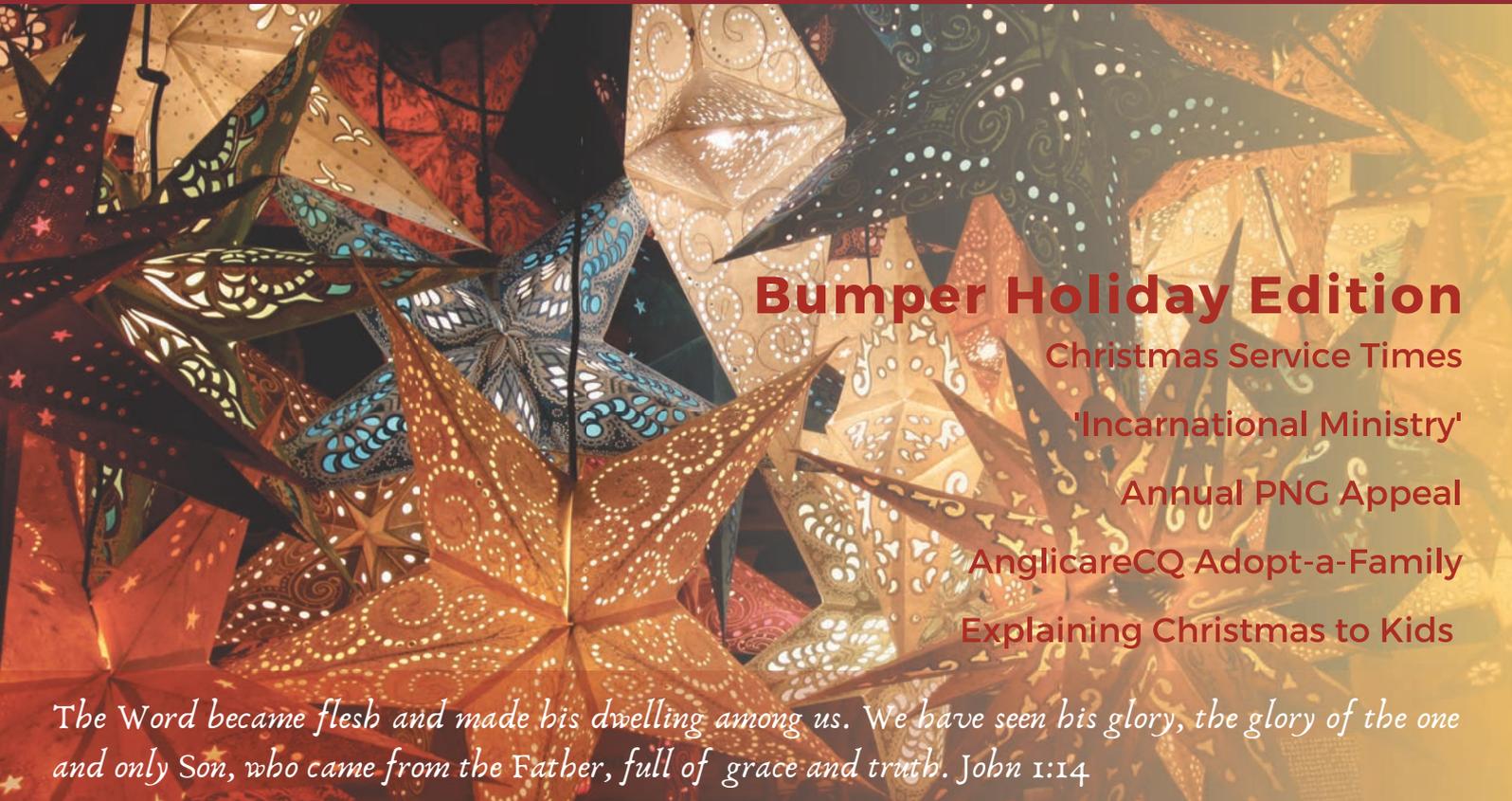


Seek you first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33



Bumper Holiday Edition

Christmas Service Times

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Explaining Christmas to Kids

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

GOD BECAME HUMAN

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

As a child, the excitement surrounding Christmas was almost unbearable! Decorations would pop up in stores and in shop windows. The smell of a fresh pine tree filled our home. The music would change around us. Cards from people near and far would flood in and be slotted across closed venetian blinds. And of course, presents would begin to appear under a tinsel laden tree, with sacks of chocolate money hanging tantalizingly.

As a child, the wonder and miracle of the season was focused on family, gifts and yummy food. I had little to no understanding of the reason for the season... it seemed to have a lot to do with Santa...

As an adult, now that I have a solid understanding of the reason for the season, the wonder of the Christmas miracle is a thousand times more profound.

As an adult, I understand that here, at the centre stage of human history, something revolutionary, something earth-shattering took place. God became human! God became one of us! The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!

At this point my brain begins to explode with all the wondrous possibilities of what this means for us, for humanity, for eternity. God cares. God has a plan. God has something to say. God risks vulnerability. God dignifies. God embodies hope. God is faithful. God acts. God is patient. God is ordinary. God is humble. God challenges my values. God draws out faith. God is in charge. God is to be worshipped, loved and adored.

And then, as an adult, God grows up. God suffers. God willingly goes to the cross. God bears my sin, so I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who was born for me and who died for me. Merry Christmas!

The Ven Tom Henderson-Brooks

CHRISTMAS SERVICES TIMES 2020

Anglican Regional Ministry

Sunday 13th 10am: Duaringa
Sunday 20th 10am: All Soul's, Wowan
Friday 25th 7.30am: Christmas Day service
St Mary's, Mt Morgan

Barcoo Parish

Sunday 20th 9.00am: St Michael's, Tambo
service followed by Morning Tea
Thursday 24th 6.00pm: Christmas Eve service
Holy Trinity Blackall
St Anne's Yaraka to be advised.

Boyne River Parish

Sunday 13th 4.00pm: Messy Church
St Marks, Boyne Island
Wednesday 16th 7.00pm: Blue Christmas
St marks, Boyne Island
Sunday 20th 4.00pm: Christmas Service
St Peter's, Lowmead
Thursday 24th 9.00am: Christmas Eve Service
St Mary's, Miriamvale
Thursday 24th 7.00pm: Family Service
St Mark's, Boyne Island
Thursday 24th 7.30pm: Christmas Eve Service
St Anne's Catholic Church, Agnes Water
Friday 25th 9.30am: Christmas Day service
St Mark's, Boyne Island
Friday 25th 8.30am: Christmas Day Service
St Anne's Catholic Church, Agnes Water

Callide Valley Parish

Thursday 24th 6.00pm: St Andrew's, Thangool
Thursday 24th 8.00pm: St Christopher's, Jambin
Friday 25th Christmas Day Service 8.30am:
St Gabriel's, Biloela

St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton

Sunday 20th 6.00pm: Nine Lessons & Carols
Thursday 24th 5.30pm: Children's Service
Thursday 24th 11.00pm: Carol Singing;
followed by the Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
Friday 25th Christmas Day Service 8.30am

*From Sunday 27th December to 31st January
there is going to be one service only at 8.30am*

Clermont and Moranbah Parishes

Sunday 20th 4.00pm: Lessons and Carols
All Saints, Clermont
Thursday 24th 4.00pm: Christmas Eve Service
St Francis, Moranbah
Friday 25th 12noon: Christmas Day
Fellowship lunch at St Francis, Moranbah

Emerald Parish

Thursday 24th at 5.00pm: Family Service
Thursday 24th at 11.00pm: Candlelight Service
Friday 25th at 9.00am: Christmas Day Service

*COVIDSafe limits apply. Please book online at
stlukesemerald.org.au*



Gladstone Parish

Sunday 20th 10.00am: Special 'Whole Parish' Christmas Service in Apex Park, Gladstone Central (incl. Clinton, Calliope & Ubobo)

Thursday 24th 11.00pm: Christmas Eve Service
St Saviours, Gladstone

Friday 25th 8.00am: Christmas Day Service
St Saviours, Gladstone

Friday 25th 9.30am: Christmas Day Service
St Peter's, Clinton

Christmas 'takeaway' lunch available between 11am and 1pm from St Saviour's

There will be no services on Sunday 27th December

Keppel Parish

Sunday 20th 7.30am & 9.30am:

Nine Lessons & Carols St James, Yeppoon

Sunday 20th 8.30am: Nine Lessons & Carols
Christ Church, Emu Park

Thursday 24th 6.00pm: Family Christmas
St James, Yeppoon

Thursday 24th 7.30pm: Family Christmas
Christ Church, Emu Park

Friday 25th 7.30am: Traditional Christmas
Christ Church, Emu Park

Friday 25th 9.00am: Traditional Christmas
St James, Yeppoon

All services at St James will be livestreamed via Keppel Anglican facebook page

North Rockhampton Parish

Sunday St Lawrence TBA

Thursday 24th 6.00pm: Family Service St David's

Friday 25th Christmas Day Service 8.30am:
St David's All Saints, North Rockhampton

Both All Saints services will be livestreamed via allsaintsrocky.org.au

Special Ministry Districts

Thursday 24th 7.00pm: Christmas Eve Service
St Andrew's, Gracemere

Sunday 20th 7.30am: breakfast Coal & Cattle pub;
9.00am combined Christmas Service at Uniting Church, Moura

Sunday 20th 11.00am: Christmas Service
St George's, Theodore followed by a shared lunch

**Springsure Parish**

Sunday 20th December 9.00am: All Saints
Rolleston

St Peter's Springsure 6pm Thursday 24th
December
and 9am Christmas Day Friday 25th December

Wandal Parish

Saturday 19th December 6pm: Christmas Carols

Thursday 24th December 5pm: Family event -
Christmas Around the World

RSVP by 12th Dec Rev Andrew 0427 177 769

Thursday 24th December 6pm: Holy Communion
Friday 25th December 8.30am: Carols and
Holy Communion

Sunday 27th December 8.30am: Holy Communion

Western Region Mission District

Sunday 13th 12.30pm: Christmas Service
St Mark's, Alpha

Sunday 13th 2.00pm: Christmas Service
St Paul's, Winton with Rev Jenny Coombes UC

Sunday 20th 12.30pm: Holy Communion
St George's Aramac. Meet in the Pool Park
at 12 for a picnic lunch prior to the service

Wednesday 23rd 5.00pm: Holy communion
All Saints, Muttaborra followed by
Christmas Fair at the Hotel

Thursday 24th 6.30pm: Christmas Eve Service
St Andrew's, Longreach

Friday 25th 9.00am: Christmas Day Service
St Peter's, Barcaldine

WHAT DOES 'INCARNATIONAL MINISTRY' LOOK LIKE?



For years Carl Lentz was pastor to the most exclusively hip and famous crowd in New York City. As senior pastor of a large church in a city where image is everything, Lentz made a point to reach out to pop singers and sports stars wherever he could. In the locker rooms of a Knicks game and at the hottest nightclubs afterwards, Lentz was there dressed in the latest fashions and a part of the scene. When questioned about how this was appropriate conduct for a gospel preacher, Lentz replied that celebrities need Jesus just as much as anyone else, and this was his method of bringing Jesus to them. He was being the presence of Jesus to those amid a materialistic world, ready to speak the Good Word and be accepted when the time was right. For a while it seemed like Lentz had it figured out, until last month a very public incident of moral failure saw him removed from his church position. Most of his celebrity flock indulged in the ultimate act of personal rejection by Unfollowing him on social media.

This example came to mind as I came to consider the topic of "incarnational ministry". To some the term may be familiar, to others probably less so, and is one that has tended to provoke strong feelings (both positive and negative). However, I believe that the key to true incarnational ministry must start with our approach, our

presuppositions and theological vision, so that we can hit that fairway of good discipleship and practice while avoiding the weeds. The concept of incarnational ministry has a long history, but has had a burst of popularity in recent times through influential works by Ray Sherman Anderson, Paul Hiebert and more recently Sam Wells. Broadly, their concern was how both the corporate church and individual Christians should "be Christ" to their communities, to have Christ incarnated in their lives and words to provide an authentic witness to a world that needs to know God. If Christians were more concerned with their incarnational witness rather than maintaining cultural and dogmatic forms of religiosity then the Kingdom would be flourishing rather than withering.

The incarnational ministry model has in turn received some pushback from the likes of Tim Chester and Eckhard Schnabel, who observed incarnation language has the potential to detract from the uniqueness of Christ and the ongoing mediation of the Spirit. There also seemed to be assumptions that cultural practices and expressions are merely the "packaging" of the Gospel rather than speaking directly to it, and thus much was affirmed that should have been rejected. These critiques are not without some merit.

However, does this mean that we should reject the concept of incarnational ministry wholesale? Is it possible for us to hold to historic faith and practices, and yet at the same time speak with relevance to our changing culture as well as new contexts? How might our ministry be truly incarnational?

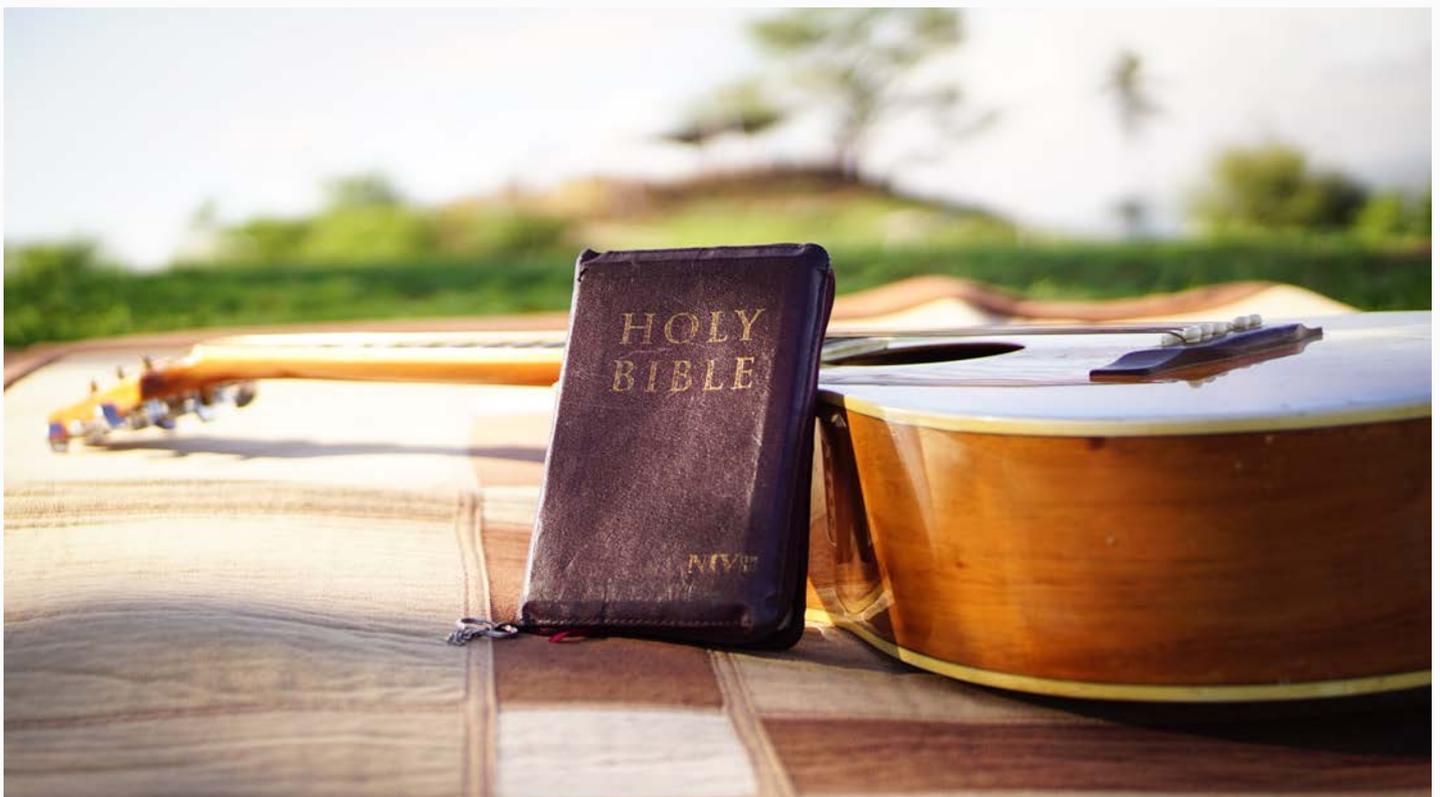
First, we must affirm the unique historic reality of the incarnation of God the Son as a result of an eternal divine decision to be For humanity. The declaration of the apostle Peter in Acts 2:36 that Jesus has been made Lord and Christ is highly particular and excludes the possibility of any other claiming those titles. When the Word became flesh (Jn 1:14) he assumed and brought to himself something that was not his own. While humanity may follow this human example, they do not retake the divine path to a nature not their own, but instead emulate that which is already theirs. There is but One Christ and we are not him.

Second, our identity as disciples is caught up with the Incarnate One. Christians are not defined primarily by our earthly identity, but our

heavenly one, whereby we are united by faith with the One who has taken on our flesh and reigns over all. As such, Christians are called to live out that identity for which we were predestined and chosen through the good service that God has determined for us (Eph 1:11-12). We do not, therefore, live for ourselves but for the Incarnate One who lives!

Third, our identity in the Incarnate One will lead us to witness to our world as much by our heavenly identity as by our practical love. Our witness will not primarily be about "bringing Jesus down", as if the redemption of God must be summoned by our obedience, but in how our rejection of the evil of this world testifies to the reality of Christ who became united to this world in order to redeem it. The grace of God enables us not to be conformed to this world, but to reject it's call on us so that the Christ who gives hope may be seen MORE clearly (Tit 2:11-14). In our living for God rather than the World we will display more fully how the God who Lives and is present by his Spirit calls all people to recognise him directly.

Rev Luke Collings
Moranbah & Clermont Parishes



THE PRAYER BOOK—OUR PRAYER BOOK

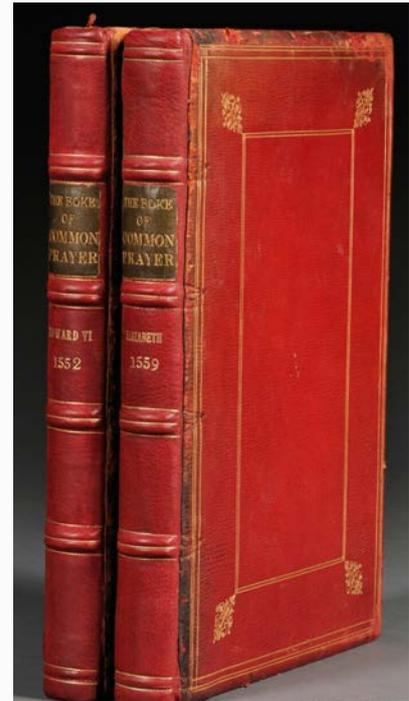
A resource compiled by many, for the benefit of many, many years ago!

We, perhaps, ought to give thanks to God that plagiarism laws were not in place as the idea of a unifying/ common prayer book began to be conceived. The church men involved drew on many other traditions, wordings and customs to have a prayer book for the common people that would define and show the strength of a Church of England.

Having read this so far, you would guess that the existing Church of England was fractured big time. To begin with, the people of the nation was almost totally illiterate, including the priesthood. Then, there were different traditions in almost every hamlet. There were different theologies of the Mass, of Ordination, of the Scriptures and all this was encapsulated by a class society bound by animism, witchcraft and idolatry. Almost as bad as today!

Step up to the mark: Thomas Cranmer.

As well as being the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer was a very resourceful man, with contacts throughout great Britain and the continent, including Russian, Greek and Arminian Orthodox contacts.



First came the idea for a lectionary to establish a systematic reading through the Bible in two or three years.

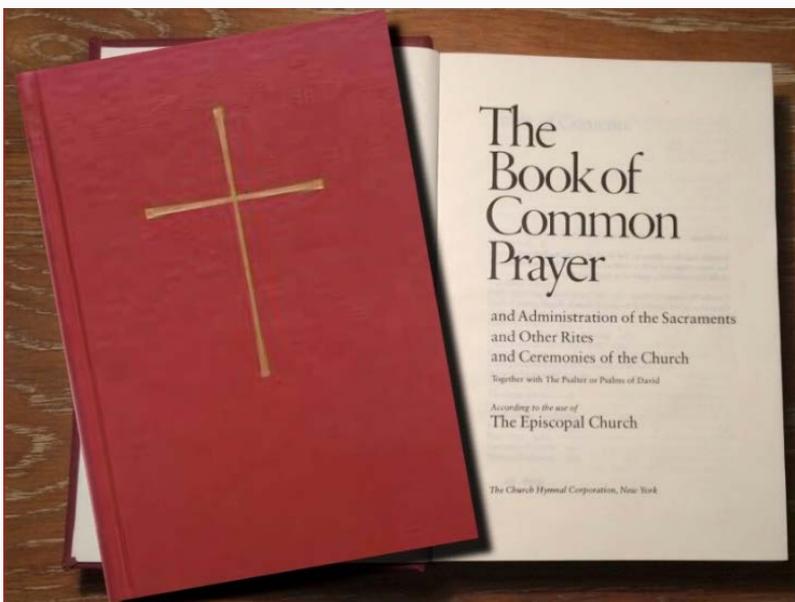
Then the 1549 book – a rag- tag collection of services from all over the place. This book was to be a starting point, a first attempt, but never intended as a final, authoritative book.

The year 1552. This was THE book. The definitive book establishing theology, liturgy and classless worship. This book was intended to be the English expression of reformed theology.

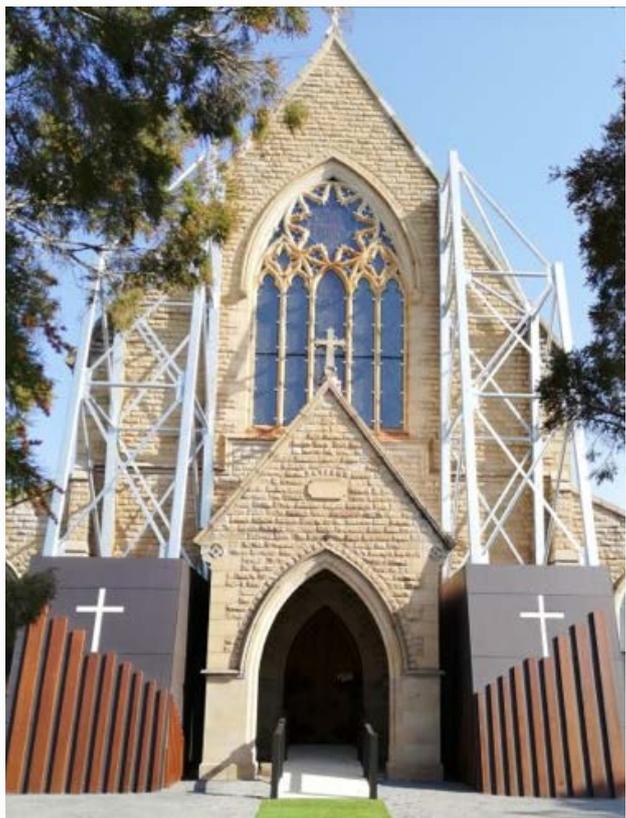
Yes, yes, I know; there was a lot of history, a lot of kings and queens, any amount of politics, even the clergy and their ideas. And there was still Lords of their Manors, and plebs like me; all feeding their ideas and traditions into the cauldron of liturgical pottage, out of which the 1662 Book of Common Prayer emerged.

More of that history next time. Meanwhile, keep the faith and love Jesus.

Rev Bob Witten



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND



Early 2020 was time for much celebration for the people of St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton. After repairs to cyclone damage and reinforcing the front wall the doors were reopened. Unfortunately COVID forced them closed again momentarily. While worship has recommenced in this grand old lady, she is still in need of much repair.

All financial donations are managed via the Cathedral Building Fund with National Trust which allows for tax deductibility status.

Donations can be via the National Trust Website <https://nationaltrustqld.org.au/what-we-do/Heritage-Conservation/heritage-appeals/regional-heritage-appeals>

or by cheque -made payable to National Trust and posted to Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton PO Box 710, Rockhampton Q 4700.

For more information please phone the diocesan office on (07)4927 3188

60 YEARS ORDAINED

The Venerable Rob Philp, Archdeacon-Emeritus, has had an amazing long time as a Priest in the Church of God. Archdeacon-Emeritus Rob and Jocelyn have been part of the Cathedral Parish family for many years and have played a significant role in the life of the Diocese too. There are many people in the Parish have always looked forward to the Archdeacon-Emeritus's celebrating and preaching at the Holy Eucharist. His depth of knowledge of the history of the Diocese is unparalleled as is the detail and wit he delivers when speaking.

The Archdeacon-Emeritus has always been there in pastoral care and worship, together with the support of Jocelyn. We give thanks to God for his sixty in the Sacred Ministry.'

The Very Rev Melusi Sibanda

You are invited to celebrate
with
The Ven. Dr Robert Henry Haldon Philp



on the 60th Anniversary
of his Ordination to the Priesthood

13 December 2020 • 8:30 am

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL • ROCKHAMPTON

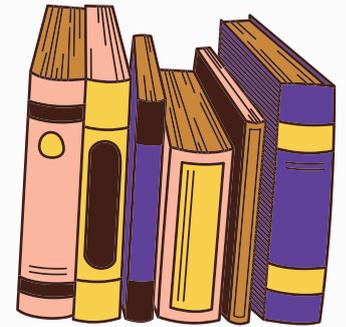
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RAISING FUNDS FOR BOOKS FOR
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& FOR TEACHERS SALARIES
AT CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL.



"teachers have had
little to no pay since
our last donation"



Diocesan Council has agreed that, this year, we will continue our Christmas Appeal for assistance to the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG).



All donations to be collected at Parish level and
be with Diocese by 15 January 2020
(+61 07 4927 3188) or
bishop.pa@anglicanchurchcq.org.au

The goal is to assist with the salaries of the teachers at Christ the King School, Port Moresby and provision of set text books for those studying for ministry at Newton Theological College.

A list of the set text books has been distributed through parishes, if any one has any of these books in their libraries and willing to donate them. With the Government now demanding a higher level of achievement for the granting of diplomas and degrees it is so important that students have access to relevant publications. Canon Val Gribble will organise the freight of such books through her family member who works in Port Moresby.

Half of the funds raised will be sent to NTC where Bishop Jeffrey Driver (ex Archbishop of Adelaide) will organise the purchase of the books. The other half of funds will go to teachers at Christ the King School, who have received next to no allowance this year. COVID19 has had a drastic monetary affect on ACPNG, with student allowances at Newton, priest's stipends, and teacher's allowances all being drastically reduced.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Each year AnglicareCQ run the Adopt-a-Family Christmas Hamper drive. This year 90 families have been adopted by the generosity of businesses and individuals in the community. Also, 179 single hampers and 20 family hampers have been put together by the wonderful generosity of the Anglican volunteers led by Diana Wode.



We have received outstanding donations of toys, food and monetary support but with the extra pressures added to families this year we are still receiving hamper requests and this will continue right up to Christmas Eve.

To try to deliver on these requests we are asking if people are able to make up what we are calling a "festive" hamper. This hamper has some staple groceries but also the Christmas extras like custard, jelly, pudding, cake and the little touches like baubles or table cloth, Christmas paper plates. Donations can be dropped off directly to the AnglicareCQ office at 160 Musgrave Street, North Rockhampton.

AnglicareCQ wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year.

END OF AN ERA

On Saturday 5th December we celebrated 52 years of faithful ministry on the Tanyalla site with a final Service of Thanksgiving. It was a bitter sweet occasion as we gave thanks to God for the thousands upon thousands of people who, for half a century, have been blessed by countless volunteers and managers of Tanyalla.

Earlier in the year, following the decision taken by the Diocese at the July Special Session of Synod, Diocesan Council passed the motion to put Tanyalla up for sale.

After much prayer and robust debate and discussion, Diocesan Council agreed to sell Tanyalla to MyCity Church based in the Boyne region. MyCity has plans to develop the site into a Christian School.

Archdeacon Tom Henderson-Brooks led the service in prayer and a reflection upon the Heart of Thanksgiving - understanding God's grace to us.

After directing our prayers and worship to our God who is forever faithful, members of the



community had opportunity to share their own thoughts and feelings and express their own gratitude for what has been accomplished at Tanyalla over so many years.

The local Lions Association showed their love and support by cooking a BBQ and feeding all in attendance.

Much of the equipment that remains onsite is being given away to families in need and organisations who support the local community. If you have some time over summer to help disperse items, please contact Sonia Widderick or Kerry Yates through the Diocesan Office.

EXPLAINING CHRISTMAS TO KIDS



WHAT DO I TELL THEM ABOUT SANTA AND REINDEER?

Do your kids get presents from Santa?

Ours don't. They never have.

It can be rather awkward at the check-out when the person serving us asks our kids "have you been good this year?" then they add "You'd better be good or Santa won't come". It is at this point, with my children looking blankly up with their big eyes, like butter wouldn't melt in their mouth, then I say "Nah, we don't believe in Santa".

The stares! The horror! And then the backtracking, "Oh, isn't good we can all believe in different things". (I wonder, do I tell them it may simply be because it is cheaper not to buy our kids presents from Santa?)

There are so many places to start this topic. There is the dreaded "the anagram for Santa is...", or "Santa rides boomers, not reindeer" on one side, or "you gotta let them have a little magic" and "don't let your kids spoil it for mine" on the other side.

But, what should we, as Bible believing Christians, be teaching our children about Santa and his reindeer?

We are so blessed by God to have his word which is clear on how the first advent occurred, and what God was doing in his world to save his people through it, we read in Matthew 1

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

This, therefore, is really where we should start teaching our children what is happening at Christmas time. When we teach our children truth the Bible says in Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

We can have confidence that when we train our children with the Bible they will be better equipped to live in the world and not be of it. If our goal is to do what God has commanded us and to teach our children that God is God and they are not, that Jesus died that they may live, and to forgive as they have been forgiven, then we will be pointing them to the Bible in all we do, and they do, training them in righteousness, as our ministers do for their congregations. Our children are our first “flock”.

Back to the question: “What do I teach my child about Santa and his reindeer?”

One thing we can teach our children about is Saint Nicholas, the archetypal Santa Claus, from whom every Santa Claus gets his name. We can tell our kids that yes, there was an amazing man, who loved God because God first loved him, and showed generosity to children because he was shown the generosity of God’s love.

Here is a man who we can follow the example of as he followed the example of Christ. We can remember him and give gifts to each other as God gave the gift of his son to us. It is a good thing to remember and give thanks for the joy and peace that truly entered the world in the form of a tiny baby, Jesus, which we feel when we think of Santa.

So, go on, give good gifts and have good fun, and teach your kids that Christmas is where God showed his joy, peace and generosity to us, which we are reminded of by that jolly **Ho, Ho, Ho**. And also remember to constantly be pointing your kids to Christ, who is better than Santa, because his gift is eternal, even the original Saint Nick knew that.



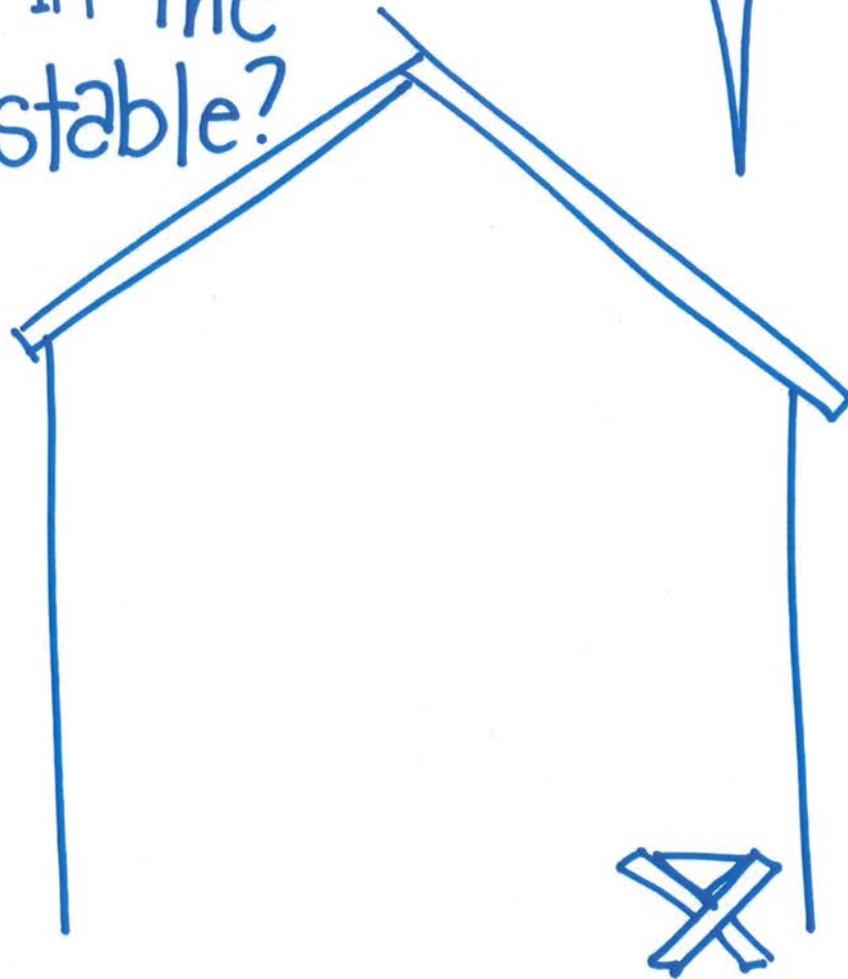
WHAT ARE YOUR KIDS WATCHING?

An American cartoon series on Netflix? Or their favourite channel on Youtube? Or even Sesame Street. Take the time to watch it as a family and talk about what it's teaching. Every movie and book is teaching something. It could be that the family dog is smarter than Daddy, the highest goal in life is to be nice, Karma or an extreme version of gender theory. Whatever is going on, use it as a great teaching time for understanding what their world is teaching, but also what does the Bible say about these everyday aspects of life. A great way to train kids to be discerning. You may, as a family explain that the kids are not to watch that show alone or that it suggests unhelpful ideas, and use these opportunities to help them with their interpretation of the events that they are viewing.



American Gospel (it has been removed from Netflix, but there are others ways to see it on the internet). A great commentary of how American’s view the gospel and the many false gospels that are being preached. What do we do with the churches of 40,000 that seem so smooth? What about the televangelists that seem to need so much money for their new private jet. Do they follow the same Jesus as us? This documentary shows the problem with these false gospels, while the true Biblical Gospel shines through very clearly. As a family, try watching it in 20 minute blocks, stopping to discuss the ideas that the movie raised.

Who is
in the
stable?



Name

Age

Contact phone or email

KIDS' CHRISTMAS COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Hey kid's here's one to make your own! A colouring in competition where you get to draw as well -or cut and paste, or collage or paint or what ever medium works for you. Just show us who you think is in the stable.

Age groups

up to 5 years; 6-9-years; 10-13years

Forward your finished artwork to the Diocese office by 11 January 2021. You can email it to bishop.pa@anglicanchurchcq.org.au or post it to PO Box 710 Rockhampton Q 4700 or drop it in to 89 William Street Rockhampton from 4 January.

There will be Bible storybooks as prizes for each age group.

On Saturday 7th November 2020, the teenagers from our diocese got together for our first ever CQ YOUTH SPUR Day.

What is a Spur?

It comes from Hebrews 10: the idea of God's people SPURing one another on to live for Jesus and this is what we wanted to do.

So how did we do this?

We gathered at St Paul's Cathedral and used their facilities.

We created paper spurs for our shoes.

We looked at the Bible, (Thanks to Ed Springer from the national KYCK convention who generously shared talks with us). Ed shared Jesus' words in John 15-17 and challenged us with Jesus' words:

We estimate that we had around half of the teenagers that would be in church on any Sunday in our diocese gathered together for a day of spur each other on.

Thank you to Dean Melusi Sibanda and the wardens of St Paul's Cathedral for their work in helping to encourage the teenagers of our diocese to live for Jesus.

Thank you so much to the families that sent their teenagers along. We look forward continuing to gather in 2021.

Rev Philip van't Spyker
Families Minister, CQ Diocese

*I am the branch and you are vines.
Where does the branch end and the
vine start?*

We played some games, we prayed together, we walked to Subway for lunch.

In order to encourage the teenagers who couldn't be there, we recorded videos to send our greetings to them.

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KAREEN'S KITCHEN

Christmas treats, I hear you say! And something the kids can do while you get on with the main event? Sounds good to me!

I thought I'd share with you a few no cook, sweet treats, suitable for taking to the next Christmas party or just snacking on at home during all the festivities. The first 3 recipes are for the slightly older child who can use a microwave with confidence.



MARS BAR CRACKLE PUDDINGS

Ingredients

- 200g chopped mars bars
- 2 tblsp cream
- 2 tsp sifted cocoa
- 3 cups rice bubbles
- 100g white chocolate
- 24 smarties/m&ms
- Spray oil or butter to oil the mini muffin tray

Method

1. Melt mars bars, cream and cocoa in the microwave in 30 second bursts stirring in between until melted and smooth.
2. Put rice bubbles in a bowl, add the mars bar mix and stir through.
3. Grease the mini muffin tin and add some of the mix to each cup, pressing down so they stick together well.
4. Place in the fridge for 2 hours (or 15 min in the freezer should do)
5. Once chilled, turn out upside down onto a plate to decorate.
6. Melt the white chocolate and spoon a little bit on top of each pudding, adding a smartie to look like a cherry.

FESTIVE FUDGE BALLS

Ingredients

- 450g Chocolate melts
- 1 tin condensed milk
- Hundreds and thousands or coating of choice

Method

1. Place chocolate in a micro wave safe bowl and melt for 1 min, stir and then heat in 10 sec intervals until completely melted.
2. Stir in the tin of condensed milk mix until smooth.
3. At this stage, you could pour into a lined square tin, sprinkle with hundreds and thousands and pop in the fridge for a couple of hours then slice into 16 pieces

OR

1. Place the bowl straight into fridge for 20 min
2. spoon out walnut sized amounts, roll into balls and coat in sprinkles, coconut, cocoa powder or even chopped nuts.
3. Lick your hands once done. 😊



SUMMER READING

When Santa learnt the Gospel. Simon Camillerii

Follow Santa's journey in this unique Christmas fable. Essentially, an extended poem, it follows the story of an elf who hears about Jesus when a child asks for a Bible book for Christmas. Camilleri has woven the gospel in to his story, comparing the difference between Jesus and the secular karmic myth of Santa. The book is for 2-4 year olds with some words beyond this age group explained in the 'tricky words glossary'.



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WHITE CHRISTMAS BARK

Ingredients

- Approx 500g vanilla yoghurt
- Freeze dried strawberries, or dried cranberries, or dried apricots
- Pepita seeds or Pistachio nuts
- Basically anything you like (try to have something red and green)

Method

1. Spread yoghurt out on a lined cookie tray
2. Sprinkle on desired toppings
3. Put in the freezer to harden.
4. When ready to serve, take out and break into shards and enjoy. 😊



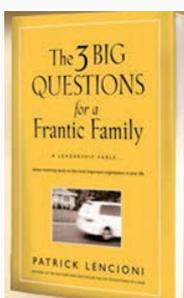
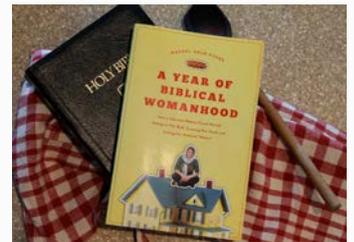
Well I hope there is something here that will tickles your fancy. Make one or all and enjoy your Christmas time with friends and family.



A Year of Biblical Womanhood. Rachel Held Evans

Strong-willed and independent, Rachel Held Evans, an American Christian columnist, blogger and author, couldn't sew a button on a blouse before she embarked on a radical life experiment. Intrigued by the traditionalist resurgence that led many of her friends to abandon their careers Evans

vowed also to assume a traditional gender role in the home and take all of the Bible's instructions for women as literally as possible for a year. With just the right mixture of humor and insight, compassion and incredulity, A Year of Biblical Womanhood is an exercise in scriptural exploration and spiritual contemplation as Evans looks for answers in the rich heritage of biblical heroines, models of grace, and all-around women of valor.



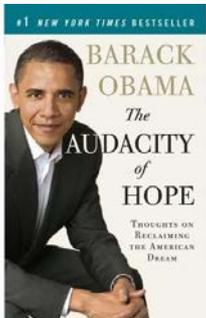
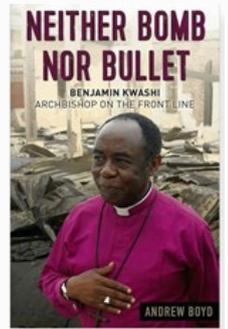
The 3 big questions for a frantic family. Patrick Lencioni

A business management consultant, with a church background, and four children Lencioni has taken his business training skills and applied them to running a household He has some great principals for helping a family to get 'on track' to work out a plan and a set of values that quickly help you evaluate situations. His suggestions and the 3 questions take around 60 minutes to 'set up' and 5-10 minutes per week to maintain.

SUMMER READING

Neither bomb nor bullet: Benjamin Kwashi. Andrew Boyd

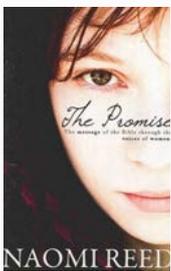
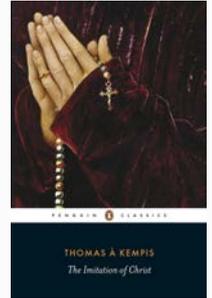
A call to adventure - to live the Christian faith to the full, fully trusting God. The story of an incredibly brave Anglican Archbishop who faced the terrors of radical Islam in Nigeria whilst remaining steadfast in his faith.



The audacity of hope. Thoughts on reclaiming the American dream by President Barack Obama at the heart of the Audacity of Hope is Senator Obama's vision of how his country can move beyond its divisions to tackle concrete problems.

In the imitation of Christ. Thomas a Kempis

One of the most influential and well-loved books of Christianity - a passionate celebration of God's love, mercy and holiness, which has stimulated religious devotion for over five hundred years.

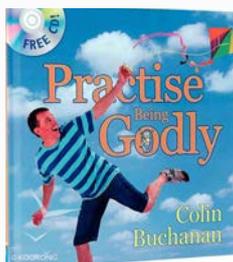
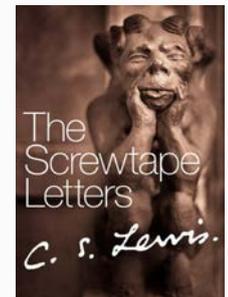


The Promise. Naomi Reed

A series of 20 dramatic monologues (using Biblical female voices) that capture the sweep of God's plans and promises for the world – from Genesis to Pentecost. The style is warm and inviting and the book will particularly appeal to those who enjoy story and connect to God's truth through narrative.

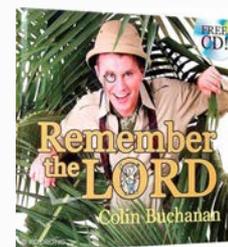
The Screwtape letters CS Lewis

A Christian apologetic novel written in a satirical, epistolary style with the plot and characters used to address Christian theological issues, primarily those to do with temptation and resistance to it. The story takes the form of a series of letters from a senior demon Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood, a Junior Tempter, pertaining to the nephew's responsibility in securing the damnation "the Patient".



Practise being Godly; Remember the Lord. Colin Buchanan

A former Playschool and Disney presenter who has written some of the best kids Christian music CDs on the planet Colin Buchanan also writes devotion books for children. They have a Bible verse to read, some text to read, an activity, a song and a prayer. An excellent Christmas gift for a young child who wants to know God.



Exodus: Gods and Kings. A dramatic backstory to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. A passionate member of the Jewish paramilitary group Haganah, attempts to transport 600 Jewish refugees on a dangerous voyage from Cyprus to Palestine.

Overcomer. High school basketball coach and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, the coach starts over.

Risen. Follows the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer.

Luther. Biography of Martin Luther, the sixteenth century priest who led the Christian Reformation, and opened up new possibilities in exploration of faith.

A Prayer for our Bishop-Elect

Eternal God, Shepherd and Guide,

in your mercy you have given your church in the Rockhampton Diocese
a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways
and who will, with loving care, watch over your people.

We praise you that you have given us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.

Lord, we earnestly pray, build up your church in this Diocese,
enable and equip your children with the power of your Spirit

to draw people to yourself from every walk of life, so that your name may be glorified.

We pray for Peter, for Virginia, and their family.

Thank you for their willingness to cross this great country,

to love and serve your people across Central Queensland.

We pray for ourselves and the people of our communities.

Prepare our hearts and minds. Help us to be prayerful, as we have been asked to be,
to receive your word and to welcome them with open arms and loving hospitality,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Administrator of the Diocese of Rockhampton

The Venerable Tom Henderson-Brooks

has pleasure in inviting you
to celebrate the Installation of

**THE RIGHT REVEREND
PETER GRICE**

AS THE

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11 O'CLOCK

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
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with refreshments to follow

RSVP: by 11 Feb 2021
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bishop.pa@anglicanchurchcq.org.au

The Very Revd Peter Grice will be Consecrated by Archbishop Phillip Aspinall at St John's Cathedral 373 Ann Street, Brisbane on Wednesday 24 February 2021. The service will commence at 7pm.

If you wish to attend this service please advise Barb at
bishop.pa@anglicanchurchcq.org.au
by 1 February 2021.

There will be several parties travelling from Rockhampton for this service. If you are interested in car pooling please let Barb know.





COVID SAFE UPDATE - DECEMBER 2020

As we come towards the end of the year, it is a time where we naturally reflect on the year that has been, and what a year it has been! 2020 is a year which has thrown us some new and unique challenges, but through this has come much to be thankful for and to celebrate. There have been highs and lows, we have learned a string of new skills and terminology, and we have all been challenged and stretched in ways we hadn't even considered only 12 months ago.

Now that the pandemic is well under control in Australia, Governments and their health advisory teams are starting to use a new term "COVID-normal". This simply means, until vaccinations can be made broadly available, we can expect a period of stability in what it means to be a COVIDsafe church.

What does COVID-normal church look like for ACCQ churches?

- All churches are now working to person capacity ratio of 1 person per 2sqm. We must also continue to allow for 1.5m between non-related/household seating.
- Funerals in a church complying with COVID Industry plan may now have up to 200 people attend regardless of the size of the building.
- Weddings in a church complying with COVID Industry plan may now have up to 200 people attend regardless of the size of the building. For weddings seating should allow for 1.5m between attendees where possible.
- Food service requirements remain unchanged.

- All hygiene practices including ministry practices and the preparation and distribution of communion remain unchanged.
- Building ventilation and cleaning requirements remain unchanged.
- Administration of contact tracing details remains unchanged.
- Administration for events and activities remains unchanged.
- Administration for hall hire remains unchanged.

We have come so far as a church family this year, and I am truly grateful for the way that our parishes have embraced what is needed to continue to worship and grow and reach out to our communities. It is important at this time that we do not become complacent; COVID-normal does not mean that the virus has been eradicated; it simply means that our health system is coping, that the number of active cases are low, and that the risk of community transmission is considered low. With the relaxing of some restrictions and the opening of borders, Health advisors tell us that the risk of virus transmission remains real and are asking us to remain vigilant.

Please do not hesitate to contact safeministry@anglicanchurchcq.org.au should you need any assistance or advice with regards to anything safe ministry.

Wishing you all a joyous, peaceful and COVIDsafe Christmas.

Rev Jennifer Hercott, Safe Ministry Coordinator



We heartily thank this month's contributors and welcome your contributions.