

24th December 2023
Advent 4

WELCOME

To The Parish of East Lake Macquarie

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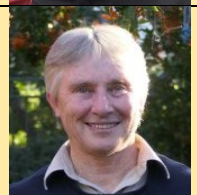
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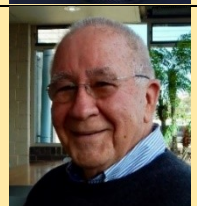
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**WISHING
EVERYONE A HAPPY
& HOLY CHRISTMAS**



**May the Birth of the Christ Child
bring peace & harmony to all!**



Readings for Today

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Romans 16: 25 27

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-27

Luke 1: 26-38

We acknowledge the first nations' people of the Awabakal & Darkinjung nations, traditional custodians of the east side of Lake Macquarie.
We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.
We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of healing & reconciliation.

SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS

WINDALE - Talinga Close	BELMONT - 24 Church St	SWANSEA - 28 Josephson St,
Church Of the Transfiguration • Sunday 8:30am	All Saints • Sunday 9am Eucharist • Wednesday 10am	St Peters • Sunday 10:30am Eucharist • Friday 9.30am

FOR YOUR DIARY

ACTIVITY	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Deadline for the January Bulletin	Wednesday	27/12	5pm	Information to Narelle
Parish AGM	Sunday	10/3	2pm	

SUNDAY CLERGY ROSTER

DATE	SERVICE	WINDALE	BELMONT	SWANSEA
24/12	Advent 4 - am	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev Alison
24/12	Christmas Eve	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev Alison
25/12	Christmas day	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev Alison

Your Generous Donations to the Samaritans Christmas Appeal have been wonderful.

Our Samaritans Parish Link, Bim Wilcher has delivered even more gifts that had been placed under our Parish Christmas trees.

The Samaritans were very grateful to all who donated gift cards, money, food and toys.

THANKYOU.....Your donations will make a huge difference to a lot of people this Christmas.



The Mission to Seafarers would like to thank all who assisted the wellbeing of sailors with their donations of magazines, beanies and rugs throughout 2023.

ABM Pew Reflection



Today we hear how Mary prepared for the coming of the Lord and her 'yes' to God. She is a vital part of our salvation and she wonders how she can be a part of it. Her questions become ours when we consider how we give birth to the Incarnation. Only with the Holy Spirit and willingness to be part of God's saving work among us is the impossible made possible.

- God, I say yes to you: may your salvific presence be born in me.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth © Anglican Board of Mission, 2023

Prayers for the Week

THE WORLD: Pray for world peace and healing where wounds have been caused by violence, war and oppression. For the Holy Land in this time. Places suffering from natural disasters and climate change, war and oppression.

CHURCH: Bishop Peter Stuart and Nicki, Asst Bishops Sonia and Charlie
Diocesan Ministries Toby Mills (Executive Director – People Care) Dee Ross (Executive Assistant), The Church of Pakistan (United) National Council of Churches in Australia, Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester), Manning Valley Anglican College, Darren Parkes (Principal) Greg Anderson (Lay Chaplain), Parish of Nelson Bay John West (Locum) Di Anderson, Anne Lye, Kyle Taylor, Lissy Vitali-Ross, Alison Keane, Parish of Stockton Michael Marklew, Stephen Shrubbs.

WIDER COMMUNITY: Authors and poets, those who are alone at this time, the homeless and those without work or a sense of purpose. The First Peoples of the Diocese especially the Awabakal and Darkinjung peoples.

SICK AND THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED: Those who are dying, those in mourning; Patricia, Noeline, Arthur, Maree, Betty, Jenny, George, Sylvia.

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

PRAYER of the WEEK

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly
expectation
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him
for our Redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold
him when he shall come to be our
judge;
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

CHRISTMAS READINGS

25th December

- Isaiah 9: 2-7
- Psalm 96
- Titus 2: 11-14
- Luke 2: 1-20



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

31st December - Epiphany

- Isaiah 60: 1-6
- Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
- Ephesians 3: 1-12
- Matthew 2: 1-12

If you have Bulletin items, please phone, text or email Narelle on:

0447 450 182 or nsherring@bigpond.com

& PLEASE Remember that we will only have **one Bulletin** throughout January
so please let us know now if you have anything you would like included.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas EVE - Sunday 24th December

Windale - 8.30am SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Belmont - 9.00am SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Swansea - 10.30am SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Swansea - 5.30pm FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Windale - 6.00pm FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Belmont - 6.00pm FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Christmas DAY - Monday 25th December

Windale - 9.00am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Swansea - 9.00am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Belmont - 9.00am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST



SHARING YOUR GIFTS

Please give generously to support our Parish & assist us in providing Mission and Ministry now, and into the future.

Gifts can be offered for the Parish or for Mission in 2 ways –

1. Directly into the appropriate baskets before or after each service
2. By Electronic Funds Transfer. Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

BANKING DETAILS FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING:

BSB: 705 077

Account Name: ELMAC

Account Number: 000 405 34

The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.

We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

TO REPORT A CRIME TO NSW POLICE RING 131 444 OR RING 000 IN AN EMERGENCY

TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111

OR TO CONTACT THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTOR

Phone: 1800 774 945 Email: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au

Write: Director of Professional Standards – PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300