

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.

# WELCOME

## to the Parish of East Lake Macquarie

1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### Advent 1

Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
Psalm 25: 1-10  
1 Thess 3: 9-13  
Luke 21: 25-38



**16** DAYS  
OF  
ACTIVISM  
in the Hunter

**Against Gender Based Violence**  
**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024**

Newcastle Anglican wants everyone to flourish.

Right now, the prevalence of domestic and family violence throughout our nation is preventing many from flourishing. Jesus said that bad behaviour starts in our hearts and finds its way out.

When we recognise poor attitudes, we can respond before they lead us to act in harmful ways.

Visit the Ten Commitments website to learn more: <https://hubs.li/Q02Zh93B0>.

### Faith



8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Advent 2

- Malachi 3: 1-14
- Song of Zechariah
- Philippians 1: 1-11
- Luke 3: 1-6

#### PARISH CLERGY TEAM

#### CHURCH WARDENS



**Parish Priest :**  
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**Robyn Fry**  
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**Priest (hon):**  
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#### TREASURER

**Chris Charlton** 0417 448 979

#### PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY

#### SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS

**WINDALE – Talinga Close**

Church Of the Transfiguration  
• Sunday 8:30am

**BELMONT - 24 Church St**

All Saints  
• Sunday 9am Eucharist  
• Wednesday 10am

**SWANSEA – 28 Josephson St,**

St Peters  
• Sunday 10:30am Eucharist  
Friday 9.30am

**GENERAL CONTACT DETAILS:** Postal Address: PO Box 116, Belmont Phone: 02 4945 0575 (Rectory)  
Website: [www.elm-anglican.au](http://www.elm-anglican.au) Facebook: EastLakeMacquarieAnglican

# Prayers for the Week

**FOR THE WORLD:** Pray for peace and hope to abound in our world. For those affected by natural disasters, for those struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis. Pray for provision, peace and protection for all people. Pray for Somalia.

**FOR THE CHURCH:** Bishop Peter, Charlie and Sonia (Assistant Bishops), Parishes of WYOMING (Rev Hilary Wong), East Lake Macquarie Anglican (Rev Peter Tinney, Rev Alison Wooden, Rev Robyn Fry, Rev John Carroll), Boolaroo, Cameron Park (Rev Colin Waters).

**WIDER COMMUNITY:** All emergency services. Housing and cost of living crises. Those who work outside in the heat.

**PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Frank & Janice, Alison and Beverly, Warren, Maree, Kathleen, Penny, Rosalee, Anne, Joy, Audrey, Pat, Ethan, Terry, Angela, Anne, Chris, John, Sarah, David, Julie, Margaret, Helen, Stan, Marion and Alison.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK – 1 December

### Advent 1

Lord Jesus, as we enter this Advent season, help us cling to the hope You bring. In a world that feels heavy with need, remind us of Your promise to come again and make all things new. Let our hearts be filled with the light of Your presence, leading us closer to You each day. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK – 8 December

### Advent 2

Prince of Peace, settle our hearts in this season of waiting. Where there is tension or fear, bring Your calming presence. May Your peace fill our lives, our homes, and our relationships, drawing us together in unity and love. Amen.

## READINGS...

### Advent 3

**15 December**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Song of Isaiah  
Philippians 4: 4-7  
Luke 3: 7-18

### Advent 4

**22 December**

Micah 5: 2-5a  
Song of Mary  
Hebrews 10: 5-10  
Luke 1: 39-45

## St Peter's Swansea MU

Invites you to  
join them at  
their Christmas  
Luncheon



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December  
at 11.30am**

(After the 9.30am Service )  
Please RSVP to Carol Leist  
- 0414 42 5941

## THE MEANINGFUL MEANDER RETURNS!

Join us at our "FAST"  
(Fernleigh Awabakal Shared Track)  
For a Meaningful Meander!

We will meet at the Track at -

**9.30 am**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Near the old Belmont Railway Station  
BYO morning tea  
Details available in each centre.

Step out of the Christmas rush and  
take some time to breathe &  
appreciate the wonders of creation

To place something into the Bulletin please contact Narelle  
Sherring - Email: [nsherring@bigpond.com](mailto:nsherring@bigpond.com)  
Phone: 0447 450 182

# For Your Diary

EVENT	DATE	DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Meaningful Meander	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Monday	9.30am	New part of Fernleigh Track. Meet near Belmont Station.
Carols on the Lawn	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sunday	5.00pm	Windale Church
Handel's Messiah	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sunday	2.30pm	Concert Hall, Ncle City Hall
St Peter's MU Lunch	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friday	11.30am	At Swansea Hotel Restaurant Everyone Welcome.

## Clergy Roster

DATE	SERVICE	WINDALE	BELMONT	SWANSEA
1/12	Advent 1	Rev John	Fr Peter	Fr Peter
8/12	Advent 2	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Fr Peter
15/12	Advent 3	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev John
22/12	Advent 4	Rev John	Fr Peter	Rev Alison

## 2025 Australian Lectionary is NOW AVAILABLE

From the Parish Office for \$16.00. Please call 0474 644 015 to organise your copy.

JOIN US FOR

*Carols on the*  
**LAWN**

SUNDAY | 8<sup>th</sup> | DECEMBER

STARTING AT 5:00 PM

Church of the  
Transfiguration  
Merrigum St  
Windale

Bring a blanket or chairs to sit  
and enjoy the festivities.

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
VISIT FROM SANTA

CONTACT: 0474 644 015



## Blue Christmas

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

9.30 am

St Peter's Anglican Church  
28 Josephson Street  
Swansea

All Welcome!



 Anglican  
Church East Lake  
Macquarie

## 2024 PARISH ADVENT STUDY

This Year's Advent Study  
will be from ABM.  
It is called "CARAVAN" –  
The study book will  
cost **\$12.00**



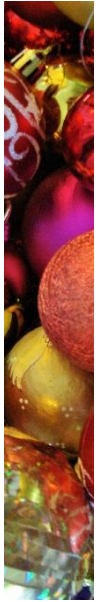
- **FACE TO FACE** - This study is produced by ABM's Stephen Daughtry, beginning this Thursday 28th November at All Saints Hall at 2.00pm – 3.30pm
  - **ZOOM** – Beginning Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm
- A list for names etc is at the back of the Church, need emails for Zoom.  
The book is \$12. Everyone is welcome to attend either Study

## Handel's Messiah

Presented by the Newcastle Uni Choir  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - 2.30pm  
Newcastle City Hall  
Adults \$55, Con \$50, Student \$30  
Bookings: [civictheatrenewcastle.com.au](http://civictheatrenewcastle.com.au)

# Parish of East Lake Macquarie 2024 Christmas Services

DAY/DATE	LOCATION	TIME	SERVICE/EVENTS
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Windale	5pm	Carols on the Lawn
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Swansea	9.30am	Blue Christmas
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>			
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Swansea	5.30pm	Family Service
	Windale	6pm	Family Service
	Belmont	6pm	Family Service
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>			
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Windale	9am	Christmas Eucharist
	Swansea	9am	Christmas Eucharist
	Belmont	9am	Christmas Eucharist



## ABM Pew Reflection



As Advent begins, the words of the ancient prophets ring clear for us today as they did when first heard thousands of years ago. God's purposes will be worked out and God will make known the righteousness and justice and mercy which is at the heart of God's love and desire for all people.

- We pray that we may hear God's call to righteousness and justice, and so live by this way that we are agents too of God's good news of peace and love for all people.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the Bishop-Designate of Port Moresby, the Very Rev'd Wilfred Kekea, as well as the recently-appointed new Principal for the Bishop Newton School of Theology, the Rev'd Dr Ishaya Anthony, as well as the other staff and students.

*Text: Brother Christopher John SSF © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024*

## HOW CAN YOU ASSIST OUR PARISH?

### A. Volunteers are always welcome in a variety of areas.

For further information please speak to the Clergy or one of the Wardens.

### B. Financial Support

Your generosity is very important to assist our Parish to Provide Mission & Ministry NOW, & into the future.

Financial 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