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Our Vision: *Growing closer to God, each other and our community*

Today is Sunday 10th December 2017

(Second Sunday of Advent)

Services Next Week (17th December 2017)

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| Barmera: | 9.00 am: Morning Prayer |
| Berri: | 5.00 pm Saturday: Family Service with Holy Communion |
| Loxton: | 9.00 am: Mass: Fr Paul |
| Monash: | 7.30 am: Morning Prayer |
| Morgan: | Service at Waikerie |
| Renmark: | 11.00 am: Mass: Fr Paul Wednesday 10.00 am: Eucharist: Fr Paul |
| Waikerie: | 10.00 am: Praise Prayer & Proclamation |

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

Song of Mary

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

John 1.6-8, 19-28



Second Sunday of Advent

Opening Sentence

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Collect of the Day

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The first reading is from Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord

thanks be to God

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

R: The Lord will give what is good and will speak peace to his people

O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.

R: The Lord will give what is good and will speak peace to his people

I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.

R: The Lord will give what is good and will speak peace to his people

Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

R: The Lord will give what is good and will speak peace to his people

The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

R: The Lord will give what is good and will speak peace to his people

The Second Reading is from 2 Peter 3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at

peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia

Gospel Reading: Mark 1.1-8

The Lord be with you

and also with you

The Gospel of our Lord according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer List

We pray for those on our prayer list: Graham Terry, Margaret Walden and Tony Hart.

Loxton: We pray especially for Daph Woodhouse, Joel and Cath Pickering, Leila Schiller, Lynley Shannon, Vern Hallam, Frances Killick, Dean Pocock, Shirley Butson, Aub Mattner and Chip Mawby.



Central Area: Brock Van Der Woulde and the Van Der Woulde family, Cliff Brown, Nelda Schaperkotter, Bev Zimmermann and Len Maitland.

Renmark: Bev Tamblyn, Marjorie Bourke, Trish and Tristan Simon, Audrey Day, Helen Cox, Kayla, Tye and Zac, Riley Nixon, Robert Hill, Di, Sue, Michelle Bromley, Rod, John, Adam, Lorraine G, Brian Casey, Honor Lang, Maria D, Lisa S and Rae S.

Waikerie: Tim Strauss, Jenny McInnes, Judith Hooper, Fr Gary and Joyce Prince, Ross Copeland, John Gregory, Reuben Cryer, Max Thompson, Janese Hudson, Dale Elliott, Lorraine Hand and Jade Davis.

Year's mind:

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Manifold. May he rest in peace.

- Central:** Roma Lillingston, Kay Lawson
- Loxton:** Thelma Kurtzer, Arthur Hodgson, Pat Miller, Edith Ashley, Stephen Freak, Marjorie Petch
- Renmark:** Jon Speight

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord...**and let light perpetual shine on them.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers, **grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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If you would like to donate Christmas gifts to AC Care prior to Christmas, please bring them to Church by 17th November 2017 and leave them unwrapped under the Christmas tree. We will ensure the gifts are provided to AC Care before Christmas.



FOR YOUR DIARIES:

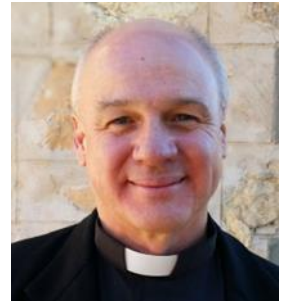
- Sunday 10th December: Berri Carols on the River from 7.00 pm
Waikerie Carols by Candlelight at the Civic Centre from 6.30 pm.
- Tuesday 12th December:** **Bible Study at Cheryl Davis's house, 18681 Sturt Highway, Monash. 1pm**
BS on the Deck – at Peter Hartley's House, 13 Wodonga Avenue Loxton, from 7pm. Bring your drinks and a plate to share.
- Saturday 16th December: Family Christmas Service – St. Alban's Berri 5 pm
Sunday 17th December: Baptism of Alice and Lauren Pendle St Augustine's, Renmark
2 pm Vision Action Group – Barmera Church Hall
Loxton Community Christmas Carols – 7.15 pm start – Rotunda, East Terrace, Loxton.
- Tuesday 19th December:** **Bible Study at Cheryl Davis's house, 18681 Sturt Highway, Monash. 1pm**
PD Council Meeting at 7pm at Barmera
- Wednesday 20th December: 7pm Nine Lessons and Carols – St Albans Berri
Sunday 24th December: 9 am St Oswald's Monash – Holy Communion
6pm St James Waikerie – Holy Communion and the Blessing of the Crib
7pm St Augustine's Renmark – Family Service
9pm Church of the Resurrection Loxton – Vigil Mass
11.30 pm St Augustine's Renmark – Midnight Mass, Carols from 11 pm
11.30 pm St Edmunds Barmera – Midnight Mass, Carols from 11 pm
- Monday 25th December: 9am St Albans Berri – Family Service
9am St Augustine's Renmark – Sung Eucharist

If you would like to pay your giving into the Pastoral District Bank Account, these are our banking details: Name: Pastoral District of the Riverland BSB 105059 Account Number 040790840

If you would like to add any items to the Diary or Prayer Lists, please contact Louise Burgess on 0437278617 or by email:
markbur1@bigpond.net.au

Fr Paul writes:

Welcome you all on this second Sunday of Advent and as we continue to spiritually prepare for the celebration of Christmas, but also the second coming of Jesus Christ.



Today, we officially welcome the Reverend Scott Mudd, who was ordained a Deacon in the House of God at Christ the King, Mt Barker yesterday. Scott will be the Assistant Curate in the Riverland. He will initially be assisting me at the services I preside at in the coming weeks, as he gets to know you all. Please make him and his wife Melissa welcome.

Next Saturday, there will be a Family Service at St Alban's Berri at 5 pm. It will be an opportunity to set up the nativity and the Christmas Tree and sing some Christmas Carols. Please invite your families to this service, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus being born.

Please take note of the Christmas services, starting with the Nine Lessons and Carols Service, featuring the Barmera Mens Choir and the Acapella Singers on Wednesday 20th December at 7 pm. The services are listed in the pew sheet, as well as on the back page of the Riverland Grapevine Magazine.

My thanks to Mark Taylor, the editor of the magazine, which is designed to keep us up to date with what is happening in our four areas of the Riverland, along with what we are doing as a Ministry District, in furthering the Gospel, that is the Good News of Jesus Christ in this part of the world. Please take spare copies of them and give them to anyone who you keep in contact with that does not regularly attend church, or someone you may like to invite to one of our Christmas services.

Next Sunday, the Vision Task Force Group will meet at the Barmera Church Hall at 2 pm to review our Mission Action Plan. We have made good progress with it since it was launched in September 2015, but it is a time for us to review it and determine our priorities in this plan along with other initiatives for 2018 for Renmark, Loxton, Berri/Barmera/Monash and Waikerie/Morgan. This is particularly important as we grow the Church with our theme for the coming year, "There must be more to life.....Discover Jesus". It is always good to have a cross section of people from across the Riverland on this task force, so please come along if you are able to.

Next Sunday also, Alice and Lauren Pendle will be baptised at St Augustine's Renmark at 11 am, as part of the Mass of the day. Please come and support both these children as they are made inheritors of the kingdom of God, along with their parents and godparents.

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Fr Paul

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FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday 16th December

St Alban Anglican Church

Berri 5.00pm

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

***PLEASE COME ALONG TO HELP DECORATE OUR TREE
AND PREPARE THE NATIVITY SCENE FOR CHRISTMAS***

ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

**THE SERVICE WILL BE
FOLLOWED BY TEA IN THE
CHURCH HALL.**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO
SHARE, PLUS DRINKS**

