

THIS WEEK**21 DECEMBER 2008****Advent 4**

- 8.00 am **Morning Prayer 1** (A.A.P.B. p.18)
Isaiah 9:1-7 (p.683) Col Robinson
Luke 1:26-38 (p.1012) Ron Hinton
- 'Mary'** **Jim Keith**
Organ Postlude: Variation on "Woodlands" /Tell out my soul/(G Thalben-Ball
1896 (Sydney)-1987)
- .9.30 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)
Holiday JJs
Isaiah 9:1-7 (p.683) David Warren-Gash
Luke 1:26-38 (p.1012) Keryn Hammersley
- 'Mary'** **Jim Keith**
- 7.00 pm **Carols by Glowlight + Sausage Sizzle**
Readings for this service will be on the Service sheets
- 'Epilogue'** **Barry George**

NEXT WEEK**28 DECEMBER 2008****CHRISTMAS 1**

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion 1** (A.A.P.B. p.114)
Isaiah 1:10-20 (p.675) Geoff Lloyd
Luke 7:36-50 (p.1023) Rhondda Day
- 'Responding to the King'** **Suz Gorham**
- 9.30 am **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation 3** (S.S. p.17)
Holiday JJs
Isaiah 1:10-20 (p.675) Michael Browne
Luke 7:36-50 (p.1023) Andrew Munkman
- 'Responding to the King'** **Suz Gorham**
- 7.00 pm **PowerPoint**
Exodus 19:1-2 and 16-25 (p.73) Jamie Mackenzie
1 Timothy 2 (p.1174) Heather Amm
- 'Instructions on Worship'** **Peter Gregory**

Support Ministries:**Cleaning:** on 24/12 R & N Day. on 27/12 I Bramley, D Tracy, R Hipwell**Sidespeople:**
8.00am Norm & Rhondda Day
9.30am Michael Browne, Andrew Munkman
6.30pm Jon Warren-Gash, James Parkinson**Morning Tea:**
8.00am Barbara Lloyd
9.30am Lyall Pogue, Kat Steele, Tracey Okeby**Crèche:** Suzanne Gilbert, Helen Browne, Suz Gorham**Supper:** Jamie Mackenzie, Bethany Wright, James Parkinson

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ANGLICAN PARISH OF ASQUITH / MT COLAH / MT KURING-GAI

Dear Friends,

This week brings us again to that magical season of Christmas. The time of the year when we celebrate the incarnation of the Son of God described by Sir Marcus Loane as... *'We see Him as One who stepped out of the vastness of an unmeasured eternity in order to enter into time and human society in a world disordered by sin.'*



There is a measure of incredulity surrounding the birth of Christ. On the one hand He displays nothing out of the ordinary – a baby born around the year 4 BC in the Palestinian town of Bethlehem. Historians attest to the veracity of the event and we could easily pass it by as just another human birth of no significance.

On the other hand there is a supernatural element, equally attested to, that speaks of an angelic throng that filled the heavens and sang *'Glory to God in the highest...'*. A star that crossed the skies until it came to rest over the place where the child was. The boy's mother was a virgin! It was all the fulfillment of prophecy uttered by men of God centuries before the event itself occurred.

The words of the Archbishop (above) give the entire event meaning, and enable us to reflect upon a God who should be so concerned for the entire human race, that He would give His only Son to 'purge our sins'.

What motivation could there be for such a thing to happen? The answer is readily found in the familiar words of the Apostle John...

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'

What response do you make to that kind of love?

May you know His special blessing this Christmas,

Barry George

WEDNESDAY, 24th Dec. (Christmas Eve) 6pm

KIDS' CHRISTMAS

Half-hour of Christmas songs and stories for children. There will be a 'GIVING TREE'. Children are invited to place presents under it to give to children in need.

10.00pm

Lord's Supper 2B (S.S. p.70)

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.683)

Hebrews 1:1-6 (p.1184)

'Unique Love'

Barry George



CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am

Holy Communion 2 (A.A.P.B. p.134)

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.683) Terry Burn

Hebrews 1:1-6 (p.1184) Rosemary Burn

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9.30am

Lord's Supper 2B (S.S. p.70)

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.683) Denis Wright

Hebrews 1:1-6 (p.1184) Iris Bramley

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Please note:

There will be no 6.30pm Service tonight

JOY TO THE WORLD

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2009

Your yearly set of weekly offering envelopes for 2009 are now available from the atrium table.

MAG ITEMS DELIVERED TO THE DEPOT

A big **THANK YOU** to **Don Lamb** for the delivery of all the collected **MAG** and **MAG** for **KIDS** items during the months of August, September and October to the **MAG** depot.

Their car was loaded up with:

Staplers (28), Staples (33 packs— total 46.500), Staple Removers (8), Handkerchiefs (135), Cockroach Baits (92), Ball Point pens (4 large cartons—4000), Glue Sticks (48), Paste (7), Rulers (28), Safety Scissors (16), Tennis Balls (88), Band-Aids (19 packets— total 1016).

Also from the Senior Ladies Fellowship: **14 Baby Bundles.**

CONGRATULATIONS

The newly chosen **School Captain** for **Asquith Boys High School** for 2009 is **Sean Szabo**. Hearty congratulations Sean.

ST JOHN'S ASQUITH WEEKEND AWAY 2009

13th - 15th March 2009

Lutanda Conference Centre, Toukley

Speaker: **Barry Newman**

Plan to be there!

OFFERTORIES 14 DECEMBER 2008

[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-

Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]

Incomes: \$2,034.25 (General) + \$2,400.00 (Electronic)

+ \$290.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$150.00 (Building Fund) = **\$4,874.25**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$4,779.00)

**** Total Shortfall at week 50: **\$2,212.70**