

# **MORDIALLOC MOORINGS**

A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc

# Third Sunday in Advent

14th December 2025

#### REFLECTING ON OUR ADVENT PILGRIMAGE...

#### Reioice!"

Did you ever wait for someone to call?

Did you ever wait to meet someone?

Did you ever wait for Christmas or your birthday or a

Did you ever wait for spring to come?

Hope is waiting for a good things to happen.

We wait for babies to be born. We wait for people to love us as much as we love them. We wait for peace and joy and understanding. Some people waited

thousands of years for one man to come. Hope is waiting together for a good thing to happen.



Sometimes it's hard to wait. We get tired; we become discouraged or sad; sometimes we even cry. It seems that our winter will never end. Then, all of a sudden and — quickly, gently, from deep inside — we remember who we are and why we are, and we know that our spring will come again. We remember that Jesus will come again. Hope is waiting together a long long time for a good thing to happen.

We have waited together a long long time for Jesus to come. May we rejoice together for a good thing that is to happen, the birth of Jesus.

#### PARKINSON'S GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAKUP...

The Parkinson Support Group, who meet in the church and narthex on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, had their end of year gathering on Thursday. They wanted to convey their gratitude and pleasure at being able to gather in our Church. They love the space and consider it a positive experience to meet there. They wished us all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2026. They will be continuing at St Nicholas in 2026.

At the breakup, the long-time convenor of the group, Helen stepped down and is standing aside for Trina to take the reins. Helen started this group about 6 years ago and has been an inspiring leader. She will continue to attend their support meetings.

#### **DIXON HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

We are again collecting gifts for families in the lead up to Christmas on behalf of Dixon House. Of primary need is non perishable food items.

Also new toys and gift vouchers are always practical.

Items for Christmas hampers as well as everyday grocery and cleaning

products are most welcome. Please consider buying smaller sizes of tea, coffee, sugar etc. Full list of suggestions will be on the notice board.

Any queries see Marilyn Wilson

This Sunday will be the last day for donations.





#### Celebrate Christmas at St Nicholas

#### CHRISTMAS EVE 24TH DECEMBER

5.00pm - A 'Messy' Family Christmas Service 11.00pm - Midnight Eucharist

#### CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

9.15am Holy Eucharist



# COME CELEBRATE A 'MESSY' CHRISTMAS!

Messy Pre Christmas Eve Celebration
Sunday 21st December
within the 9.15am Sunday Service
&

Messy Christmas Eve 24th December 5pm.

Both Messy events will have activities to make and take, dress ups, and a nativity play including a visit from Angel Gabriel!

Come join us and celebrate the birth of Jesus!

MERRY MESSY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MESSY CHURCH TEAM!

Isaiah 35.1-10 - Song of Mary - James

### READINGS & HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY AND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY

14<sup>th</sup> 5.7-10 - Matthew 11.2-11 TIS 647 Comfort, comfort my people December Third TIS 286 Light one candle (1,2,3) Sunday in MP 37 As the deer pants -Advent TIS 158 God has spoken by his prophets <u>Isaiah 7.10-16 - Ps -80.1-7, 17-19 -</u> 21st Romans 1.1-7 - Matthew 1.18-25 December TIS 264 Hark! a herald voice is calling Fourth TIS 286 Light one candle (1,2,3,4) TIS 271 The advent of our God TIS Sunday in **Advent** 297 Come, your hearts and voices raising (vv 1,2,3,6,7) TIS 316 O little town of Bethlehem

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING...

Our first Parish Council meeting in the new cycle will be Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm, St Nicholas Narthex. Many will be attending the meeting via Zoom, so please consider that option. A link will be sent out with the meeting papers.



There will be a Working Bee in and around the Church on Saturday 20th December. Please come and give a hand!

## Weekly Use of St Nicholas' Narthex & Church....

Groups meet at St Nicholas in the following order:

Monday: <u>Peaceful Living Yoga, 6.00pm -</u>

<u> 7.15pm & 7.30 - 8.30pm</u>

Tuesday: <u>Peaceful Living Yoga</u>,

<u>10.00am - 11.15am</u>

Thursday: <u>Peaceful Living Yoga</u>

<u> 10.30 – 11.15am</u>

Parkinson's Support Group

<u>1 - 3pm</u>

(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

Saturday: Peaceful Living Yoga 'Restorative'

class

<u> 10.00am – 12.00 noon</u>

(new dates for 2026)

(Please Note: Yoga sessions use silence as part of their exercise. To assist this, please do not access any part of the church or narthex areas while yoga sessions are taking place.)

Want to contribute to the ongoing ministry and mission of St Nicholas, Mordialloc? Try our new QR Code. We thank you for your help.



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