

GOT QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about God, Jesus Christ or faith related issues, or just new to our church, we'd like to welcome you. We are an Evangelical Anglican Church on the Central Coast. Our Sunday worship times are 7:30am for a traditional Anglican worship setting, or if you are more comfortable with something relaxed that is geared to engage all stages of family life with God's Word for daily living, come and join us at 9:30am.

LAKES ANGLICAN WELCOMES YOU ALL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri Dec 20 Christmas Closure
Tues Dec 24 Christmas Eve Family Service 6pm
Wed Dec 25 Christmas Day
2020
Mon Jan 13 Opshop & Café reopen

Offertory & Online Banking
BSB 705 077 Account 00040285
Anglican Parish of Gorokan



GROUPS AND MEETINGS HELD AT LAKES ANGLICAN:

Gamblers Anonymous
Mondays 6.00pm

Kanwal AI-Anon Family Support Group
Saturdays 4.30pm

Quilters Group
1st, 3rd Wednesday

PlayTime
Thursdays 9:30am

Heartbeat Music and Movement (preschool age)
Wednesdays 9.15-10.30am

Mothers Union - 2nd
Wednesday of the month
10am

Bible Study Groups - Please phone office for details

OneFaith Band
Raising food for the homeless

Prayer List available on request

To contact a Parish Council Member or Clergy, please phone office for details

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KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE



Week 55:
from December 15

In the third week of Advent we remember the joy that the birth of Christ will bring to humankind. Firstly we hear Mary's song of praise with words full of humble obedience and joy that she should be chosen to give birth to the Messiah and we also continue to hear about John the Baptist.

Last week we heard from a fiery and assertive John the Baptist. He called the many Pharisees and Sadducees that were coming to him a brood of vipers and declared that he baptized with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful he was coming after him; of whom John was not worthy to carry his sandals and that he will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

John was declaring the arrival of Jesus the long awaited messiah. John's expectations were that of fiery judgment and condemnation.

But in the scriptures this week we hear from an imprisoned, subdued and doubting John who sends a message to Jesus are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

It's seems as though how Jesus lived and Johns expectations were two different things. What are our expectations of Jesus? Do we expect Jesus to be and to do what we want him to be and do? Or do we trust God that through Jesus Christ, where human-kind got it so wrong God got it right for us and not just for us but for everyone who should choose to follow Jesus. **Rev Jody**



Samaritans Christmas Appeal

Its that time of year again where Samaritans are in need of some extra help to assist our community who are in need and can enjoy their Christmas as much as we can. A list of suggested items is located at the back of the church. Items such as non-perishable foods, Christmas puddings, jelly, custard & also sanitary/hygiene and baby products will help those struggling. Donations can be taken to the church office.

Christmas Services

This year we will be holding services on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Christmas eve Family service will begin at 6pm.

The Christmas Day Services will be held 7:30am (Traditional Service) and 9:30am (Contemporary Family Service)

All Welcome

The Bulletin Board

- Christmas Eve service 24th December @ 6pm
- Christmas Day services 7:30am and 9:30am
- Anglican Men's Society Diaries now available. \$6.50 each with 50c going to the farmers drought relief

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God,
 Who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Week Ahead

Sun 15 December - Revd Jody 2nd week of Advent

7:30am Traditional Communion Service

9:30am Contemporary Family Service

Mon 16 December

8:00am Morning Prayer

10:00am Warnervale Gardens

1:00pm Bible Study with Helen

7:00pm Bible Study at the Voorinde's

Tues 17 December

8:00am Morning Prayer

10:30am Masonic Hostel

Wed 18 December

8:00am Morning Prayer

10:30am Hakea Grove

Thurs 19 December

8:00am Morning Prayer

10:00am Chat Group

2:00pm Lakelands Village Bible Study

7:00pm Kingsmen Bible Study

Fri 20 December

8:00am Morning Prayer

Sat 21 December

Sun 22 December—Rev Jody 4th week of Advent

7:30am Traditional Communion Service

9:30am Contemporary Family Service



Income to Sunday 8th December 2019

Offertory giving: \$ 2374

Op Shop: \$ 1037

Coffee Shop: \$ 628

Mission giving: \$ 30

Hall Hire: \$ 30

