

Vicar:



St. John's Roslyn

Anglican Church

**THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ROSLYN**

News November 2020

The Vicar Writes . . .

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and for the sake of those of our number who due to medical conditions cannot drink from the cup into which wafers have been dipped;***

I would gently request that we continue to refrain from intincting the wafer at the communion. Thank you J

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Sunday Services at St John's

Nov	1	8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 1 0.00am Choral Eucharist, Children's Church 6.00pm Night Prayer
Nov	8	8.00am Holy Communion (NZPB) 10.00am Choral Eucharist, Children's Church 6.00pm Night Prayer
Nov	15	8.00am Holy Communion (NZPB) 10.00am All Age Eucharist 7.00pm Choral Evensong
Nov	22	8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 10.00am Choral Eucharist, Children's Church
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During the Week at St John's

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea in the Lounge

Thursdays

9.15am St John's Church Mini Musicmakers
7.30pm Choir practice

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

10th November Evening AAW Group meets at 7.30pm - AGM

~~**12th November** Afternoon AAW Group meets at 2.00pm - AGM~~



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A Note from the Recorder

A big thank you to those who have responded to the Stewardship Appeal. Although it is halfway through the financial year, it is never too late to join the regular donating system. All donations are receipted at the end of March and can be used for the rebate. If you are new to the Parish, or if you would like to be a part of the regular donors by envelope, or direct credit, please let me know. I will organise a unique number and envelopes for you and, if Direct Credit, a form for you to take to your bank. I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and any discussions are confidential.

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Wardens Report

A big thank you to those who have responded to the Stewardship Appeal.

November begins and ends with two significant Christian celebrations this year. All Saints' Day on 1st November, All Souls' Day on 2nd November, and All Saints' Day, the regular donating system. All donations are receipted at the end of March and can be used for the rebate if you are a member of the Parish, or if you would like to be a part of the regular donors by the end of the year, please let me know. I will organise a unique number and envelopes for you and, if you prefer, a form for you to take to your bank. I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and any discussions are confidential, including not only well-known Christians such as Paul the Apostle and John Wesley, but also individuals who have personally led one to faith in Jesus, such as one's grandmother or a friend.

The Catholic Rite of All Saints' Day is a public holiday. People offer flowers, candles and prayers for the souls of the departed. In Austria and Germany, godparents gift their children with a braid (All Saint's Braid) on All Saint's Day, and in Portugal, the practice of Catholic traditions is popular. Souling is the baking of a special cake on All Saints Day to share with children and poor neighbours. It was also a practice common in Medieval England until the 1930s. In exchange for receiving the cake, children and the poor were expected to say prayers for the giver of the cake and their deceased relatives. Some people think that this is the origin of trick or treating.

Advent usually starts towards the end of November. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas- the Sunday closest to St Andrew's Day (30th November). This year, Advent Sunday falls on 29th November. Advent marks the beginning of the Church's year in Western Christianity. It is a season of the liturgical year observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. The term "Advent" is also used in Eastern Orthodoxy for the 40-day Nativity Fast, which has practices different from those in the West.

There are many practices associated with Advent you may be familiar with, such as keeping an Advent calendar, lighting an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional prayer, erecting and decorating a Christmas tree and lighting a Christingle.

The theme of readings and carol singing in Advent is also a commemoration of the first coming of Jesus at Christmas and also to prepare for Jesus' Second Coming.

How are you celebrating All Saints' Day and Advent this year?

Blessings

Ethan & Jane

Vicar's and People's Wardens

Mission News

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I love India. It is vibrant and pungent with aroma and colour. It is ancient and earthy, communal and spiritual. It is raw and real and pulsing with life. Relationships dominate, rather than tasks. India is the people I know.

I hate India because, where I have been, there is so much pain and intense suffering and every single story stands as a testament to what is true for thousands, perhaps millions of others. This, let's be honest, can be overwhelming. But, I guess I want to say is that I've come to know there is more than that. Because the invitation continues!

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The risen Messiah was breathing real hope into the confusion, the despair and the aimless wanderings of these two men on their way to Emmaus. I almost cried, because I know that feeling, of my heart burning within me. The hope of His presence bringing a different future! And this is the stuff that matters to me.

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These few stories I have chosen are from the work of the many dedicated Indian Christians we worked alongside as part of Emmanuel Hospital Association's (EHA) community work.

While these people all live many, many miles from New Zealand, **my prayer is that they will encourage you and enable you to think about Jesus' invitation to you, into His own heart, even be it though despair,** that you would be enabled to see with hope and then to act in love. I know they would be excited to know of such impact

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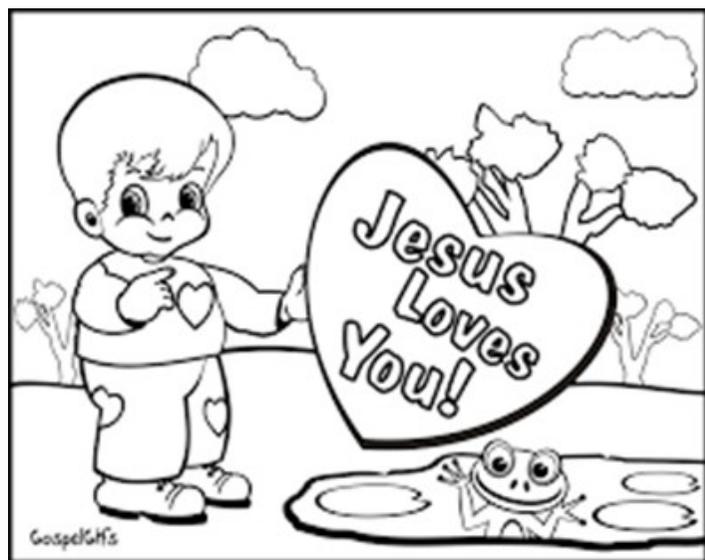
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1.John 4:8



Mini Music Makers

I'm very glad to say that MMM is up and running again and all back to normal in Term 4 :-)

We had another break of a few weeks when at level 2 last term, but now that we have an Action Plan in place we will be able to continue meeting whether at level 1 or 2 :-)

We continue with all the old favourite songs and nursery rhymes, and have added some new ones - The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock and Sleeping Bunnies amongst others!

We have quite a few children coming with their parents and carers, but there's room for more, so spread the word if you know anyone who might be interested, and we're always happy to have visitors to see what we all get up to!

Sarah, Tanya and Verna

FLOWER ROSTER 2021

Hazel has passed the Flower Roster baton on to me.

This is a challenge to all young and old, male and female budding flower arrangers (forgive the pun!) Here's your opportunity to arrange flowers, leaves or both, to beautify our house of worship. You'd only be on the roster about twice a year and I'd be happy to help you the first time.

Please speak to Tanya Tankard (0211 244 622) if you'd like to give it a go!

Evening AAW members

The Evening AAW group met on 13th October 7.30pm in the lounge. We pleased to welcome back Dr James Harding as speaker for the evening, our members and two prospective new members Hilary Shanks and Susan G and visitors to listen to the speaker.



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Blessings to all
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AAW Evening Group Sec: Bev Aitken 476 3807
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Phil White 467 6120
Synod Reps: Melanie Cornish 027 390 501 and Paul Tankard 479 2869

Dates for Your Diary

10th November Evening AAW Group meet
12th November Afternoon AAW Group meet
15th November Parish Shared Lunch
5th December Vestry meet
6th December Lisa Barlow's ordination - St Paul's Cathedral . Time and further details to follow.