



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



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Lavender Bay

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Striving for personal maturity in Christ  
Building the body of Christ  
Providing hope through Christ

# Newsletter

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## COME & HEAR

# THE WHO? WHAT? WHY? HOW? OF CHRISTMAS

### Traditional Carols

with Choir & Organ  
7:15pm, 15 Dec

### Christmas Eve

Communion Service  
11pm, 24 Dec

### Family Service

with kids talk  
10am, 22 Dec

### Christmas Day

Communion Service  
9am, 25 Dec



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## The Who, What, Why, How of Christmas

Joy to the world! Christmas is nearly here! What a special time of the year as we celebrate God's infinite goodness to us in sending his Son Jesus, as a humble baby, to become the saviour of the world. It is time to join with others to celebrate this wonderful news. Our Christmas services this year will again be a joyful opportunity to bring your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to church. We have a number of events that will engage a diversity of people. We begin with our Traditional Carols Service where the church will be decked out in an array of stars as the choir leads us in singing all the favourites that tell the Christmas story. Our Family service is the time to bring the little ones for an interactive children's Nativity story. Christmas Eve is a time for contemplation, whilst Christmas Day will celebrate the arrival of Jesus, and also his redemptive work on the cross as we take part in a Communion Service. Who will you invite to which service?

### Rector's Message

In the book of Ruth, Boaz' generosity at harvest extends beyond his own family into the margins of society, ensuring that the poor and foreigners are also blessed. Here are two simple ways this Christmas that you can bless the poor and foreigner: firstly, consider giving generously to Anglicare's Toys-n-Tucker collection; secondly, commit to praying for a disabled child from CCD Thailand (take a photo from our Christmas tree) and to giving generously to our collection for new physio equipment. You might consider tithing your gift giving, that is, setting aside 10% of the total amount of gifts you buy for family and friends, to give to the poor.

**Lachlan Edwards, Rector, Christ Church, Lavender Bay**

## December Diary

**Sun 1 10am Communion Service**  
Toys-n-Tucker collection begins; Writing Christmas Cards to our missionaries

**Sat 7th 5pm The Gathering**, on the terrace with dinner, a talk and fellowship

**Sun 8th 10am Morning Prayer Service**

Fri 13 Dec 7:30pm Christmas Opera Concert

**Sun 15th 10am Communion Service**  
**7.15pm Traditional Carols**  
Last day for Toy-n-Tucker Collection

Wed 18th Parish Council

**Sun 22nd 10am Family Christmas Service with Kids talk.**  
Sausage sizzle after church

**Tues 24th 11pm Christmas Eve Communion Service**

**Wed 25th 9am Christmas Day Communion Service. Note: 9am**

**Sun 29th 10am Morning Prayer Service**



### The Buzz from the Bay



**Toys and Tucker — chance to give**  
Help make Christmas special for those who will go without at Christmas. Donations start on 1st December and close on Sunday 15th. Cards are available outlining what is needed but basically new toys, hamper goods and toiletries are great. Bring your donations to church and place around the old baptismal font.

### NYE at Christ Church

Parish Council has decided to not run our NYE event on the church grounds this year. The purpose of this event and how it is managed and staffed will be reviewed in 2020.



James Flynn, speaking at the Gathering. In foreground - Ben Eden and baby Isabella (who with wife Anna would celebrate the little one's baptism), mum in law Wanda, and Ian Davidson. November marked one year since the first Gathering.

## Using our gifts for our church

With our dear sisters **Evonne Paddison** and **Di Nicolios** absent due to sickness and compassionate leave, it is the willingness of so many who continue to step up to the plate that has us praising God for his goodness. Each is using his/her gifts to keep the place humming along. A special thanks to **Ann Kells, Jurgen Joester, Graeme Adam** and **Steve Howe** for stepping up to lead some of the bible study groups. Others have run Sunday services (including sermons and communion) and the Gathering. One family provided food for the that event, while others are providing pastoral care to those in need. This sense of dedication truly shows God's love in action.

## January Diary

**Sat 4th 5pm The Gathering.**  
On the terrace, with dinner, a talk & fellowship with harbour backdrop

**Sun 5th 10am Communion Service**

**Sun 12th 10am Morning Prayer**

**Sun 19th 10am Communion Service**

**Sun 26th 10am Australia Day Service**



## New symbol of our identity

Over the last few months, you may have noticed a stylish new logo appearing in various places, replacing the old logo based on a drawing of the eastern face of the church.

According to Rector **Lachlan Edwards**, the new logo was the result of consultation with a broad cross-section of our members.

"The logo depicts people in the centre, with a strong focus on community, belonging and Christian worship. The water motif highlights our bayside location, balancing out the stained glass motif which in itself is a celebration of the church's Anglican liturgy and history. This logo will start appearing across all church publications, marketing and signage."



## The Buzz from the Bay



### Christ Church Rejuvenation Fund Tops \$100,000

Praise God for his goodness and generosity through his people. Over \$117,000 has been raised since we launched the Rejuvenation Fund in August. We hope to start on the church roof rejuvenation early in the new year. A special thanks to all who have contributed.



## Leisa D goes bush for BCA

In the words of one of our members and BCA nomad **Leisa Davidson**: "October was a wonderful month when Narromine Anglican Church welcomed me to graciously be with them to walk, talk, visit, listen, meet people, travel long distances, share meals, ask questions, read the Bible, pray, encourage, learn, observe, serve, say that Jesus is awesome, challenge, teach, fellowship and become thoroughly dusty." Narromine Rector **Rev Paul Howes** was very grateful for Leisa's energetic contribution and participation.

## Proclaiming our values

Two years ago, together, we developed a statement of our values at Christ Church. Now they're framed and up in church to help remind us of what we stand for:

- \* Bible-based, Christ-centred, relevant preaching and teaching
- \* Joyful, inspirational and thoughtful worship
- \* Acceptance, inclusion and belonging in a loving family
- \* Reformed Anglican heritage
- \* Prayerful dependence on God
- \* Generous use of spiritual gifts
- \* Transparency, accountability and integrity



## A light amid the darkness of war

14th November, John and Joy Yeo kindly hosted a talk by Syrian Pastor Samir Yacco, visiting Australia with Anglican Aid. In the midst of the tragedy of war, Samir Yacco pastors a church in the capital, Damascus. As well as leading his own congregation he also provides emergency assistance to many internally displaced people who have fled the fighting in other parts of the country Photo: Samir & Elizabeth and Peter Smart, great friends from their time in Syria.