

FOR ALL THE SAINTS (continued)

Monday 29th Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d.1170)
Tuesday 30th Josephine Butler, social reformer (d.1905)

Andrew was the first of the twelve Apostles called by Jesus. He was a disciple of John the Baptist, but when the latter had seen Jesus and had exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew then followed Jesus, and brought with him his brother Simon Peter. Andrew received the Holy Spirit with the others at Pentecost, but after Pentecost there is uncertainty about where his ministry took place. It is reputed he was crucified upon an X-shaped cross, or saltire, which, in traditional use, is, portrayed as a white saltire on a blue background; the flag of Scotland being the most recognisable. Oddly enough, Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, where the saltire first appeared in the Kingdom of Scotland during the reign of William I in the 1180's.

[More saints next month]

Nantawarra



Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go to all affected by the tragedy and loss resulting from last Friday's fire. The community spirit although brow beaten is fighting back with determined resilience but our on-going support for them cannot wane; they will need the rest of us to be there for them in the weeks and months, years even, ahead. Please hold in your prayers at services, at home and in your hearts the Country Fire Service volunteers, the farmers and workers who provided critical support, to the Emergency services teams, counsellors and an particular thank you to the medical evacuation team for providing assistance above and beyond the call of duty.



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Wamindi
update

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Advent!

The Wamindi Update is a monthly newsletter designed to celebrate our mission for God in our particular communities, to provide encouragement through news of past events and notices for future activities. Contributions are invited for inclusion from each of the congregations, especially with images, that promote our missional life. Articles can be emailed to Father David (thompsondm09@gmail.com), (wmdhome.org.au) or addressed to P.O. Box 34, Clare, SA 5453.



Gilbert Valley Community Carol Service



Community singing and featuring the Riverton
Community Choir

7th December starting at 6pm

Gilbert Valley Senior Citizen's Home Courtyard

Entrance via Gilbert Street.

Please bring a plate of supper
and a chair each.

Freewill offering for GVSCH and Riverton &
District Hospital

Further information: Gilbert Valley
Interchurch Council- Peter Lane Ph 88492190



Balaklava News

A happy occasion for Balaklava folk on Wilderness/Outback Sunday as little Braydon Smith was baptized. It is always a joy to welcome little ones into the Church family. Braydon's family and friends joined us afterwards for morning tea. Our youngsters amuse us every week with their Milo and biscuits antics but their faces really light up when there's a flash morning tea!

Last week LLM Troy led another very successful Children's Service. The confidence and composure of our young ones never fails to impress us. Well done also to YAC organizers Lorraine and Kellie and Sunday School teacher Amanda. {Gill Ackland}

Plants of the Bible

Have you ever given thought to what the fruit of the tree of knowledge in the centre of the Garden of Eden might have resembled?

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. “(Genesis 3:6)

A couple of 'clues' is found in the Song of Solomon (or Song of Songs) and in Joel;

FOR ALL THE SAINTS – November-December

Saturday	1 st	ALL SAINTS DAY
Monday	3 rd	Richard Hooker, (d.1600), priest & teacher
Tuesday	4 th	Anglicans & Roman Catholics pray for each other.
Saturday	8 th	Saints, martyrs, missionaries & teachers of the Anglican Communion
Monday	10 th	Leo of Rome, (d.461), bishop & teacher
Wednesday	12 th	Charles Simeon, (d.1836), priest & evangelist
Monday	17 th	Hilda of Whitby, (d.680), abbess Hugh, (d.1200), bishop of Lincoln
Wednesday	19 th	(d.1231), Elizabeth of Hungary, princess & philanthropist
Sunday	23 rd	CHRIST THE KING
Tuesday	25 th	James Noble (d.1941), pioneer Aboriginal deacon
Sunday	30 th	FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT, Year B

The last Sunday in the Church's Year is known as CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, when the whole of our knowledge about Jesus is recognised and we worship Him as the Christ, the Messiah, King of kings and Lord of lords.

The following Sunday begins again the annual round of teaching and worshipping, based largely on the Gospel St. Mark, with some input from John's Gospel, as it does not have a liturgical year of its own. The Season of Advent paves the way for Christmas, by helping us to anticipate the promise of the Second Coming of Christ through the well-loved story of Christ's birth. Advent also carries a warning; *be prepared*.

DECEMBER

Monday	1 st	ANDREW, Apostle and martyr (tr. From 30 November)
Tuesday	2 nd	Francis Perry (d.1892), founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne
Wednesday	3 rd	Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d.1552)
Thursday	4 th	Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637)
Saturday	6 th	NICHOLAS of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d.342)
Monday	8 th	Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday	13 th	Lucy, Martyr and virgin (d.304)
Monday	22 nd	THOMAS, Apostle and martyr
Thursday	25 th	BIRTH OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday	26 th	STEPHEN, DEACON AND FIRST Christian martyr
Saturday	27 th	JOHN, Apostle and evangelist.
Sunday	28 th	HOLY INNOCENTS



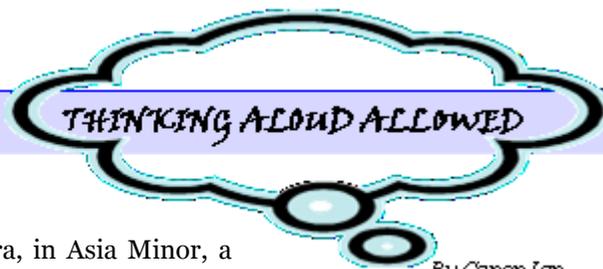
“As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.” (Song of Solomon 2:3)

The vine withers, the fig tree droops. Pomegranate, palm, and apple—all the trees of the field are dried up; surely, joy withers away among the people.” (Joel 1:12)

The apple appears to be the candidate and in Hebrew it is transliterated as tappuaĥ” (sounds like *tap-poo-ach*). Apples were, however a late arrival to Palestine and grew poorly so the apple as we know it is possibly discounted.

‘Tappuaĥ could be the apricot, a hardy tree from China from where it became widespread throughout the ancient region but as to when is another matter. It was introduced through Armenia but the Hebrew people had little to do with them so it is probable the Greeks had adopted it.

The quince was the local native but as you may know quinces are an acquired taste; it does rather resemble an apple!



By Canon Ian

Santa Claus was real!

He was St. Nicholas of Myra, in Asia Minor, a bishop and is now considered the Patron Saint of sailors, children, merchants and for some reason, pawnbrokers.

The Dutch (merchantmen in their heyday) referred to “St. Nicholas” as “Sinte Claas” so over the decades *Sinte Claas* became *Santa Claus* especially by Dutch colonists in America. The image of big fat chap with flowing white hair and beard, and red and white clothing, riding in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, also

Bishop David Mandalay's Visit



Our diocese hosted the visit of Bishop David Nyi Nyi Naing (of the Diocese of Mandalay) in early to mid October. He, his wife Mary and their young son Solomon visited our patch on Wednesday October 15. We first met them along with Bishop John and Jan Stead at St Michael’s, Bungaree in the morning. There Vicky and Mark Stewart kindly showed us the church and grounds and then the shearing shed, resplendent with many bales of wool. (We missed ‘cut-out’ by half an hour!) This introduced Bp David to an early pioneer faith community centred on pastoralism (note the connection!)

The next stop was at Sevenhills Winery and St Aloysius Church where a faith community began with vines (again note the connection) and of course the beginnings of the wine industry. We availed ourselves of the pilgrimage walk, *The Way of the Cross* that connects the vineyards to the Riesling Trail, which gave us an opportunity to show the visitors a small view of native and introduced vegetation, birdlife and for Solomon, many sticks to collect!



After lunch we stopped at St Mark’s Penwortham, another historic church as its origins are founded on early exploration, through among others John Horrocks.



Then at St. John’s, Auburn we met other people from the Ministry District for afternoon tea Bp David spoke of his diocese Mandalay, his episcopal duties, Myanmar’s slowly changing social and political climate and how their church life is structured. On behalf of Bp John, we thank the Auburn congregation for hosting the afternoon event and also to Vicky and Mark Stewart for showing us Bungaree church amidst their busy work schedule.

derives from traditions in the colonial United States.

The very old custom of giving presents to children on the eve of St. Nicholas' Day (6th December) was also taken to America by Dutch colonists, who continued the custom, but somehow became confused with the gifts of the *magi* given to the infant Jesus.



In 1822, the poet Clement C. Moore set the stage for the visitation of Santa Claus:

“Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.”

I wish that the custom of present-giving could be disentangled from the celebration of the Birth of the Christ-Child, and returned to December 6th, or even to the Feast of the Epiphany January 6th: Twelfth Night which is the Orthodox Christian celebration.

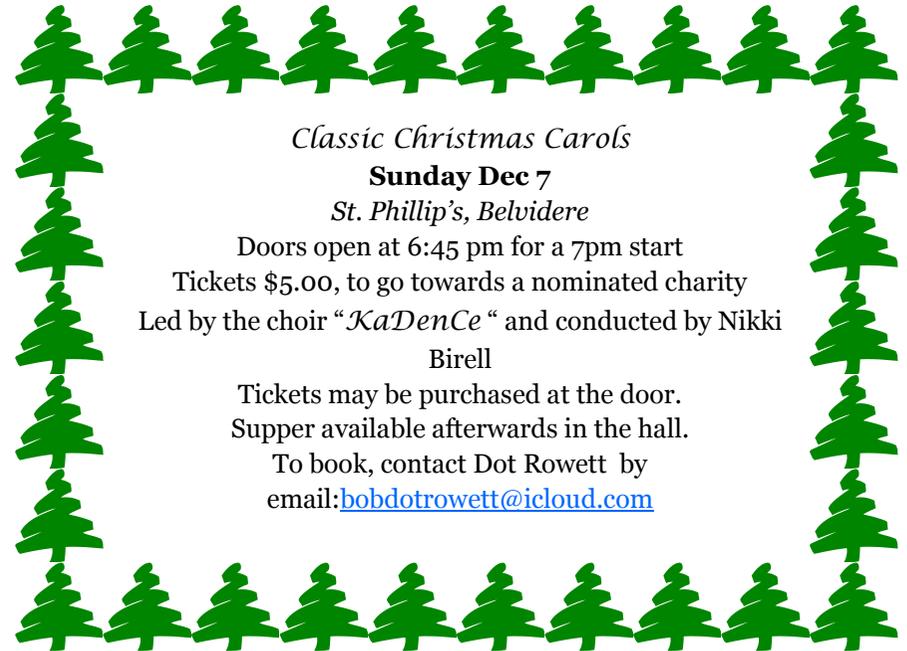
To make a virtue out of what we are stuck with however, we should remind ourselves, our children and grandchildren of that Greatest Gift of all, even though that nice old chap, with all the good things he represents, has been taken over by commercialism and lost in a welter of tinsel and hard-sell.

The giving generously and the caring, both in our families and to less fortunate people, are as important as St. Nicholas epitomised, keeping in mind that behind the image of Santa Claus' there are very good Christian teachings with the focus being on “Christ-mass” in particular. Then Santa Claus can become a real part of our celebration of the birth of Jesus. {Canon Ian Barlow}

Advent Happenings 2014

Mid-week Service

Advent will see the start of a weekly service of Holy Communion (Third Order) at St Barnabas', Clare each Wednesday at 10 am. It is planned that these will continue on in 2015 with Christmas Eve being the exception for this year as other services are planned throughout the Ministry District.



Classic Christmas Carols

Sunday Dec 7

St. Phillip's, Belvidere

Doors open at 6:45 pm for a 7pm start

Tickets \$5.00, to go towards a nominated charity

Led by the choir “KaDenCe” and conducted by Nikki

Birell

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Supper available afterwards in the hall.

To book, contact Dot Rowett by

email: bobdotrowett@icloud.com

December 3rd – *Readers, Leaders, Preachers and Prayers Day* at St. Barnabas, Clare with Reverend Prue O'Donovan following the first 10 am mid week service.

Advent prayers.



We all encouraged to spend time saying a daily form of praying during Advent. As Fr. Michael reminded those at the recent Daily Office workshop, what matters is that prayers are said, somewhere in the Ministry District throughout the day. Like Lent, Advent is a time of reflection and renewal as we focus on the promise that Jesus Christ will return through the anticipation that Scriptures builds around the anticipation of the Messiah.

