

## Dates for the Diary

No Wednesday Services in Apollo Bay until February.

## Christmas Services

Beech Forest—19th December 12 noon— at Art Reach!  
bring a picnic lunch and Chair!

Carlisle River—20th December 1pm

Apollo Bay—Christmas Eve—5pm Family Service  
11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—10am Christmas Mass

Sunday 27th— 10am Eucharist

Please notify Jenny as to which service you wish to attend



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## *Anglican Parish of the Otways*

20th December, 2020

### **Advent 4**



### **Priest in Charge -**

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Welcome to worship today.

Thankyou for adhering to our COVID restrictions:

- Use of Hand sanitiser
- Keeping 1.5 m apart
- Wearing a mask while singing.
- Not mingling in porch

Your co-operation is appreciated

### **Regular Services**

#### **St Aidan's Apollo Bay:**

10am Sunday  
10am Wednesday

#### **Christ Church Carlisle River**

1pm-1st & 3rd Sundays

#### **St Anselm Beech Forest**

1pm-2nd Sundays

#### **St James Forrest**

4pm-2nd & 4th Sundays

Please notify Jenny prior to attending any service as numbers are limited.

### **Direct Deposit Details**

Anglican Parish Otways  
BSB 633 000  
ACC No: 1685 80009

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I do hope the hot weather hasn't been too difficult for you all. We were however very grateful for a fine day last Sunday when we had our Forrest Christmas picnic service. It was a joyous time and Chelsea even brought one of the wild King Parrots she has befriended for a visit! All of creation was celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

Last week end our dear Jack Coles celebrated another birthday, 94 if I have counted correctly. Happy Birthday Jack. We hope you had a lovely day.

Unfortunately last weekend also brought some sad news of the passing of Max Hartwick from the Uniting Church. He truly was the most delightful Christian man and he will be sorely missed. Sandra passed this message from the family;

*"Max's funeral will be held on Monday 21st December at the old Wesley uniting church - now Quinn's Funeral Chapel in Colac at 11am. It will also be live streamed via the Quinn's website if you have people unable to get to Colac or are still a little wary of socializing re covid. Please feel free to pass on the funeral details to anyone who knew him. "* Please keep the family, and especially France in your prayers at this time.

This will be the last newsletter until after Christmas, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and to thank you for your love and support throughout this year.

May the Lord bless you with peace and joy.  
Jenny



## Prayer of the Week

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings. 2 Samuel 7:1-11;16 Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

## ABM Reflection

The Annunciation: Mary is at the very bottom of the social scale - female in a society which values males, young in a society that values age and poor in a society that sees wealth as a blessing from God. However as is often the case in salvation history is it the lowly who are chosen. The youngest sons - Jacob and David, the foreigner, - Ruth, the shepherd - Amos. In fact the Old Testament people of God are to remember their lowly beginnings. ("I wandering Aramean was my father"). Gabriel tells Mary that she has found favour with God. In spite of all the serious consequences for her, Mary's response is unequivocal. Yes.

- Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,  
Dean of Canberra and Goulburn  
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## Prayer Points

### Thanksgiving

- For the life and witness of Max Hartwick.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church in San Diego, USA and Durham, England.
- For the Roman Catholic diocese of Ballarat and the Star of the Sea, Apollo Bay .
- For the Uniting Church in Apollo Bay.

### Petitions

- Peter, Summer, Lorna, Chris, Julia & Tom, Bernie, Anne-Marie, Margaret, Jessica, Jean and their families.
- For starving and malnourished and those without medical supplies.