

The Cornerstone

DECEMBER—JANUARY 2011/12

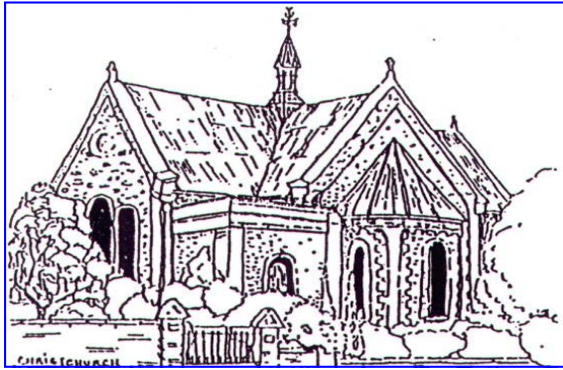


CHRIST CHURCH,



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Heard about the Parish



Julie Brownell did not enjoy an adventure while exploring in the Norwegian arctic steppes. She made a navigation error. After a day and a night, she was rescued! She's contemplating another trip!

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After 18 years of devoted ministry in visiting Anglicans in Calvary Hospital, **Beth Bruce** has retired. We salute her devotion

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We rejoice with **Paul and Brooke Pearce** who have their first child, a daughter :-Sienna Louise.

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We congratulate **Fr Martin Bleby** who celebrates forty years as a priest on the Feast of St Thomas (21st December).

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Chris & Susan Lane enjoyed a great adventure by cruising on the QE2 from



Southampton to New York; up the East coast of the USA to Canada, and New Foundland. Then across the Atlantic again to Southampton. All without a personal Chaplain!

The Parish Prayer

Almighty Father, thy loving providence has brought us into the fellowship of this parish of Christ Church; help us by thy grace to worship thee with such a holy worship, and to serve thee with such unselfish love, and to give ourselves so generously for the spread of thy kingdom, that we may be worthy members of thy Holy Catholic Church, and that this Parish may faithfully fulfil its mission to make known thy truth and to convey thy life to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

Our Parish Vision

*A Traditional Church for a Modern World,
proclaiming Jesus Christ the same
yesterday, today, and forever.*



From the Rector

Happy New Year! You might think that I have a got a little 'ahead of myself', but I remind you that the Kalendar of the Church is a bit different from that of the secular world. The Church organises its Kalendar around the events dealing with the intervention of God in human history, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord. So, on Sunday, 27th November we celebrated Advent Sunday—the beginning of a new liturgical year. The season of Advent consists of the weeks of the four Sundays before Christmas Day—the Nativity of our Lord. It provides us with an opportunity to ready ourselves for the great event of Christmas, when God inaugurated a rescue mission by the sending of his Son to redeem us and restore the relationship we are intended to have with God our Father.

Advent reminds us that there is to be a second coming, when history will be wound up, and all of us will face judgement. As we know, it is an inescapable fact that we all die. It is also an inescapable fact (for Christian believers) that we will all face judgement concerning the manner in which we have lived our lives on earth. For many people, this is a matter of considerable concern, and some deal with it by ignoring it. The 'head in the sand' option is not an option at all, either in this matter, or in other difficult circumstances which come before us as we live our lives.

The good news (The Gospel) of Jesus Christ is that he has come to earth and lived our life, died our death and in that death removed the sting of death for all who are in him. And it is Jesus who will be our Judge in the last Day.

On 15th December, I will be taking an extended period of leave with Rachele and our children. I will be back in the Parish to enjoy Mothering Sunday with you.

In my absence. Canon Andrew Cheesman will be the Locum for the Parish. He will undertake the duties of the Rector of Christ Church. Fr Andrew will be supported in this role by our current team of priests . Fr John Edwards continues to act as the Hon. Assistant Priest, Fr John Stephenson as the Vicar Choral, Fr Martin Bleby as the Parish Educator, Fr Frank Kernot will continue to exercise his pastoral role as will Fr David Keay. So you will be in good hands during the time I am away.

I ask that you will continue to pray for the members of the Clergy who make up our team at Christ Church. And, as I will be remembering you in my prayers, you might pray for me and my family as we travel abroad. In general terms, we shall be visiting Israel and Jordan, Italy, Germany, and a brief visit to England.

I take this opportunity to wish each of you a happy and holy Christmas.

Lyndon

From the Select Vestry:

Of matters new and those continuing to be dealt with:

- The property at Medindie has now been let to tenants, following some refurbishment;
- Arrangements for the observance of the 350th anniversary of the publication of The Book of Common Prayer are in hand;
- The re-building of the Parish web-site is continuing and will provide a more useful and exciting tool than has been the case;
- A parishioner has offered to provide an improved dishwasher, of a kind which will be easier to operate and more efficient, for the hall kitchen ;
- The work of re-pointing the exterior of the apse wall is expected to be put in hand at the earliest opportunity—weather being a factor;
- A contract to have the gutters of the church inspected and cleaned has been entered into;
- It has been agreed to replace the sound system in the church, and to place the existing system into the Parish Hall;
- A contractor has been engaged to provide a report on the condition of all trees on our property and a five year maintenance plan.



ADVENT SUNDAY

27th November

- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist
First luncheon with
Presentation: *Who is God?*
6:00 pm **Advent Carols**

ADVENT II

4th December

- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist
Luncheon with Presentation:
Who is Jesus?

Tuesday, 6th **St Nicholas**

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist

ADVENT III

11th December

- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist
Luncheon with presentation
What the Spirit do?

ADVENT IV

18th December

- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist
Luncheon with Presentation:
Why the Church?

7:00 pm **LESSONS & CAROLS**

Wednesday 21st **St Thomas**

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 pm children's service &
live nativity
11:30 pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:00 am Choral Eucharist

OUR 'MISSION' FETE

We all worked hard. We gave all sorts of items : furniture, clothes, books, plants, jewels, knick knacks, Christmas decorations. We baked cakes, biscuits, & slices. We provided a 'sausage sizzle & a Chocolate fountain. We manned all the stalls and gave of our time generously. We prepared and served morning tea and we cleaned up.

We raised more than \$5,000.00! We gave it away to Missions!



THE CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

Is a unique aid programme conducted by **The National Council of**

Churches, which consists of all the mainstream churches in Australia. It is an effective welfare programme, administered by people 'on the ground' in the areas in which support is offered.

One of the principal areas of providing support this year is for subsistent native farmers in Zimbabwe, where political mismanagement and seasonal failure has contributed to the impoverishment of millions of people in that unhappy country.

The traditional 'yardstick' for giving to the Christmas Bowl Appeal has been the dollar amount of your Christmas Lunch. An envelope for this purpose is included in this magazine. Return it to the office.

Words of wisdom

Dr Samuel Johnson

On New Year's Day, 1745, and on almost every New Year's Day thereafter, Dr Johnson composed a prayer for himself. He did this in the small hours, and although he was normally a speedy writer he seems to have taken two or three hours over these little prayers. In 1773, he wrote the following prayer.

Almighty God, by whose mercy my life has been yet prolonged to another year, grant that thy mercy may not be in vain. Let not my years be multiplied to increase my guilt, but as age advances, let me become more pure in my thoughts, more regular in my desires, and more obedient to thy laws. Let not the cares of the world distract me, nor the evils of age overwhelm me. But continue and increase thy loving kindness towards me, and when thou shalt call me hence, receive me to everlasting happiness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



For your treasury of prayer:

(the one's to know by heart)

The Prayer of Oblation

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast created me, redeemed me, and brought me hither to that which I am; Thou knowest what Thou wouldst do with me: Do with me according to Thy will, with mercy. Amen

*Attributed to
Edward III*

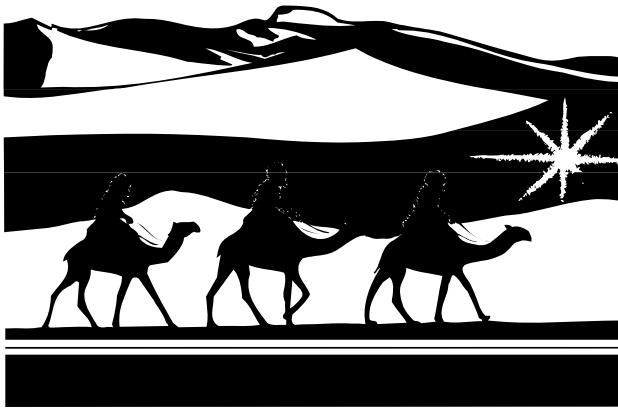
Why 25th December?

We all know that the birth of our Lord is celebrated on 25th December, but why?

In the ancient world, the Calendar was linked to the pattern of the seasons. This was clearly important in an agrarian society when the times of planting and preparing ground, in order to produce crops was vital.

The Spring equinox (24th/25th March) was adopted as the beginning of the Year. Thus it was supposed by the early Christians that the Spring equinox would be the time that God would act to initiate the birth of his divine Son. So the 25th March is observed as the Feast of the Annunciation (the announcement of the Archangel to Mary).

Nine months from 25th March brings us to 25th December!



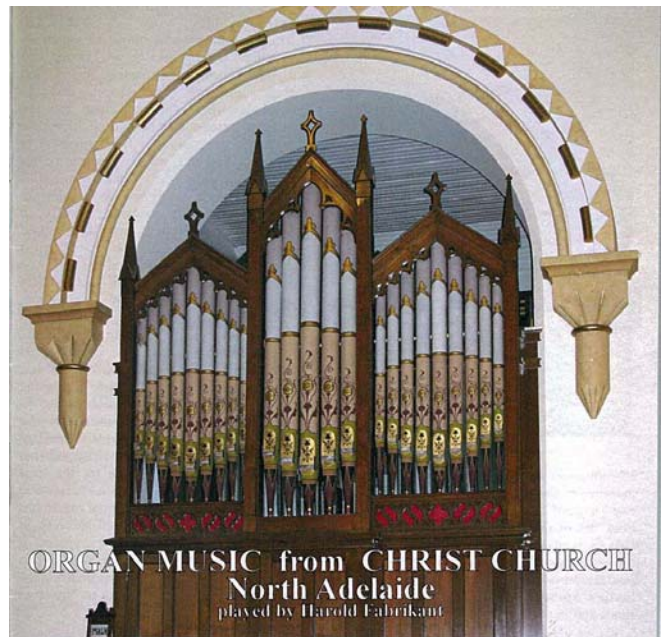
Epiphany

It means to 'show forth', or 'make manifest'. It was the primary Feast associated with the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The celebration of the Nativity of Jesus arose from the great arguments being hammered out in the early Christian centuries concerning the nature of Christ.

The Epiphany focused upon the event of the Baptism of Jesus, when his divine origin was revealed. However, some argued that at this event, Jesus was only 'adopted' by God for the purpose of revealing God's will to his people through the earthly ministry of Jesus. At his death, they argued, he simply died a man. If they were right, then the death of Jesus is of no use for salvation for anybody.

It was necessary for the church to show that Jesus was the pre-existent Son of God who becomes a man in order to bring salvation to all people who accept that salvation which he offers. This is the message of Christmas.

Epiphany is the season beginning on 6th January and ending on Ash Wednesday. It is about the events which disclose the Divinity of Jesus.



ORGAN MUSIC FROM CHRIST CHURCH

by Harold Fabrikant

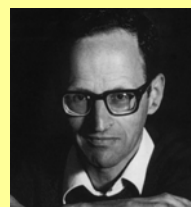
This double CD, recorded in Christ Church last October, is now available for purchase from the Parish Office, at \$20.

"This recording seeks music to match its Anglican setting and organ. Bach and Handel appear at the opening, stressing their immense importance. And to symbolise the belief that Bach was the greatest organ-writer of all time, his music ends the Programme.

The Wesley's were of immense importance in the development of British music and receive

considerable attention."

Harold Fabrikant



There is much more to enjoy on this CD



A GREAT & WONDERFUL DAY

Following a period of instruction and attending worship, two adults were incorporated into the Body of Christ through the administration of Holy Baptism and Confirmation on Sunday, 16th October. Sarah Norsworthy came to us through seeking to be married at Christ Church. In the context of our marriage preparation programme, Sarah decided that she wished to join the Christian Community and become a worshiper. In a similar manner, Marc Duran made contact with us through an enquiry about marriage.

Fr Martin Bleby undertook the privilege of instruction for Baptism and Confirmation for both Sarah and Marc. During that period, Sarah was married to David Bear in Christ Church. Marc has just married his fiancée, E-Wah, the celebrant being Fr Martin Bleby in each case.

Bishop Peter Ramsden, Bishop of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, was visiting our Parish in October and, with the consent of Archbishop Driver, he was pleased to be able to confirm Sarah and Marc, following their Baptism conducted by Fr Bleby. A suitable repast was provided in the hall as the congregation with friends and families of Sarah and Marc celebrated a great and wonderful day.



NEW DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST CHURCH?

Martin Bleby

Letting people know the good news of God is one of the main reasons for the church's existence.

The good news that God is in charge, and not human sin or powers of evil. That God is total self-giving love, and that things work best that way. That God's Son Jesus has overcome evil, sin and death in our lives through his death and resurrection. And that this love of God is poured into our hearts through God's Holy Spirit given to us. So we can live together in true community—now and in the age to come.

It is good for a church to be intentional about telling others this good news. So we have begun to do just that. On the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, a number of parishioners have invited non-church goers to have 'Lunch with the Good News of God' in the Parish Hall.

We have asked them to come to worship, with their guests, and enjoy lunch on each of the Sundays in Advent, and to our service on Christmas Day.

Parish Educator, Fr Martin Bleby, and our Rector, Fr Lyndon Sulzberger, are giving presentations on: 'Who Is God?', 'Who Is Jesus?', 'What Does the Spirit Do?', and 'Why The Church?'.



OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

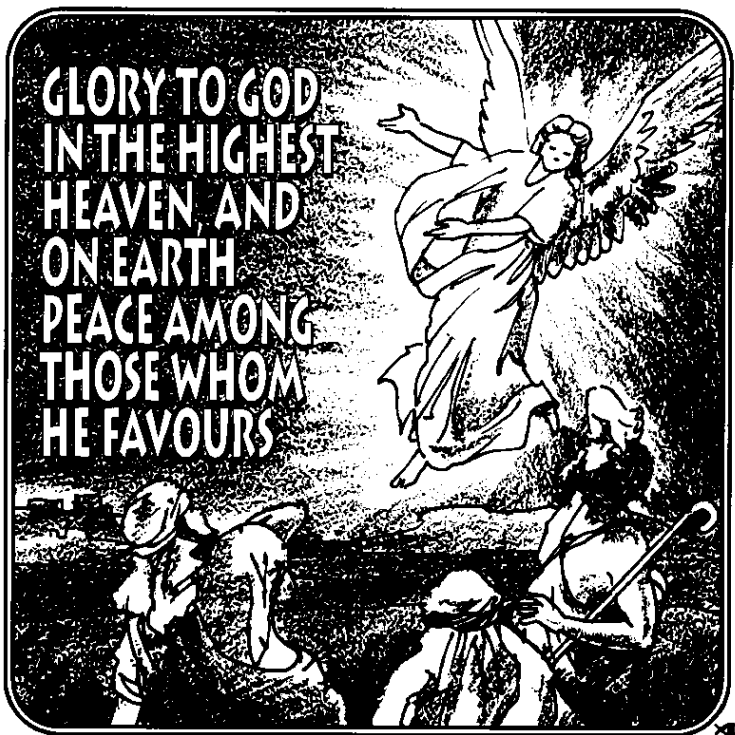
Our parishioner, Mr Mark Williams. Has used his photographic skills to provide a detail from our sanctuary windows at Christ Church, and we have produced a lovely Christmas card. They are available from the office for \$1.00 each. The proceeds from the sales are to be given to *Anglican Board of Missions*.

**"Silent Night,
Holy Night"**

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, 18th December
from 7:00 pm

JOY TO THE WORLD



Christmas services

Christmas Eve:
5:00 pm :
Children's service with live nativity

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
9:00 am Sung Eucharist



Baptisms

Soraya Madison Frankham

With Confirmation:

Sarah Jane Norsworthy
Marc Duran



Weddings

David Allan Bear &
Sarah Jane Norsworthy

Shane Michael Chisholm &
Sarah Judith Ede

Geoffrey Martin Scott &
Jessica Ellisa Barbary

In Memoriam

Juliana Archbold



A NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE

Following on the series of Advent Lunches, with presentations of the Christian Faith, it is intended that a year of teaching The Faith be incorporated into the pattern of our Sunday morning. To this end, we need to change the current pattern of our service schedule. The Holy Eucharist will continue to be offered at 8:00 am At **9:15** am a teaching programme, described as 'Catechesis' will be conducted for an hour—concluding at **10:15** am.

The Sung Eucharist will commence at **10:30** am, a half an hour later than the current time.

This is an opportunity for parishioners to grow in faith and understanding.

The Story behind the Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O COME, O come, Emmanuel – No.32 in our “Common Praise” – the well-known Advent hymn, translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale (1818-66), paraphrases the “Great O Antiphons”, sung in monasteries throughout Western Christendom from ancient times.

They precede the chanting of the *Magnificat* in the Daily Office, beginning with *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom) on 17th December and ending with *O Emmanuel* on 23rd December.

Each Antiphon is based on one of the great Messianic titles of Our Lord.

O WISDOM, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to the other, mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O ADONAI, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sinai: Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.



O ROOT of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.



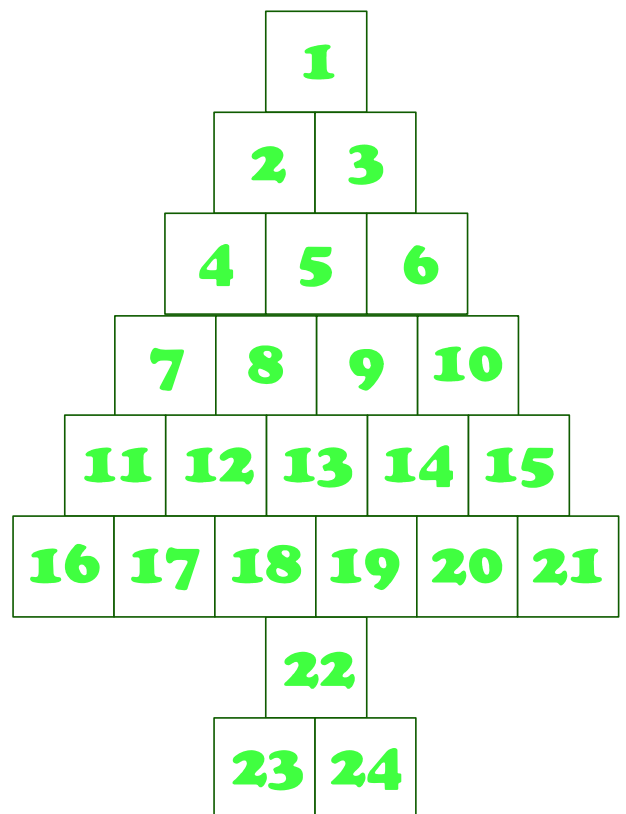
O KEY of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel; that openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest, and no man openeth: Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison-house, and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

O DAY-SPRING, Brightness of Light everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness: Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

O KING of the nations, and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.



O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.



Our Choristers

As a student at Prince Alfred College, **Christian Evans** studied voice for many years with Robert Dawe, who was both his voice teacher and his choirmaster. During that time he participated regularly in the Music theatre productions which were available, including *The Pirates of Penzance* in 2009. In that production he took the role of Samuel.

In 2010 he took *Music: Solo Performance* as one of his Year12 classes and was rewarded with a score of 19/20.

In 2009, Christian joined the Kapelle Singers, conducted by Colin Curtis, and has since performed as a soloist on several occasions, including a performance of Handel's *Messiah* in St Peter's Cathedral. For their recent performance of *Elijah*, Christian learnt the principle role so as to assist the choir during the rehearsal period.

Early this year Christian took part in The Metropolitan Musical Theatre Company's production of: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, which won the Adelaide Theatre Guide's "Curtain Call" award for Best Ensemble in an Amateur Production. As well as having some solo voice work during the performance, Christian was cast as Benjamin, the youngest of Joseph's brothers.



The Story behind the Saint

A series concerned with 'minor' saints

Agnes of Rome

Agnes was a young, Roman girl, the daughter of Christian parents. About the year AD305, when the last great persecution of Christians was at its height, the Roman Prefect, Sempronius, wished her to marry his son. Agnes was but twelve years old.

When Agnes refused the offer of marriage, she was arrested and accused of being a Christian. Although she knew that she would be killed for doing so, she admitted that she was a Christian, and so was condemned to death. "Remember", the judge said, "you are only a child, though forward for your age." "I may be a child," replied Agnes, "but faith dwells not in years, but in hearts."

Her firmness when she was yet so young, made her famous throughout Christendom.

Her name is translated in Latin as a 'ewe-lamb', while in Greek, it means 'pure'. Her body is thought to lie in the church of St Agnes in Rome. On her feast day, lambs are blessed and their wool is later woven into liturgical garments called a 'pallium' which are presented to Archbishops in the Roman Catholic Church, by the Pope.

Not surprisingly, Agnes has always been considered to be the Patron Saint of young women.

Feast Day, 21st January

The Sanctuary Guild

Office Bearers in the Sanctuary Guild (Mrs. Ann Price and Mrs. Mary McLeod) have been busy preparing the Roster for flower-arranging in 2012. The Roster is now available.

New members are always welcome and can be mentored by an existing member, to help in familiarising them with the 'system'.

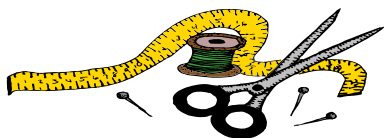
Ann and Mary will be happy to accept your offer to join in this ministry.

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 23rd February, 2012, following the 11am Holy Eucharist.

Contact:

Anne Price ☎ 8344 1338

Mary McLeod ☎ 8344 8646



The Needlework Group

Now that the new tiling of the sanctuary floor of the Lady Chapel has been completed and the altar rails set in place, the project of completing the new kneelers for the rail is being pursued in the Parish Hall with increasing vigour

Emma Boundy is the Secretary
☎ 8344 5220



SUPPORT ABM

The Anglican Board of Mission—Australia

At the beginning of the year, this parish decided that it would accept the Project, offered through ABM, of providing school fees for children of the Clergy and of Catechists, in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. All monies received at Christ Church in ABM boxes and cylinders have been set aside for this important undertaking—the education of children in Papua New Guinea. After the recent 'box opening' of ABM boxes, it is pleasing to report that \$519.00 has been received for the Parish Project.

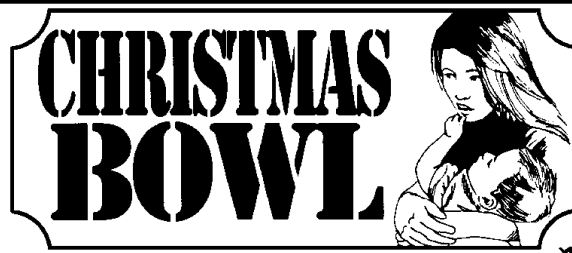
This figure, provides for the education of two Year 11 or 12 students, and one Primary School child.

The Clergy in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea receive little or only subsistence level stipends; village Catechists receive no stipend at all. Yet they, like us, want their children to receive an education. Very often the only way their children's school fees can be paid, is by the generosity of their fellow Anglicans, who are prepared to put a dollar or two in an ABM box each week.

Thank you to those who have done so during 2011. Thank you to those who will do so in 2012. Contact **Elaine Edwards** in the Parish office if you would like to join them.

Regular Events

Weekly:	Sunday School Mrs Rachele Sulzberger	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
			☎ 8267 2673
	Holy Communion Fr John Edwards	Tuesday	9:30 am
	Holy Communion Fr Frank Kernot	Thursday	11:00 am
	Choir Practice Fr John Stephenson	Thursday	7:30 pm
Fortnightly:	Sewing Group Mrs Emma Boundy	Thursday (2nd & 4th)	2:00 pm
			☎ 8344 5220
Monthly:	Eucharist at Helping Hand Fr John Edwards	Tuesday (1st)	11:00 am
			☎ 8165 0313
	Eastern Home Group Mrs Elaine Edwards	Tuesday (2nd)	11:00 am
			☎ 8165 0313
	Prayer Group Fr Frank Kernot	Thursday	10:00 am (4th)



**Enquiries concerning the Pastoral Offices of the Church:
Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals,
should, in the first instance,
be directed to the Parish Secretary,
Mrs Thushy Gomez**

☎ 8267 2673

e-mail: office@ccna.asn.au

