

## NOTICES

-The final **Evensong** for the year will be held tonight at 5pm where we will finish our series on Galatians. Be there to celebrate this event.

-The **Annual Carol service** at Wonga Park will be held tonight commencing at 6.30pm with a sausage sizzle and followed by Carols starting at 7pm. All are welcome and a special prize for those who bring guests.

-Thank you to those who participated in the St James Beautification project (Working Bee). Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

-Our Link Missionaries-**Tavis and Kate Beer** are having their commissioning on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Glen Waverley Anglican Church commencing at 5.30pm for a BBQ and 7pm for their commissioning service. If you are interested in going to either or both of these events, then please reply to [tkbeer@cms.org.au](mailto:tkbeer@cms.org.au). They have requested that we reply before Christmas if possible.

-Please find brochures available to take around to your friends and neighbours in the foyer in order to invite them to all our activities.

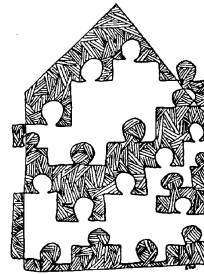
### Christmas Services 2011.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** *Carols at St Mark's* – 6:30pm for a sausage sizzle and 7pm for a carol service.  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 6:30pm – Jesus' birthday party at *St. James*.  
11:30pm – Worship with Holy Communion at *St. James*  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 8:00am – Worship with Holy Communion (note the time change) at *St. James*.  
9:00am – Christmas Celebration at *St. Mark's*.

**Please consider who you may invite to these services as anyone is welcome, but let's not just think about it – INVITE them!!!**

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## The Anglican Parish of Croydon Hills & Wonga Park

*We exist to worship our Lord Jesus Christ, and to reach and teach in our community*

**18th December 2011**

**4th Sunday in Advent**

*Welcome!* Thank you for joining with us in this time of worship and praise.

If you would like prayer or any other assistance, please let the Service Leader or Vicar know.

### COOTES CHRONICLES

Dear Friends

I hope and pray that this finds you well in the Lord as we approach our celebrations of the birth of our Saviour – Jesus Christ – who is also the reason for the season (see sign out the front of the church).

This is my last regular “Coote’s Chronicles” for the year as there will be a special Christmas newsheet for next year. Over January, there will be a four week newsheet with regular newsheets resuming on the 29<sup>th</sup> January.

In reflecting on the past year, much has happened and we have been blessed by the fact that we have been able to do plenty in terms of setting up our plant and our ministries within our plant for the future.

We have added a youth group and a new sign. We have also improved the safety around our property in removing the cottage (with now no debt owing on it.)

We have plenty of good stuff happening and now we need to let others know about it. No one is exempt from this call. 2012 is to be **the year of invitation** where we go about inviting people we are in contact with to any of the activities run at either centre.

Next week, there will be a tool to assist with this, the 2012 Parish calendar. When it is out, please take two – one for you and one for a friend. I look forward to hearing about your invitational endeavours in 2012. After all, how are people going to know about Jesus if we don't invite them?

Blessings,  
Leroy

## **Bible Reading – 2 Peter 3**

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. <sup>2</sup> I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

<sup>3</sup> First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. <sup>6</sup> By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. <sup>7</sup> By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

<sup>8</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

<sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. <sup>15</sup> Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. <sup>16</sup> He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

## **Prayer of the day**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory now and for ever. Amen**

## **Prayer Points**

- **The recoveries of Graham & Rhona Locke as they continue therapy from their home.**
- **For our endeavors in inviting family friends and neighbours who do not yet know Jesus is the way, truth and the life to our Services. *"If we all bring a friend our church will double."***
- **Praise God for the developing relationship with Yarra Valley Grammar School. Give thanks for the increasingly positive response to Chaplaincy in the school and we pray that it continues in 2012.**
- **Pray for Tavis, Kate, Beka and Fin as they prepare for Summer under the Son and their departure the for NT.**
- **Please keep praying for the Youth Group leaders that they would trust in God for all that is happening.**
- **Pray for -**
  - **Robert Lewis,**
  - **Suzanne Byron**
  - **Michael Rossi recovering from a stroke**
  - **Dorothy Hind after an operation**
  - **Marj Cunningham**
- **Pray for our Christmas Services that God will lead people in our community to celebrate Christmas centred on the right one.**
- **Pray that we would all be obedient to God's will for our church in 2012.**
- **Pray for people we can share the good news of Jesus with in 2012.**
- **Pray for more people to be a part of our church.**