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11 am 27 December 2020

Welcome and Notices

Hymn

Come Thou long expected Jesus

Prayer of Invocation

The Message

Read by Christine Bradbeer

Luke 1:46-55

Hymn

The first Nowell

Magnificat (II)

His mercy flows

Prayers of Intercession

and

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Hark the glad sound

Benediction

On account of Covid_19 the offering will be received as a retiring offering at the door.

NOTICES

25 & 27 December 2020

Christmas Day 9.30 am - Dancing for joy!
Sunday December 27 11 am Divine Worship, All welcome
Mercy and Justice

2021
Sunday January 3 11 am Marking Epiphany



Sunday 17 January at 11 am Guest Speaker
Rev Dr Greg Goswell, Christ College, Sydney.

For your prayers this week:

Congregational members:
Don and Joan DUNCAN



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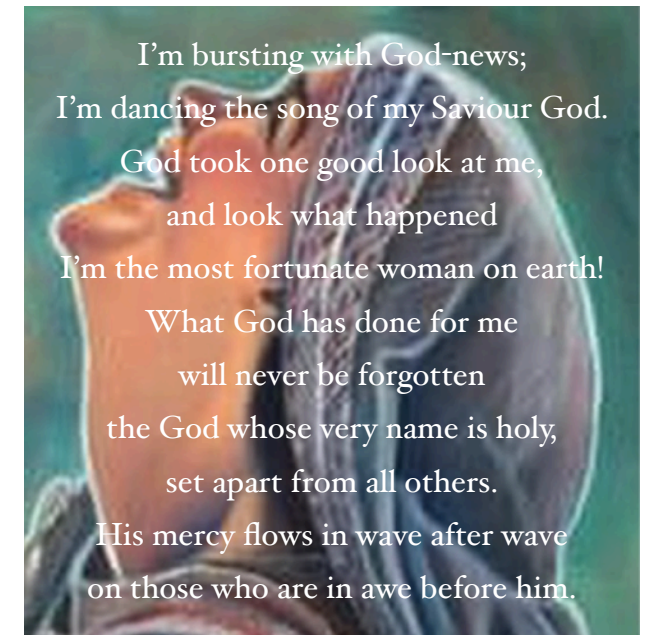


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WELCOMES YOU



Luke 1, verses 46-50



The dancing
dream girl
-
Sharing Mary's Joy.



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE



9.30 am FRIDAY
25 December 2020

"It's Christmas"

[Whitehorse Churches video]

Greeting and Prayer

Carol: Silent Night

The Message
read by Ian Rutherford
Luke 1:46-55

Carol: Away in a manger

Sermon: Magnificat (I)
dancing the song of my Saviour

Prayer of Intercession
and

The Lord's Prayer

Carol: Joy to the World

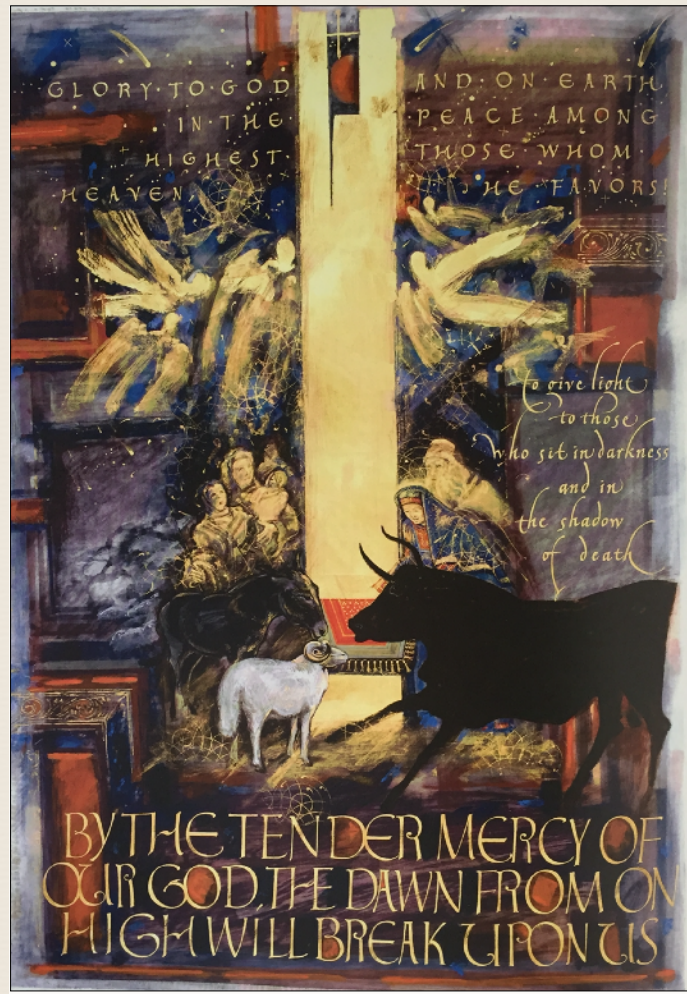
Benediction

There will be a retiring offering for
Whitehorse Churches Care.



DANCING THE SONG OF MY SAVIOUR GOD

Our Scripture Reflections in both our Christmas and Regular Sunday Service this week are taken from the Magnificat. This is the Latin name for Mary's Song of Praise. I'm using a less familiar translation from *The Message*. It captures aspects of her Song which are easily overlooked when we read such familiar words. My hope is that in two short(er) reflections we will capture two related Christmas themes (I) CHRISTMAS JOY and (II) MERCY AND JUSTICE. As we notice Mary's joy this Christmas may we find our own joy and hope rekindled and, in this Year of the Coronavirus Pandemic, may we find a fresh appreciation of the mercy and justice of God transforming our lives and the whole of human society.



The Illumination (left)

is from Luke's Gospel in the
St John's Bible.

and is the work of Donald Jackson,
Calligrapher to the Royal Office.

In addition to evocative Christmas
images (worth a close look) it
incorporates passages from St Luke
including excerpts from the

Benedictus

(Zechariah's Song)

and the

Gloria

(The Angels' Song).

Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned
renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a
hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. This work of
art unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the
technology and vision of today, illuminating the
Word of God for a new millennium.