

**Welcome to worship
at Dayboro Uniting Church and
Mt Mee Community Church**

Sunday 21 December 2014 Advent 4

08:30am Dayboro Kid-focussed service
Sunday Space team and helpers

4:00pm Mt Mee Holy Communion
Fr Geoffrey Agu



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9v6

Richard's Ramblings

"Merry Christmas" wouldn't go down a storm in Cairns just now. The event there stands in stark contrast to our kids' service this morning, and too closely parallels St Matthew's story about the slaughter of children in his gospel's chapter two. So it's topical if terrible. Sure, there is Evil afoot. But it's found in the mother's mental illness, her temporary or permanent - we don't know, we're not clinicians - aberration of mind, not in her herself. And we're not helpless in the face of it, we can fight it wherever it appears again by not being afraid to refer folk to God-given psychiatric or general medical agencies. And by loving and honouring all children within our God-given ambit. And by supporting their God-given carers. And by the supremely difficult Jesus imperative of overcoming Evil by Good by praying for those children's mother and aunt. Her heart is broken just like ours, but her mind is too. "Father forgive her, she knows not what she does".

Contributions for the Newsletter

Read any good books lately? Or found a website which has helped your Christian life and/or witness? Or do you have *secret knowledge* of an upcoming event? Tell Richard, and see your name in lights (OK, in Apple Verdana 10).

Christmas Eve at Dayboro Uniting Church:
7pm on the deck for refreshments (bring a plate)
7:30pm Country-style carols with Rob Black
and Bill Turner

Christmas Day at Mt Mee:
08:30am Holy Communion

Pastor Richard

Next Sunday at Dayboro 08:30am Pastor Richard
Luke 2 vv22 - 40 "Arrivals and Departures"

Readings: Allan Kilby
Intercessions: Leisa Lance

Next Sunday at Mt Mee 4:00pm
Holy Communion Pastor Richard

A prayer for discernment

Good and gracious God,
all that we have comes from Your hands
and we give You praise!

We have entered into a challenging time
in our Congregation
and we seek Your guidance and wisdom
as we discern the future.

In Your love send forth Your Holy Spirit
to Your people.

Open our hearts to hear Your words.

Transform our minds to see possibilities,
to be visionaries and prophets.

Lead us to a vision that will strengthen our Church.

May we always be a sign of faith, hope and love,
a refuge where all are welcomed in Jesus' name.

Lord Jesus, calm our fears, dispel all anxiety.

Bring us together as a Church,
so we may be of one mind and one spirit,
working for the growth of Your Kingdom.

O Triune God, we place ourselves in your hands.

May all our decisions be for Your glory! Amen

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Please refer all cases of illness, hospitalisation or need
to our Welfare Managers or Minister.

Please direct requests for weddings, baptisms or
funerals to our Minister.