



# Restoration Ministries



**He Restores My Soul**

**December 2011**

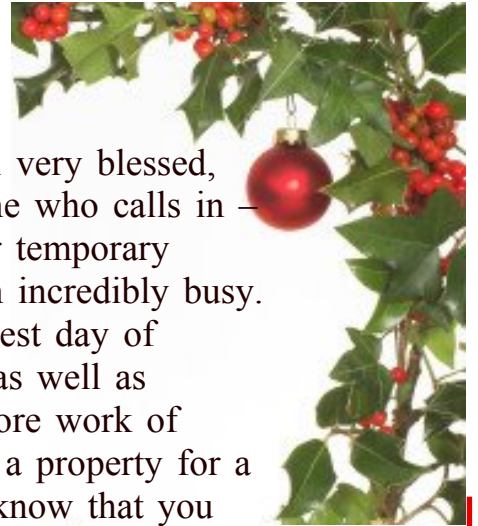
**Dear Friends,**

Advent is a time when we begin again, when our spirits are on tiptoe with expectancy, when we allow our awareness levels to rise and to enter into the threefold mystery of God for us, God alongside us and God within us. Advent is the season of hope, a commodity that seems to be in short supply these days. The shadows of uncertainty about the future, the continual economic downturn, natural disasters, wars and oppression lurk all around, threatening to engulf us. But alongside these, largely unnoticed, are the hope bearers, those who have refused to let go of generosity, compassion, forgiveness and the ability to celebrate. It doesn't cost much to call someone by their name, to smile, to ease another's loneliness, to be sensitive to someone's sorrow or to share another's joy. Those who do these things are Advent people. They see beyond the shadows and know a great light is shining. They believe, not just for them but for all of humankind, a child is born whose name is Emmanuel, God with us. They walk these days with that conviction in their hearts – and they make a difference. Embraced by the mystery of the incarnation, a mystery whose heartbeat is immeasurable love, they pass it on. May each of you know that embrace this season – and pass it on.



**A very blessed and joyous  
Christmas to all our Friends,**

***Ruth***



We have now been in St. Brigid's for four weeks, and feel very blessed, both by the continuing hospitality and the location. Everyone who calls in – and we have had quite a few visitors – is delighted with our temporary home. As you can imagine, the last three months have been incredibly busy. Moving both office and home was a marathon – on the wettest day of Autumn. We had wonderful help from our volunteers and, as well as adjusting to new surroundings, have managed to keep the core work of Restoration Ministries going. We are currently interested in a property for a permanent base but have no definitive news for you yet. I know that you will continue to pray for us that we will arrive at the right resting place. Your cards, e-mails and letters have all been a huge encouragement to us. Thank you to all of you who have responded to our request about staying on our mailing list and to those of you who are happy to receive our news via e-mail.



On Wednesday  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, between  
10.30am and 4.00pm  
we are hosting 'open house' in  
our current premises and hope  
that many of you who live nearby  
will drop in and see us then.

We held our Advent Reflection Day in St. Brigid's Parish Hall on November 26<sup>th</sup> and were thrilled to welcome over forty people, including a number of new faces.



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Please drop in to see us! Remember the 12noon prayer daily! .