



# *St Paul's Anglican Church*

*A caring community of Christ worshipping God,  
engaging the community and building connections  
between people of all ages and cultures.*

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**11<sup>th</sup> of December 2016**

***Third Sunday of Advent***

***Children's Pageant and Advent Carol Service***



Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love  
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:  
strengthen our weak hands,  
make firm our feeble knees,  
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,  
so that our hearts may rejoice  
as we behold the majesty of our God.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Prayer: A Prayer Book for Australia. Image: Unknown.*

**Hymns:** 289 instrumental 283 282

**Setting:** Matthias

**Psalm:** 146

**Postlude:** *Prelude and Fugue No. 6 in D* by J.S. Bach



**PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**This Sunday**

8.00am

10.00am

10.00am –2.00pm

8pm

**11<sup>th</sup> of December: Third Sunday of Advent**

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist (Children's Pageant) followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre

Ceberano Martial Arts, Parish Centre

Advent Carol Service, Church

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 –11.00am

10.00-11.30am

3.30-9.00pm

SUSANNE'S SABBATH

Yoga, Parish Centre

Kinder Dance, Hall

Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

8.45-9.15am

4.30-6.30pm

7.30-10.00pm

***Lucy, martyr and virgin***

Ecumenical Morning Prayer –St Paul's

Ballet, Hall

Parish Council Meeting, Parish Centre

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

10.00-10.30am

11.15am

3.00-4.00pm

5.00-6.00pm

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6.00-7.00pm

7.00-9.00pm

***John of the Cross, mystic and teacher***

Wednesday Eucharist, Church

Funeral, Church and Parish Centre

Fish Distribution, Hall

Ballet, Hall

Meditation, Church

Yoga, Parish Centre

Tae Kwon Do, Hall

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

3.30-9.30pm

4.00-7.00pm

7.00-9.30pm

Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

Private function, Parish Centre

Choir Practice, Church

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

8.45-11am

6.00-8.30pm

Tiny Tutus, Hall

National Youth Choir, Hall and Parish Centre

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.00-11.00am

11.30am-6.30pm

Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

Ballet, Hall

**Next Sunday**

8.00am

10.00am

**18<sup>th</sup> of December: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre

## Advent Candle lighting (Year A)

*Words for Worship, Year A* by Amy Loving

Third Sunday of Advent (*Joy* – based on Isaiah 35:1-10)

The wilderness will dance and the dry places will sing praises to God.

***When we see the glory of the Lord revealed, we will be strengthened and saved!***

God's peace opens our eyes. God's gift of hope opens our hearts.

***With joy, we will praise the promised Savior of the world!***

Let us – with joy – kindle the light of the Lord.

## Readings and Psalm

### Isaiah 35.1-10

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus

<sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

### Next Week's Readings: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 7.10-16    Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19    Romans 1.1-7    Matthew 1.18-25

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### **Matthew 11.2-11**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples  
<sup>3</sup> and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'  
<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see:  
<sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.  
<sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'  
<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?  
<sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.  
<sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.  
<sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,  
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you."  
<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## NOTICES AND PARISH NEWS:

### Tonight!!! 8.00pm Advent Carol Service

#### COMING UP:

##### December:

20<sup>th</sup> School Holidays begin

24<sup>th</sup> —Christmas Eve:

5pm Christingle Service

10.30pm Refreshments

11pm Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> —Christmas Day:

9am Service

##### January:

**Please note:** 9am Services throughout January.

Returning to 8am and 10am on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

The 10am Wednesday Eucharist will recommence on 25 January 2017.

#### LUNCH CLUB —*Today!* 12noon

Come along and catch up over a light lunch. Please talk to Laura Kaspen or Rosemary Miller if you have any food allergies or intolerances. Cost - by donation.

#### REMEMBERING TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

A huge thankyou to the team who helped put together the Remembering Together at Christmas Service last week. It was a great success with more people attending this year demonstrating the need in our community for such services.

#### CREATING CHRISTINGLES! —December 23, 11am

Would you like to help make these for our Christingle Service on Saturday 24th December? Come along Friday morning (23rd) at 11am and join in the fun! Please let Susanne know if you can come.

#### FAREWELL TO OUR ORGANIST, LANCE CLARKE

Lance has been with us only a short time, but we have so much enjoyed his beautiful playing of the recorder, organ and piano.

Lance's last Sunday will be Christmas Day and we will say goodbye and bless him, and wish him well wherever God leads him to make music!

#### MISSION HOUSE:

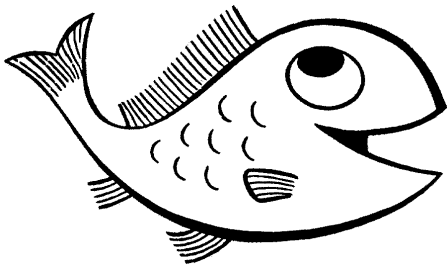
The last collection for Mission House is on Sunday, December 18. Mission House closes on Tuesday December 20 and reopens on Tuesday January 17, 2017.

Christmas hampers can be donated until Wednesday December 21. Mission House wishes on you a blessed Christmas and New Year.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Now available in the narthex.

**ST PAUL'S DIRECT DEBIT:** St Paul's Anglican Church Canterbury - BSB 633 000  
A/C 1191 99941.

## CHRISTMAS - FISH FISH FISH FISH FISH FISH



St Paul's is offering quality frozen fish for sale in the "Christmas Fare Fundraiser". The products include Pre sliced Smoked Salmon, Smoked Ocean Trout, individually wrapped Raw Salmon portions as well as Raw and Cooked Prawns. Please complete and return your **Order Forms** to Jill Bales or Margaret Irvine **today**, Sunday 11th December.

**Collection** 3-4pm, Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### FOR YOUR REFLECTION FROM AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN LITURGICAL RESOURCES:

Lord Jesus, come!

As morning light awakens us to work and pray,  
shine, Sun of righteousness,  
bright on the path of all who seek justice.

As solid ground beneath our feet,  
steady us, Rock of our salvation,  
strong to sustain all who trust in you.

As green shade beckons in the heat of the day,  
shelter us, Tree of life,  
gently protecting all who seek wisdom.

As a deep well quenches thirst in the desert,  
refresh us, Fountain of life,  
cool water of peace for all who drink from you.

As the days grow longer  
and the sun's heat increases,  
increase our faith,  
and bring us to worship you  
by your cradle,  
at your cross,  
in your resurrection,  
and at your glorious coming again  
with judgement and with mercy. Amen.



**PEW SHEET DEADLINE:** Please ensure notices for the pew sheet are in the office by 5pm on Wednesday. Thank you!

**The office will be closed from 26 December 2016 to 1 January 2017.** I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas. Cassandra.

## ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:

### This Week's Ministry Team

11<sup>th</sup> of December: Second Sunday of Advent

8am

**Sidesperson** Rosemary O'Shea

**Reader** Tricia Cain

**Liturgical Asst**

**Flowers** Val Sayers

**Brass** Gillian Lamb and Beryl Byrne

**Sidespersons** Ruth Hudnott and Lois Latimer

**Children's Talk** TBA

**Sunday School** All Teachers -Pageant

**J2A** Hamish Lord and Bec

**Reader** N/A

**Intercessor** N/A

**Welcomer** All

**Liturgical Asst** Tom Lambert

**Server** Debbie Riley

**Refreshments** Gill Lambert and Heather Rundle

**Collection Counters** Graham Scott and John De Araugo

### Next Week's Ministry Team

18<sup>th</sup> of December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am

**Sidesperson** Cath and Bob Hudson

**Reader** Tricia Cain

**Liturgical Asst**

**Flowers** Val Sayers

**Brass** Gillian Lamb and

10am

**Sidespersons** Margaret Capper and Charles Harrington-J

**Children's Talk** N/A

**Sunday School** N/A

**J2A** N/A

**Reader** Kesta Fleming

**Intercessor** Jonathan Chambers

**Welcomer** All

**Liturgical Asst** Tom Lambert

**Server** Leanne Reichmann

**Refreshments** Laura Kaspen and Elaine Smith

**Collection Counters** Kay Rands and Iona Christianson

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