



# *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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## **13<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**



#### **Prayer of the Day:**

Living Presence, refining fire, sweeping away all that is dried and withered, purging us of everything that corrupts, kindling into life all that has grown cold, embrace us with such fierce and tender love that will never let us go. We pray this through the One in whose constant coming we trust, whose day is always near. **Amen.**

**Hymns:** 286 *"Incline thine ear"* by Handel 276 268

**Anthem:** *"Priere a Notre Dame"* by Orlando Gibbons

**Psalm:** Song of Isaiah (APBA p391)

**Postlude:** Humoresque *"L'organo primitivo"* by Pietro Yon

## NOTICES OF THE DAY

Welcome to worship and to our St. Paul's faith community.

Please welcome Wendy Taylor, KIDS HOPE AUS Coordinator, Highfield Uniting Church

**Prayer Corner:** *"Great Spirit, we remember the land and its first people with respect and dignity. May we live in harmony with all those who share this sacred earth and be thankful. Amen"*

### **We pray for the World:**

Pray for peace and Understanding

### **We pray for the worldwide Church:**

- Diocese of Winward Islands
- Anglicare Australia
- Janet Clarke Hall
- Parish of St John's, Frankston with St Luke's, Carrum Downs Frankston North
- St George's Malvern
- East Camberwell Baptist

### **We pray for those in need:**

- David Chambers
- Joan Harrington-Johnson
- Hayley Dickson
- Helen's family – Anne and lens Shaw
- Bob Thompson
- Helen
- Margaret Clausen
- Annabel
- Ken & Anne
- Iris Mather
- Carolyn
- Sue
- Heather Lavender
- Jack Mole
- Warwick Bradney
- Elaine Smith

### **We pray for ourselves & Community:**

Ever-present God, take care of all who travel by land, water or air; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them safely back home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Parish Prayer for St Paul's:**

Renew in us, O God, the zeal of your love. Let our parish come alive with the power of your Spirit. Where we have failed, forgive us. Where we have persevered, encourage us. When we are in doubt, direct us. Help us to see new opportunities for witness and service. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Parish Council Members for 2016:**

Please keep in your prayers the newly elected parish councillors.

Ros White (warden), Andrew Flint (warden), Todd Reichmann (treasurer), Winifred Nahed, Rose O'Shea, Rosemary Miller Jeremy Bishop, Alex Murray and John DeAraugo.

Parish council members will be going away overnight to Toolangi on the 30th/31st January, to build on our relationships so we may serve our community in the best way we can.



### **We give thanks for the life of:**

- Russell Dennis Drakeford 17<sup>th</sup> December 1988
- Harold Stone 29<sup>th</sup> December 1980

**Notice** Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### **Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Third Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Eucharist  
10.00am Sung Eucharist with the Children's Pageant and commissioning of John DeAraugo as Kid's Hope mentor, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre  
8.00pm Advent Carol Service at St Paul's

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** SUSANNE' SABBATH  
*John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d. 1591)*  
3.30-9.00pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
8.45am Ecumenical Morning Prayer  
10.30am-12.00pm Women's Group, Parish Centre  
Deanery Lunch at St Paul's Canterbury  
4.00-5.00pm Ballet, Hall  
7.00-10.00pm MSG (Men's Group), Parish Centre

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00am Eucharist followed by morning tea  
4.30-6.30pm Ballet, Hall  
5.00-5.30pm Meditation, Parish Centre  
6.30-7.30 Yoga, Parish Centre  
7.00-9.00pm Tae Kwon Do, Hall

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
9.00am-12.30pm Gillian in office  
7.30-9.30pm Choir practice, Church

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM  
9.00am-12.30pm Gillian in office  
5.00-9.00pm National Youth Choir; Church, Hall & Parish Centre

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE  
10.00am-12.00pm Choir Practice, Church  
11.00am-7.30pm Ballet, Hall

### **Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Third Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Eucharist  
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre

### **Upcoming Events for December:**

25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day  
31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

### **Upcoming Events for January:**

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 9am Eucharist Service  
24<sup>th</sup> 8am & 10am Services

## READINGS

### **Zephaniah 3.14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

### **A Song of Isaiah**

(APBA p391)

### **Philippians 4.4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Luke 2.1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Next Week's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Micah 5.2-5a   A Song of Mary   Hebrews 10.5-10   Luke 1.39-45

# An Affirmation of Faith

**ALL:** We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of male and female.  
We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom will come on earth.  
We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
Life-giving breath of the Church,  
spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and of eternal life. **Amen.**

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SUPPORTING CHRISTMAS BOWL THROUGH ADVENT THIS CHRISTMAS  
ENVELOPES ON THE PEWS



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**CHRISTMAS - FISH FISH FISH**  **FISH FISH FISH**

Thank to all everyone who purchased Fish to support the Christmas Fare Fundraiser. Once again we are grateful to Cyril and Victor Lee of Oceanic Foods who generously support St Paul's each year. Profit was \$472.80. Jill and Stuart Bales

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## **TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN 2016:**

Enrolments for are now open - various programmes of training for diploma, certificate or degree, priesthood training and interest in the bible or wider church. Further information on all our programs and events may be found on the website: [www.trinity.edu.au/theology](http://www.trinity.edu.au/theology). Call the Registrar on (03) 9348 7127, email: [tsts@trinity.edu.au](mailto:tsts@trinity.edu.au) Brochure available in the narthex.

## NOTICES

### THANK YOU:

Many thanks for Advent Vestments. Many of you contributed:

Donation of material - Debbie Riley

Donation for Chasuble make up - Susanne Hollingdale

Ros White for hand died materials and hand embroidery on the stole

Leanne Reichmann making and Embroidery of Burse and Veil

Jill Bales helped with cutting out of curtains and measuring

Tom Lambert cutting of foundations for Burse.

Chris Hudnott cutting and organizing of weights for Altar fall.

Jenifer McKenzie.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHARITY - THANK YOU:

Many of you have contributed generously towards "Christmas Gifts for Charity - thank you. We want to specially acknowledge the efforts of St Paul's Kindergarten, who have made many donations of gifts. Thank you for sharing the Christmas spirit with those in need.



### ST PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN: NOW'S THE TIME TO ENROL YOUR CHILDREN!

Why not enrol your 3year olds to our great kinder? You will have a better chance of getting 4year old places the following year. We have a great team of teachers under the leadership of our Director, Toula Poulakis. Contact Toula at the kinder on 9830 1117.

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:

The Christingle children's service on Christmas Eve, has been a very well attended 'tradition' for children and their families. The Christingle is a European custom that can be traced back over 500 years. The name means 'Christ light'. The symbol is an orange, a candle, a red ribbon, toothpicks with fruit jubes on them!

We will be putting the 100 Christingles together on December 23rd at 11am in the parish centre. **Can you help?** The more the helpers the quicker we can have them ready for Christmas eve. Thanks everyone. Susanne

### ST PAUL'S CHOIR FUNDRAISER:

Gourmet snags for sale. Handmade by Cornhill and Blackburn of Canterbury.

A range of varieties available. Guaranteed to contain real meat!

All proceeds to support our music. See Andrew Ham for details.

### MISSION HOUSE:

For the foreseeable future, please bring your generous donations in plastic bags. The Mission House is undergoing renovations and bags will make unloading much easier.

### ST PAUL'S DIRECT DEBIT:

St Paul's Anglican Church Canterbury - BSB 633 000 A/C 1191 99941

### TMA:

The December issue of TMA (The Melbourne Anglican) is now available in the foyer/narthex.

### PEW SHEET DEADLINE:

Please ensure your notices for the pew sheet are received in the office by 5pm on Wednesday. Thank you. Gillian

## KIDS HOPE AUS COMMISSIONING SERVICE – FOR JOHN DEARAUGO

**Welcome:** John deAraugo, Tom Lambert, Geoff Smith, Wendy Taylor, Ian Taylor, and Meredith Allan

**Susanne** : - Servants of God, you have been called to an important ministry that can change both your life and the life of a child. We rejoice that God has opened this door for you to serve Him in this way. It is with great joy that we witness your resolve to use your gifts for His glory. You will be pouring out your talent, your time, your possessions, your strength, and your very selves in a living sacrifice to Christ. You have, undoubtedly, in the quietness of God's presence, determined that this is God's will for you and have consecrated yourselves to serve Him in this way. What you have done alone with God, you do now formally and publicly, not only before God, but in the presence of this Church.

**Wendy:** Let us look at the word HOPE together.....Hope reminds us to HONOUR the requirements of serving as a KIDS HOPE AUS volunteer.

John, please recite the KIDS HOPE AUS pledge together with me...

**John** : *"Heavenly Father" I make a commitment to care for a child.*

*As Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me" – I am asking you to send one child into my life.*

*Please empower me to care for this child.*

*I promise to know my KIDS HOPE AUS. child's name;*

*to let them know that I am here only for them;*

*to prove to the child that I am faithful and, above all,*

*to demonstrate that I believe in that child.*

*I understand the laws of our society and*

*I will respect those laws and not pray with or evangelise to the child at school.*

*I pray I can be 'Jesus with skin on' to my child. Empower me to be a light in this child's world."*



The "O" in hope reminds us that this ministry is OWNED by two neighbourhood churches – Highfield Rd Uniting and St Paul's Anglican. It is OUR ministry to our neighbourhood. Together we have mentored at least 21 children since 2009. As companions in this great work of the church, you, the congregation, are needed. You are needed to uphold, these your brothers and sisters, in prayer. As trying times come upon them, you are needed, through your words and through your deeds, to encourage and edify them. As companions in the work of the church, will you dedicate yourselves to be people of prayer and seek to embrace and support the KIDS HOPE AUS ministry as God enables you? **Congregation Answer:** "We will"

The letter "P" in hope reminds us to pray. Prayer is the most important part of this ministry. KIDS HOPE AUS is a relationship wrapped in prayer. Therefore we are very grateful for the volunteers who have agreed to support us and pray for one child for the mentor.

The "E" in hope reminds us to EXPECT great things from God and to make a difference in the lives of some very special children.

**Susanne:** God bless John as he becomes a mentor: God bless Tom, Geoff, Wendy, Ian and Meredith, and others who may be prayerfully considering this ministry to children:

God bless the prayer partners and each of us as we uphold the gift of children and our care of them.

## ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:

### This Week's Ministry Team:

13<sup>th</sup> December: Third Sunday of Advent and Children's Pageant

8am

Sidesperson TBC  
Reader Anne Ogier  
Liturgical Asst Steven Wong  
Flowers  
Brass

10am

Sidespersons Tom & Gill Lambert  
Children's Talk Susanne Chambers  
Sunday School All teachers  
J2A  
Reader J2A  
Intercessor J2A  
Welcomer ALL  
Liturgical Asst June McKay  
Server  
Refreshments Andrew & Sue Flint  
Collection Counters  
Chris Hudnott &  
Iona Christianson

### Advent Carol Service

8pm

Sidespersons: Rosemary O'Shea &  
Christine Ruggles-Brice

### Collection Counters

John DeAraugo &  
Kaye Rands

### Next Week's Ministry Team:

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

8am

Sidesperson Cathy & Bob Hudson  
Reader Trish Cain  
Liturgical Asst Bert Lilly white  
Flowers  
Brass Sue Beamish

10am

Sidespersons Jill & Stuart Bales  
Reader Margaret Capper  
Intercessor Lek Scott  
Welcomer ALL  
Liturgical Asst Mark Lamb  
Server  
Refreshments Lee Rough &  
Winifred Nahed  
Collection Counters  
Hamish White &  
Graham Scott

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