



St Paul's Anglican Church

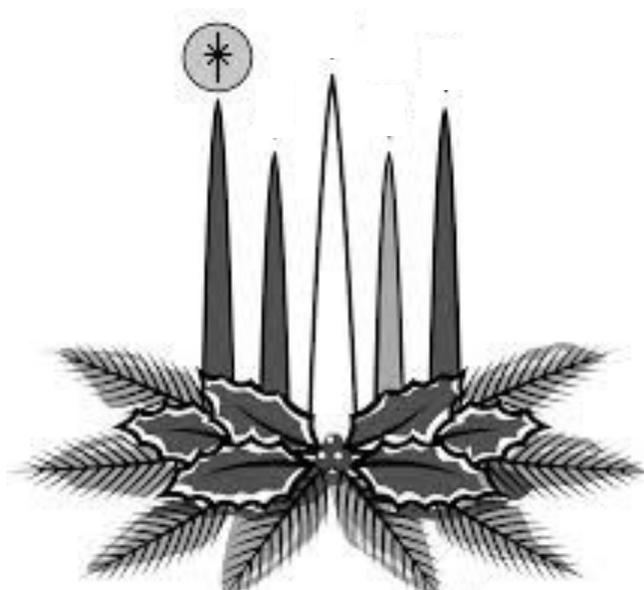
*A caring community of Christ worshipping God,
engaging the community and building connections
between people of all ages and cultures.*

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30th November, 2014

First Sunday of Advent



Today marks the beginning of the season of waiting and watching for Christ's coming. According to Mark's Gospel, that coming will not be entirely pleasant. The injustice, the darkness, and the corruption of the world cannot stand in the presence of Christ, and so the world must be changed in the light of his coming. But through this intimidating thought shines the message of hope – hope for a redeemed world in which all things have been made new. And in the meantime, we can be certain that God 'will also strengthen [us] to the end'. (1 Cor. 1:8)

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Hymns:

Setting: *Missa Brevis* Viadana

Psalm 80.1-7,17-19: chant Lloyd

Music preceding the Gospel: *Prelude in E Minor* Chopin (Yvonne Dann - piano)

Anthem: *Matins Responsory for Advent* adapted from Palestrina

Postlude: *Wachet Auf* J.S. Bach BWV 645

Notices of the Day

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



If you are new, we hope you enjoy being a part of this community of faith in worship. Please join us for a cuppa in the Parish Centre after the service.

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 that we may be strengthened to prepare for Christ's coming in our lives, our churches, and our communities.
- For all victims of intolerance and oppression
- For Christians facing persecution
- For a world in conflict - Syria, Ukraine and Gaza
- For those in pain, both physical and emotional

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- Parish of Falkland Islands
- The Diocese of Sydney
- The Peninsula School
- St Mark's Forest Hill
- St Stephen's Richmond
- St John's Cranbourne w Christ Church Tooradin
- St Paul's Canterbury

A Parish Prayer for our discernment of our vision and mission here at 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.**

We give thanks for our local community of which St Paul's is very much a part.

We pray for those in need:

- David Chambers
- Joan Harrington-Johnson
- Hayley Dickson
- Helen's family - Anne and lens Shaw
- Christine Ruggles-Brise
- Chris Riley
- Maggie
- Bob Thompson
- Helen
- John Brace (Anne Harding's Dad)



We give thanks for the life of:

- Alexander Towart 30th November 1995

Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Parish Events for the Week

THIS SUNDAY

30TH NOVEMBER: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
OUR PREACHER WILL BE KATE LORD

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

MONDAY

3.30-9.00pm

SUSANNE'S SABBATH (SUSANNE ON ONE WEEK'S LEAVE)
Ceberano Martial Arts

TUESDAY

8.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer
10.30am-12.00 Tuesday Circle, Parish Centre
12.00pm Caritas End of Year Lunch
7.00pm MSG, Parish Centre
7.30pm Remembering Together at Christmas

WEDNESDAY

10.00am Eucharist followed by morning tea, Parish Centre
5.00pm Meditation@5, Church
7.00-9.00pm Tae Kwon Do, Hall
7.30pm Contemplative Living - Advent reflections in the Parish Centre

THURSDAY

9.30am-4.30pm Gillian in Office
3.30-9.30pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
7.30-9.30pm Choir Practice, Church

FRIDAY

9.30-12.00 KATE'S SABBATH
Gillian, at Dream Stitches
8.30-10.30am Kinder Dance, Hall
5.00-9.00pm Australian Youth Choir Practice, Church, Parish Centre, Hall
5.30pm Maling Road Kristingle

SATURDAY

9.00am-5.00pm Ceberano Grading Weekend, Hall
6.30pm-8.30pm Youth Group, Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

7TH DECEMBER: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
OUR CELEBRANT IS REV'D JONATHAN CHAMBERS AND OUR
PREACHER IS KATE LORD

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.
7.30pm Carols in the Park, sponsored by Canterbury Council of Churches

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER:

9th	Archives Group	16th	Tuesday Circle
	Parish Council		MSG
10th	Fish Distribution		Caritas
11th	Kindergarten Christmas Service		
13th	Caritas Steet Stall, Maling Rd		

Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence -
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil -
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80 1-7, 17-19 (APBA p307)

Mark 13.24-37

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'



Next week's readings for Second Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 40.1-11 Ps 85.1-2, 8-13 2.Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8.

NOTICES

HELP WANTED - MALING ROAD KRIS KRINGLE:

Help is needed next Friday afternoon and early evening, to dress the children in costumes. Contact Kate. Thank you.

ADVENT:

The Advent reflections on Wednesday night, have begun and we are learning about Contemplative living with Thomas Merton.

An additional resource is 'Daybreaks' by Ron Rolheiser, OMI. These are daily reflections for Advent and Christmas. Copies available in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHARITY:

This year, we will be collecting gifts for men's and women's refuges, to be distributed by Anglicare.

The gifts will be collected by the children during the Christmas Pageant at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 14th December.

Please bring along toiletries and small items of new clothing for men and women, as well as new books and toys for children of all ages.

Please do not wrap gifts, as this will only mean that they will have to be unwrapped by Anglicare staff for distribution to families.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing the Christmas spirit with those in need.

ROSTER PERIOD:

This is the tricky time of year when I am asking you to cast a gaze into the crystal ball of 2015!!! The next roster period covers from and including December 21 to February 22.

Please note that the 4 Sundays of December 28 to January 18 inclusive will have one 9.00am service only.

For all the Sunday services please let me know when you are NOT AVAILABLE to help.

For the Christmas Eve 11.00pm service and the Christmas Day 9.00am service I need to know if you ARE AVAILABLE.

I realise it is hard to know what you are doing so far ahead but please let me know as much as you can by December 1 as I will be doing this roster a little earlier than usual.

My contact details are IN CONTACT. Please email me or call me on 9830 4665. I will be happy also to talk to anyone who would like to join the roster for next year. Being on the roster helps you to meet others and really feel a part of the parish.

AN AUSTRALIAN LECTIONARY APBA 2015 YEAR B MARK:

The Australian Lectionary APBA for 2015 Year B Mark is now in the office. If you ordered a copy, it is now available to collect. The cost is \$12.95 including GST.

LIGHT UP 2014:

Happily, St Paul's is participating in the Light Up 2014 event for the duration of Advent. Keep waiting with interest and be sure to pass by church after dark!

Jesus is the light of the world.

This is the message we wish to share with our community.

Ros White.

THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CALENDAR:

The Australian Anglican Calendar 2015 is soon to be published.

If you would like to order a copy (or copies!), please speak with Chris Hudnott or ring him on 9830 4665".

ST PAUL'S CONCERT:

Concert today! Hang around after church for performances from our own talented bunch. In the church at midday.

FISH FISH FISH FOR CHRISTMAS:

St Paul's Christmas Fare Fundraiser has quality frozen fish for sale.

The products include Pre sliced Smoked Salmon, Scallops, Individually wrapped raw salmon portions as well as Raw and Cooked Prawns.

Order Forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please complete and return to Jill Bales, Margaret Irvine or the Parish Centre by Sunday 7th December.

PEW SHEET DEADLINE:

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



St. Paul's Ministry Teams

This Week's Ministry Team.
30th November: First Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Service
Sidesperson Steven Wong
Reader Steven Wong
Liturgical Asst

Flowers
Brass

11.00 a.m. Service

Sidespersons Margaret & David Irvine
Reader Margaret Capper
Intercessor Douglas Stevens
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Andrew Ham
Server Matthew Harding
Refreshments Laura Dean & Gail White
Coll. Counters Douglas Stevens & Stuart Bales

Next Week's Ministry Team.
7th December: Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Service
Sidesperson Bruce Brown
Reader Anne Ogier
Liturgical Asst Steven Wong

Flowers
Brass Sue Taylor

11.00 a.m. Service

Sidespersons Margaret & John Capper
Reader Gill Lambert
Intercessor Gordon Low
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Tom Lambert
Server Gill Lambert
Refreshments Rosie Low & Val Sayers
Coll. Counters John DeAraugo & Hamish White

Copies of full rosters are available in the Narthex.

LIGHTING A CANDLE



Did you know...?

If you light a candle and say a prayer during church on Sunday, your prayer continues all week.

Candles that are lit on Sunday mornings are relit at morning and evening prayer each day, and during the Wednesday Eucharist and Meditation services.

The people you pray for today will be held up to God in prayer throughout the week.

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