



# *St Paul's Anglican Church*

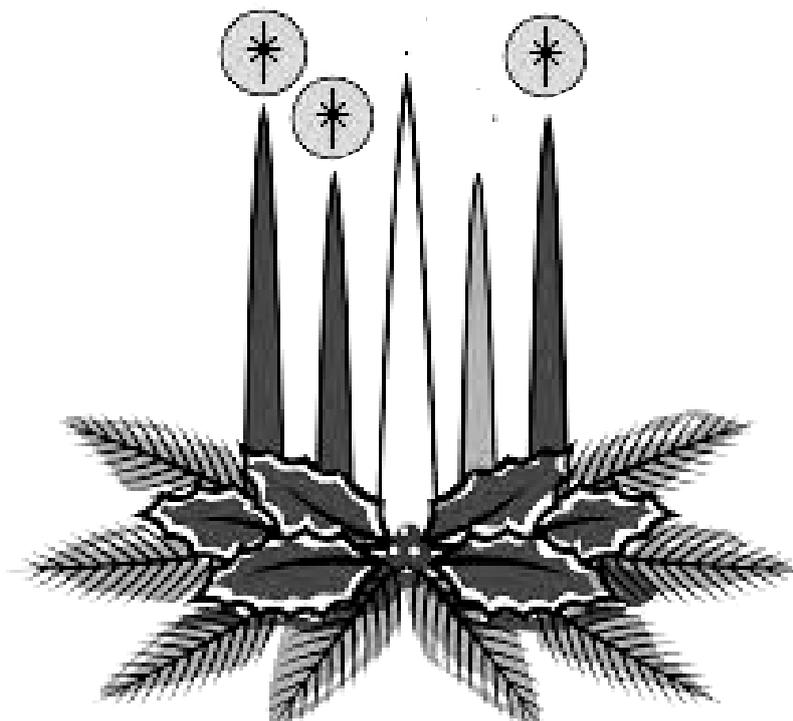
*A caring community of Christ worshipping God,  
engaging the community and building connections  
between people of all ages and cultures.*

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14th December, 2014

## **Third Sunday of Advent**



The beautiful picture in Isaiah of God's remaking of the world is one on which Jesus will later draw in describing his own ministry. It is a world that is so wonderful that only God could make it; despite the best efforts of humanity, the perfection of the new creation continues to elude us. Yet it is for this perfection that we wait in hope - for the time when the Lord will cause righteousness to spring up before the nations.

Mr J Woodfin

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**Hymns: 289 Instrumental 665 497**

Music preceding the gospel: Molly Fleming

Organ: works by J.S. Bach including *Nun freut euch* BWV734

*And Lob see den allmächtigen* Gott BWV602

# Notices of the Day

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



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 find ways to participate in the year of the Lord's favor by bringing good news to the oppressed, binding up the broken-hearted, and proclaiming liberty. (Isaiah 61.1)
- Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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

- Diocese of Kitgum
- The Diocese of Bathurst
- Social Responsibilities Committee
- St Stephen's Greythorn
- St Augustine's Moreland
- St Michael and All Angels Beaumaris
- Church of the Ascension Springvale
- Balwyn Road Uniting

### **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
- Maggie
- Bob Thompson
- Helen
- John Brace (Anne Harding's Dad)
- Helga
- Kieren



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

- Russell Dennis Drakeford 17th December 1998
- Harold Stone 19th November 1980

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

# Parish Events for the Week

**THIS SUNDAY**      **14TH DECEMBER: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**OUR PREACHER IS REV'D SUSANNE CHAMBERS**

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8.00am              Eucharist  
10.00am            Sung Eucharist, with children's Christmas Pageant, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre  
8.00pm              Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**MONDAY**            **SUSANNE'S SABBATH**  
3.30-9.00pm        Ceberano Martial Arts

**TUESDAY**  
8.30am              Ecumenical Morning Prayer  
10.30am-12.30pm Tuesday Circle (Women's Group), Parish Centre  
7.00pm              MSG (Men's Group), Upper Room, Parish Centre  
7.00pm              Caritas, Parish Centre

**WEDNESDAY**  
10.00am            Eucharist followed by morning tea, Parish Centre  
2.30-4.30pm        Fish Distribution, Hall  
5.00pm              Meditation@5, Church  
7.00-9.00pm        Tae Kwon Do, Hall

**THURSDAY**  
9.30am-12.30pm Gillian in Office  
7.30-9.30pm        Choir Practice, Church

**FRIDAY**            **KATE'S SABBATH; END OF SCHOOL YEAR**  
8.30-10.30am      Kinder Dance, Hall  
9.30am-12.30pm Gillian in Office  
5.00-9.00pm        Australian Youth Choir Practice, Church, Parish Centre, Hall

**SATURDAY**        **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
8.00am-1.00pm    Parish Street Stall, Maling Road

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**NEXT SUNDAY**    **21ST DECEMBER: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER:

24th      Christmas Eve:  
            Children's Christingle Service at 5pm  
            Christmas Eve Eucharist and Carols at 11pm  
25th      Christmas Day:  
            Christmas Day Eucharist and Carols at 9am  
26th      Boxing Day  
28th      9am Eucharist Service  
31st      New Year's Eve



## **Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

## **Psalm 126**

(APBA p362)

## **1 Thessalonians 5.12-28**

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## **John 1.6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?'

He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The origins of the Advent wreath are in the folk practices of pre-Christian northern Europe, where, during the cold darkness of winter, people made wreaths of evergreen and lit fires as signs of hope of life in spite of the dark and cold of winter. Christians kept these traditions alive and by the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Christians in Germany used evergreens and fire as symbols to celebrate Advent and renewed hope in the birth and person of Christ.

There is rich symbolic meaning in the Advent wreath. The wreath in the shape of a circle reminds us of the eternity, mystery and endless grace of God. The green colour of the boughs that compose the wreath points to the hope in new and everlasting life. The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of the Christ who is the light that shines in the darkness.

Often each of the four Sundays of Advent is assigned a theme in the following order: hope, peace, joy, and love. The last candle to be lit, the central Christ Candle (often white), symbolizes the purity, peace, and centrality of Christ.

**Advent 3** (light three candles): Joy

*One:* The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

*Choir:* We are easily distracted by the darkness of despair or pessimism.

*All:* Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your life-giving joy.

Christmas  
at St. Paul's

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14<sup>th</sup> December  
Advent Carols Service  
at 8.00p.m.

Christmas Eve  
Children's Christingle  
Service at 5.00p.m.

Christmas Eve  
Eucharist and Carols  
at 11.00 p.m.

Christmas Day  
Eucharist and Carols  
at 9.00 a.m.

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**Next week's readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

2 Samuel 7.1-1, 16 Ps 89. 1-4, 19-27 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38

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## ST PAUL'S FAIR - 9 MAY 2015

The planning team is on the job and excitement is building as great ideas are emerging. Thus far the following ideas.....

### **Main Attractions:**

Animal Farm  
Quilting & Embroidery Display  
(items from St Paul's parishioners)  
Open Garden  
( Cnr Highfield Rd and Church St)  
Commercial Stalls (e.g. jewellery,  
fresh flowers, handmade soap,  
children's clothing, Twisty Taters,  
decoupage, cards, wine, knitted scarves)  
Car Boot

### **St Paul's Stalls/Activities:**

Bio-dynamic Fruit  
Books  
Cakes & Preserves  
Children's activities  
Devonshire Tea  
Plants  
Recycled Clothing  
Sausage Sizzle  
Silent Auction  
"Fast Food" & Drink, Hall Kitchen

### **How can you help?:**

- ❖ Plan to provide stock for stalls. ie books, quality bric-a-brac and clothing, cakes & preserves, potted plants, donations for raffles and silent auction
- ❖ Help organise attractions
- ❖ Join rosters to "man" stalls on the day
- ❖ Invite your friends & family
- ❖ Help clean up after the event

Organisers for each activity are being sought and will be confirmed early in the new year, if not before.

The Planning Team - comprised of Jill Bales, Margaret Irvine, Bert Lillywhite, Margaret Capper, Laura Dean, Kaye Rands and June McKay – is keen to receive any further ideas, feedback and assistance. Please speak to Jill Bales about Books and Bert Lillywhite about donations for Raffles and Silent Auction.



## NOTICES

### **PARISH COUNCIL FIRST MEETING:**

We met for the first time after our AGM last Tuesday night. The wardens have elected Mark Lamb as treasurer and the council elected Rosemary O'Shea as the secretary. I invited Stuart Bales to come on board and he accepted my invitation which I am so pleased. We also authorised the Lay Assistants at Holy Communion which always happens at this first meeting of parish council.

We have much to discuss and celebrate as a community of faith in Canterbury. We spent quite some time looking at many questions and queries following the AGM and parish council will be responding to those in the near future. Thank you all for your commitment to the mission of our parish.

Susanne Chambers

**ADVENT:**

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

**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".

**THANK YOU:**

Once again, a special thank you to both Cyril and Victor Lee of Oceanic Foods for their generous support of St Paul's Christmas Fish Fare Fundraiser. To everyone who purchased the quality fish products, THANK YOU. The effort raised \$392.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER:**

The 19th Camberwell Scout group are having their annual Christmas tree fundraiser, commencing this Saturday, each Saturday and Sunday prior to Christmas. Trees are available from the Scout Hall on Riversdale Road just before Through Rd. Thank you. Becky and Lexie Rough, 19th Camberwell Scouts.

**A GIFT FOR KATE LORD:**

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Kate, there are special envelopes in the narthex. We will be saying thank you and goodbye to Kate on the 1<sup>st</sup> February at our Start Up Sunday service.

A reminder that Kate will be ordained on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1030am at St Paul's Cathedral and we are all invited!

**PASTORAL CARE AT CHRISTMAS:**

If you know of anyone who needs a visit, home communion or a casserole please let Susanne know.

**ST PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN:**

It is with sadness to announce that our Director Susie Rosback has resigned from the kinder. Susie has been at the kinder for 8 years; 5 of those years as Director. Susie and I have built up the relationship between the parish and the kinder community and together with the vice presidents and wardens have established the Covenant between us.

Susie will be the CEO of an early learning hub and we wish her every blessing. She will be greatly missed. The process of advertising for and selecting a new Director and teacher has commenced and I will be involved in that selection. Susanne Chambers

**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.**  
**14th December: Third Sunday of Advent**

**8.00 a.m. Service**  
**Sidesperson** Steven Wong  
**Reader** Steven Wong  
**Liturgical Asst** Debbie Riley

**Flowers**  
**Brass**

**10.00 a.m. Service**

**Sidespersons** Ruth Hudnott & Lois Latimer  
**Reader** Sunday School Pageant  
**Intercessor** Sunday School Pageant  
**Welcomer** ALL  
**Liturgical Asst** Jeffrey Sheen  
**Server** Hamish White  
**Refreshments** Beryl Byrne & June McKay  
**Coll. Counters** Charles H-J & Tom Lambert

**Next Week's Ministry Team.**  
**21st December: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8.00 a.m. Service**  
**Sidesperson** Bruce Brown  
**Reader** Trish Cain  
**Liturgical Asst** Tom Lambert

**Flowers**  
**Brass** June McKay

**10.00 a.m. Service**

**Sidespersons** Val Sayers & Gail White  
**Reader** Julie Houghton  
**Intercessor** Jonathan Chambers  
**Welcomer** ALL  
**Liturgical Asst** Andrew Ham  
**Server** Alistair Tweeddale  
**Refreshments** Winifred Nahed & Henrietta Barclay  
**Coll. Counters** Debbie Riley & Doug Stevens

*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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