



St Paul's Anglican Church

A community of Christ, worshipping God, and embracing the wider community, building connection between people of all ages

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Christmas Day

Living Presence, mothering, nurturing, opening our eyes to the wonder of the birth of a baby, unique and dearly loved, may we, like Mary, treasure your Presence in flesh and blood, pondering these things in our hearts, and, like the shepherds, may we give your praise and glory for all that we have heard and seen. We pray this in the Spirit of Jesus, Word made flesh, in the splendour of eternal life, now and forever.

Amen.

Unfolding the Living Word - Jim Cotter



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:

- Peace in all areas of armed conflict in the world - Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine
- The continuing fight against Ebola
- Guide our world leaders to act for the benefit of all
- Give thanks for the gift of our lives

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- The Diocese of Long Island
- The Diocese of Newcastle
- Lay Ministry
- St Francis-in-the-Fields Mooralbark
- St Paul's St Leonards

Please pray for:

Kathryn Smith and Edward Smith as they marry on Saturday 3rd January 2015 (yes, a coincidence about their last names!)

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

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



We give thanks for the life of:

- Trudence Barnard - 29/12/1993

Message from Susanne

It's been quite a year for us as well as many of you with changes in health, fitness and work situations. I was very grateful for the care you gave me when I was laid up for three months! You are a wonderful faith community!

We are entering this Christmas period with hope and joy for the birth of the Christ-child. With the birth comes new life, new possibilities, and new starts!

With all things new, this does not necessarily mean that it will be easy. We can be assured that God is with us each step of the way.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you and your families and friends this Christmas.

Susanne, Jonathan and family.



Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

St. Paul's Ministry Teams

This Week's Ministry Team
25th December

10.00 a.m. Service
Sidespersons Margaret Irvine & David Irvine
Reader Ruth Hudnott & Alistair Tweeddale
Intercessor Ros White
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Rowan Litchfield
Server Jeffrey Sheen
Accolytes Bec & Chris
Refreshments
Coll. Counters Chris Hudnott & John Capper

Next Week's Ministry Team
28th December

9.00 a.m. Service
Sidespersons Jill and Stuart Bales
Reader Tom Lambert
Intercessor Debbie Riley
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Tom Lambert
Server
Refreshments Gail White & Val Sayers
Coll. Counters Hamish White & Douglas Stevens

Flowers
Brass Sue Taylor

Copies of full rosters are available in the Narthex.



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