



# *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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## **18<sup>th</sup> of December 2016**

### ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***



Gracious God,  
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,  
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:  
so fill us with your grace,  
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,  
and in all things embrace your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**Hymns:** 265 instrumental 288 479

**Setting:** Matthias

**Psalm:** no. 42, TIS

**Anthem:** : Adam Lay Y Bounden

**Postlude:** Prelude and fugue in C sharp by J.S. Bach.

## NOTICES OF THE DAY

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

**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:**

- For those who mourn loved ones, for the injured and distressed, and for all those committed to the work of peace.

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

- Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh;
- Diocese of Willochra;
- Anglican Overseas Aid;
- Parish of St John's, Frankston with St Luke's, Carrum Downs;
- St Mary's Caulfield and St Clement Elsternwick – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell);
- St David's Moorabbin – pastoral visit incorporating carol service (Bp Paul Barker);
- Gisborne Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Philip Huggins); and
- Canterbury Baptist —Rev'd Gordon Wild.

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

- Joan Harrington-Johnson;
- Anne Shaw (Helen's mum);
- Bob Thompson;
- Margaret Clausen;
- Annabel;
- Iris Mather;
- Cecelia Irvine-So;
- Tricia Cain;
- +John and Anne Bayton;
- Gwen Towart;
- Hilary Chapman (Sue Chapman's daughter); and
- Iddin.



### **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 2017:**

Please keep our parish councillors in your prayers:

Andrew Flint (warden), Jeremy Bishop (warden), Liz Olie (warden), Todd Reichmann (treasurer), Caroline Cox, Rose O'Shea, Rosemary Miller, Alex Murray, John De Araugo and Nick Scott.

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

Harold Stone	19 December 1980
Mary Brunsdon	21 December 2011

Our extra giving during Advent and Christmas is to the Christmas bowl appeal. Envelopes are in the pews.

As with last year, our gifts will go to Anglicare refuges for women and men. Gifts of women's and men's toiletries, and gifts for children.

—Please leave unwrapped the gifts.

Small booklet of Advent reflections are also available in the narthex from Anglican Overseas Aid.

Susanne has placed reading resources in the parish office. Please feel free to borrow for your reflections.

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

**PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**This Sunday**

8.00am

10.00am

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

Eucharist

Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre

**Monday 19<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 20<sup>th</sup>**

12.30-2.00pm

4.30-6.30pm

Deanery End of Year Lunch, Parish Centre

Ballet, Hall

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> *THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR***  
**School Holidays Begin**

10.00-10.30am

5.00-6.00pm

5.00-6.00pm

6.00-7.00pm

7.00-9.00pm

Wednesday Eucharist, Church

Ballet, Hall

Meditation, Church

Yoga, Parish Centre

Tae Kwon Do, Hall

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

3.30-9.30pm

7.00-9.30pm

Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

Choir Practice, Church

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8.45-11am

Tiny Tutus, Hall

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

11.30am-6.30pm

5.00pm

10.30pm

11.00pm

Ballet, Hall

Christingle Service

Refreshments

Midnight Mass

**Next Sunday**

9.00am

**25<sup>th</sup> of December: Christmas Day**

Sung Eucharist

## Advent Candle lighting (Year A)

*Words for Worship, Year A* by Amy Loving

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

We seek a sign of the Lord our God.

**From the depths of the earth to the heights of the heavens, let God's sign be known to all.**

A young woman shall give birth to peace, hope, and joy.

**A young woman will give Love a name: Emmanuel – God is with us.**

Let us – in love – kindle the light of the Lord.



## Readings and Psalm

### Isaiah 7.10-16

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?'

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

**Psalm: TIS no. 42**

### Next Week's Readings:

#### **Christmas Eve:**

Isaiah 9:2-7      Titus 2:11-14

#### **Christmas Day:**

Isaiah 62:6-12      Titus 3:4-8a

## **Romans 1.1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Matthew 1.18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

<sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. <sup>5</sup>

# NOTICES AND PARISH NEWS:

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.

## **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:**

Today is the last collection in 2016 for Mission House . 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.

## **WHAT A SUCCESSFUL LAST SUNDAY!**

Congratulations to the Sunday School teachers and the children for a wonderful Christmas pageant.  
Congratulations also to Trevor, Lance and the choir for a wonderful and uplifting Advent Carol Service.

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

Thank you to 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. The profit was \$372.10

Jill and Stuart Bales

**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.

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

#### 8am

<b>Sidesperson</b>	Cath and Bob Hudson
<b>Reader</b>	Tricia Cain
<b>Liturgical Asst</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Val Sayers
<b>Brass</b>	Gillian Lamb and Beryl Byrne

#### 10am

<b>Sidespersons</b>	Margaret Capper and Charles Harrington-J
<b>Children's Talk</b>	N/A
<b>Sunday School</b>	N/A
<b>J2A</b>	Hamish Lord and Bec Hollingdale
<b>Reader</b>	Kesta Fleming
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jonathan Chambers
<b>Welcomer</b>	All
<b>Liturgical Asst</b>	Tom Lambert
<b>Server</b>	Leanne Reichmann
<b>Refreshments</b>	Laura Kaspen and Elaine Smith
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Kay Rands and Iona Christianson

### Next Week's Ministry Team

**Flowers** Val Sayers and Christine Ruggles-Brise

**Brass** Sandra Beamish

### 24<sup>th</sup> of December: 11pm Midnight Mass

<b>Sidespersons</b>	Gill and Tom Lambert
<b>Reader</b>	Julie Houghton and Rosemary O'Shea
<b>Intercessor</b>	Tom Lambert
<b>Welcomer</b>	All
<b>Liturgical Asst</b>	Jonathan Chambers
<b>Server</b>	Edward Sheen

### 25<sup>th</sup> of December: 9am Christmas Day

<b>Sidespersons</b>	Tom Lambert and David Irvine
<b>Reader</b>	Alistair Tweeddale and Bruce Brown
<b>Intercessor</b>	Ros White
<b>Welcomer</b>	All
<b>Liturgical Asst</b>	Debbie Riley
<b>Server</b>	Jonathan Chambers
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Malcolm White and Bruce Brown

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