

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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20th December 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Hymns: 286 *"The Maiden's Wish"* Chopin/Liszt 282 (tune Woodlands 411) 687

Anthem: *"Angelus ad Virginem"* arr. Andrew Carter

Psalm: 80.1-8 (Responsorial Psalm)

Postlude: *"Ave Maria"* by Bach/Gounod

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:

Pray for peace and Understanding

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- Diocese of Yewa
- Diocese of Ballarat
- Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School
- Barnabas' Glen Waverley
- St Alban's North Melbourne
- All Saints Rosebud with St Katherine's McCrae
- St Paul's Canterbury

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.

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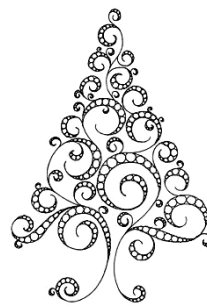
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Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Next Sunday 20th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
- Monday 21st** SUSANNE' SABBATH
Thomas, Apostle and Martyr
- Tuesday 22nd**
8.45am Ecumenical Morning Prayer
- Wednesday 23rd**
10.00am Eucharist followed by morning tea
- Thursday 24th** CHRISTMAS EVE
9.00am-12.30pm Gillian in office
5.00pm Children's Christingle Service
11.00pm Christmas Eve Sung Eucharist and Carols Service
- Friday 25th** CHRISTMAS DAY
9.00am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist and Carols Service
- Saturday 26th** BOXING DAY
- Next Sunday 27th December: Holy Innocents**
9.00am Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre



Upcoming Events for December:

31st New Year's Eve

Upcoming Events for January:

1st New Year's Day
3rd, 10th, 17th **9am** Eucharist Service
24th 8am & 10am Services resume
27th School Term 1 commences
31st New Year's Eve

Keep in Your Diary:

16th April St Paul's Fair
Coordinator: June McKay

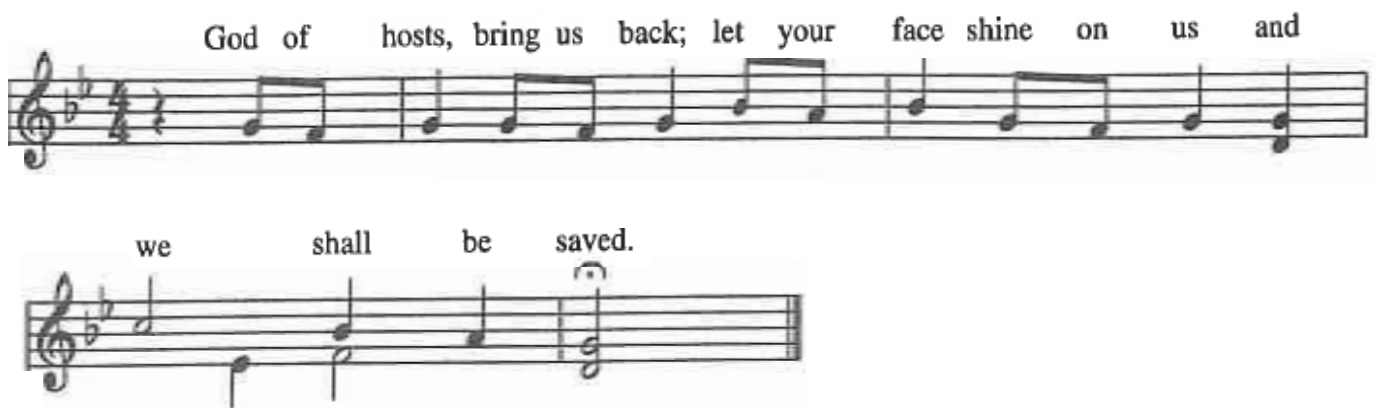
READINGS

Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Psalm 80.1-8 (Responsorial Psalm)

Andrew Moore



1 O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

2 God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

3 May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
and we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Hebrews 10.5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Readings:

Isaiah 9.2-7 Titus 2.11-14

is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1.39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’



SUPPORTING CHRISTMAS BOWL THROUGH ADVENT THIS CHRISTMAS

ENVELOPES ON THE PEWS

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. Call the Registrar on (03) 9348 7127, email: tsts@trinity.edu.au Brochure available in the narthex.

Next Week’s Readings: Holy Innocents

Jeremiah 31.15-20 Psalm 124 1 John 1.1-5 Matthew 2.13-18

NOTICES

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to David, the choir and readers for such an uplifting Advent Carol service! All those rehearsals were well worth it! To Don Clausen for putting the service together, organising the candelabras and with helpers, cleaning up upwards! What a fella!

To Margaret and Lorraine, thank you again for putting on the Deanery Christmas lunch. The clergy of Waverley deanery always want to come back to St Paul's each Christmas!

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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.

COMMISSIONING OF DAVID LEMPRIERE-LAUGHTON:

We will commission David on START UP Sunday, 7th February, 2016.

INVITATION TO SUSANNE AND JONATHAN'S NEW HOME:

We would be very happy if you were able to come to our new home in Boronia on Sunday 17th January between 12md -4pm. Bring a plate to share. If you are coming, please let Susanne or Jonathan know and we will give you the address.

ST PAUL'S DIRECT DEBIT:

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

PEW SHEET DEADLINE:

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



Christmas
at St. Paul's

enr Church and Margaret Sts
Canterbury

Phone: 9830 0729

Christmas Eve

Eucharist and Carols
at 11.00p.m.

Christmas Eve
Children's Christingle
Service at 5.00pm

Christmas Day
Eucharist and Carols
at 9.00am

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ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:**25th December: Christmas Day****This Week's Ministry Team:****20th 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

24th December: Christmas Eve**11pm**

Sidespersons Winifred Nahed & Rosemary Miller
Reader Alicenne Stevens & Rosemary O'Shea
Intercessor Ros White

9am

Sidespersons Margaret & David Irvine
Reader Margaret Irvine & Gail White
Intercessor Alistair Tweedale
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Hamish White
Server
Collection Counters

Chris Hudnott & Bruce Brown

Next Week's Ministry Team:**27th December: First Sunday after Christmas****9am**

Sidespersons Gillian Jensen & Lois Latimer
Reader Gillian Jensen
Intercessor Jonathan Chambers
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Andrew Ham
Server
Refreshments Rosemary Miller & Gail White

Collection Counters

Tom Lambert & Geoff Davenport

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Church Warden:	Andrew Flint	0419 313 047