



# *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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## **24/25<sup>th</sup> of December 2016**

### **Christmas Eve / Day**



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#### **Message from Susanne:**

Christmas is always a mixed time for many people here in Australia and around the world. In the news we are starkly reminded of the shadow of violence and fear that is affecting so many people's lives. Jesus came to bring good news for all and to show that we can bring peace and healing to people's lives.

Howard Thurman wrote a Christmas Prayer, I would like to share with you as we make the change we wish to see in the world.

“When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.  
Amen”

God bless each and every one of you and your families and friends this Christmas and New year.

Susanne, Jonathan and family.

## 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:**

Christmas Eve

- Diocese of Adelaide;
- Authorised Stipendiary Lay-Ministers;
- St Barnabas' Glen Waverley;
- St Paul's Cathedral; and
- Christ Church Berwick.

Christmas Day

- Diocese of Kitale;
- Diocese of Armidale;
- Benetas;
- St James' Glen Iris;
- St Paul's Cathedral ;
- All Saints Newtown; and
- St Dominic's Catholic Church —Father Paul Rankin.

### **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:**

Trudence Barnard      29 December 1993

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

As with last year, our gifts have gone to Anglicare refuges for women and men.

Please remember to return, when convenient, any Advent resources that you have borrowed from Susanne.

**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.

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

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### January

#### 9am Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Epiphany

#### 9am Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

The Baptism of our Lord  
9am Baptism of Sadie

#### 9am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday after Epiphany

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Cassandra back in the office

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**

4pm Wedding

#### 9am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Third Sunday after Epiphany

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10am Wednesday Eucharist recommences

#### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Australia Day

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Council away to Toolangi for strategic planning

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**8am and 10am:** Rev'd Jonathan Chambers preacher and president

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Back to school

### February

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

START UP SUNDAY (Choir and Sunday school recommence)

## ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:

### This Week's Ministry Team

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

**Brass** Sandra Beamish

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

**Sidespersons** Gill and Tom Lambert

**Reader** Julie Houghton and Rosemary O'Shea

**Intercessor** Tom Lambert

**Welcomer** All

**Liturgical Asst** Jonathan Chambers

**Server** Edward Sheen

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

**Sidespersons** Margaret and David Irvine

**Reader** Alistair Tweeddale and Bruce Brown

**Intercessor** Ros White

**Welcomer** All

**Liturgical Asst** Debbie Riley

**Server** Jonathan Chambers

**Collection Counters** Malcolm White and Bruce Brown

### Next Week's Ministry Team

#### 1<sup>st</sup> of January: Epiphany

#### 9am

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

**Brass** Sandra Beamish

**Sidespersons** Gail White and Liz Olie

**Children's Talk** N/A

**Sunday School** N/A

**J2A** N/A

**Reader** Gail White

**Intercessor** Alistair Tweeddale

**Welcomer** All

**Liturgical Asst** Bert Lillywhite

**Server** Edward Sheen

**Refreshments** Ruth Hudnott

**Collection Counters** Chris Hudnott and Diana Coultas

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