



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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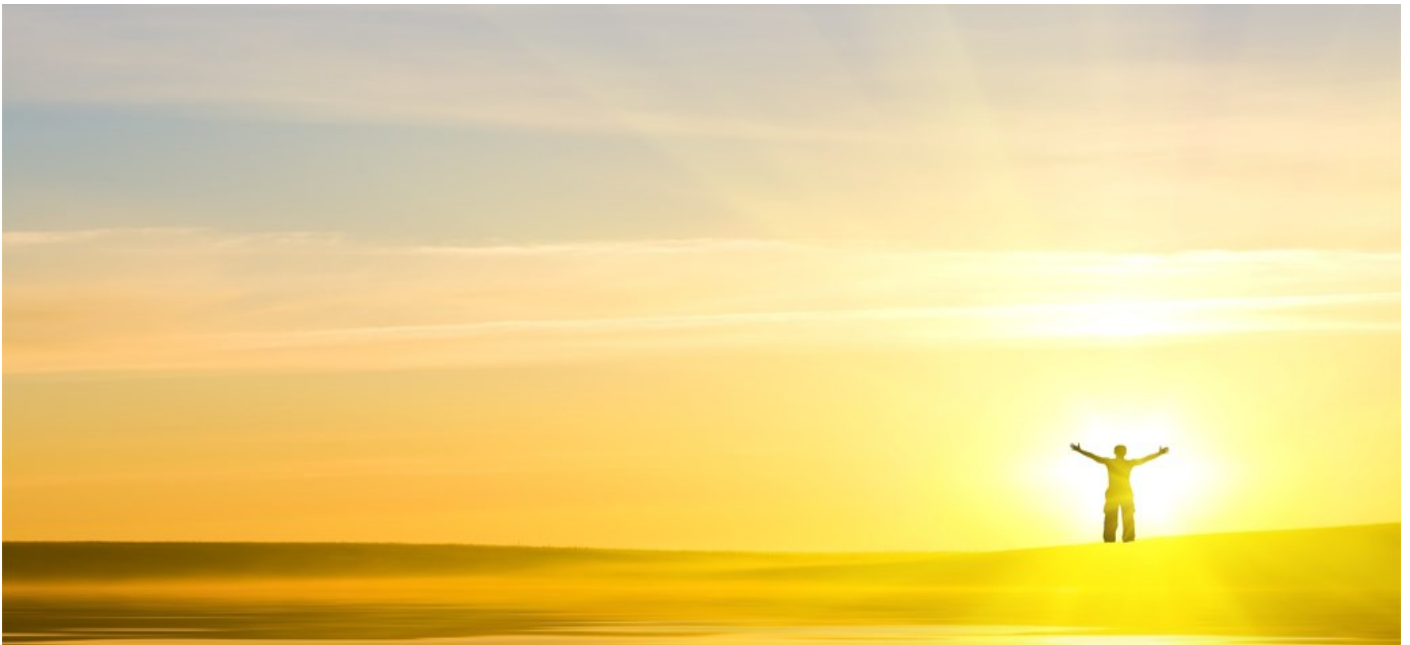
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

24th & 25th December 2015

Living Presence, on this glad morning, dawning with loving kindness, shining upon us with tender compassion, revealing to us the gift of your self in the infant Jesus, fill us with wonder on this sacred day, awestruck by this treasure, vulnerable in our hands, that our lives may embody your unconditional love. 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



Hymns

Christmas Eve:	312	322	311	301	303
Christmas Day:	304	316	313	309	268

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.

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
- Give thanks for the gift of our lives

We pray for the worldwide Church:

- The Diocese of Canberra and Goulbourn
- Evangelism in the Diocese
- St Stephen's Greythorn
- St Paul's Cathedral
- St Thomas' Moonee Ponds
- Balwyn Road Uniting

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
- Bob Thompson
- Helen
- Margaret Clausen
- Annabel
- Ken & Anne
- Iris Mather
- Carolyn
- Sue
- Heather Lavender
- Jack Mole
- Warwick Bradney
- Elaine Smith



Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Message from Susanne

I echo the words from our Archbishop Philip in his Christmas message this year.

He said “Christmas this year, as so often, will be celebrated in the dark shadow of violence and fear, from terrorism to domestic violence. This is no surprise; it has always been so. Jesus, too, was born into a world of cruelty, violence and exploitation. He knew first-hand what the worst of human anger was like, and how irrational human cruelty can be.

And yet, by His coming into the world, Jesus brings us hope. Born as a baby, Jesus brings the divine message that being human is full of possibilities for good. To be human is a gift from God: it is a gift to be used for life.” (Part of Archbishop’s Christmas message)

As a community of faith here in Canterbury, we continue to live into this wonderful gift from God whom we know through Jesus. A gift to live life to the full! We can by our acts of kindness and generosity of spirit, bring hope to many people.

As Ghandi once said ““Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

Blessings on each of you and your family and friends this Christmas and new year.

Susanne, Jonathan and family.



ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:

This Week's Ministry Team:
25th December: Christmas Day

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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