



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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29th November 2015

First Sunday of Advent



Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns: 286 Instrumental 526 272

Setting: Dudman

Anthem: "O thou the central orb" by Charles Wood

Psalm: 25 (pew sheet p4)

Postlude: *Chaconne* by Durand

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 West Malaysia
- Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia
- Archdeaconry of The Yarra
- St Mar's Emerald
- St Andrew's Rosanna
- St John's Bannockburn and Dame Phyllis Frost Centre
- St Mark's Dromana
- St Andrew's Rye
- St Dominic's Catholic

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

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.**



We give thanks for the life of:

- Alexander Towitt 30th November 1995
- Margaret Winford

Upcoming Events for December:

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| 1 st Women's Group, MSG | 25 th Christmas Day |
| 8 th Parish Council | 26 th Boxing Day |
| 9 th Fish Order Pick Up | 31 st New Year's Eve |
| 10 th Kinder Christmas Service | |
| 13 th Children's Pageant at 10am, Advent Carol Service at 8pm | |
| 15 th Women's Group, MSG | |

Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday	29th November: First Sunday of Advent
8.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
12.00md-2.00pm	Karate, Hall
12.30pm	Going Greek, Café Platia
3.00pm	Suzuki Piano and Organ Concert, Church & Parish Centre
Monday 30th	<i>SUSANNE' SABBATH, Andrew, Apostle & Martyr</i>
10.00am	Funeral at St Paul's of the late Margaret Winford
3.30-9.00pm	Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
Tuesday 1st December	
8.45am	Ecumenical Morning Prayer
10.30-12.00md	Women's Group
4.00-5.00pm	Ballet, Hall
7.00pm-9.00pm	MSG, Men's Spirituality Group, Parish Centre
Wednesday 2nd	<i>Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital (d.1892)</i>
10.00am	Eucharist followed by morning tea
4.30-6.30pm	Ballet, Hall
5.00-5.30pm	Meditation, Parish Centre
7.00-9.00pm	Tae Kwon Do, Hall
7.30-9.30pm	Remembering Together at Christmas, Church
Thursday 3rd	<i>Francis Xavier, priest & missionary (1506-1552)</i>
9.00am-12.30pm	Gillian in office
6.30-7.30	Yoga, Parish Centre
7.30-9.30pm	Choir practice, Church
Friday 4th	<i>Nicolas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637)</i>
8.30-10.30am	Kinder Dance, Parish Centre
9.00-11.00am	Tiny Tutus, Hall
9.00am-12.30pm	Gillian in office
5.00-9.00pm	Maling Road Kriskindl Nativity dressup and photos: can you help?
5.00-9.00pm	National Youth Choir; Church, Hall & Parish Centre
Saturday 5th	
9.00-10.30am	Karate, Hall
9.00-11.00am	St Paul's Working Bee
10.00am-12.00md	Choir Practice, Church
11.00am-7.30pm	Ballet, Hall
2.00-4.00pm	Choir Practice, Church
3.00-5.00pm	Jumbunna area Christmas gathering
Next Sunday	6th December: Second Sunday of Advent
8.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
9.00am-5.00pm	Ceberano Karate, Hall
	Canterbury Council of Churches: Carols in the Park

READINGS

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Responsorial Psalm 25

Alan Rees



1 Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

2 The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

3 His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.'

Luke 21.25-38

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CHRISTMAS - FISH FISH FISH



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Once again, St Paul's "Christmas Fare Fundraiser" has quality frozen fish for sale. The products include Pre sliced Smoked Salmon, individually wrapped raw salmon portions as well as Raw and Cooked Prawns.

Order Forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please complete and return to Jill Bales, Margaret Irvine or the Parish Centre by Sunday 6th December.



*Supporting
Christmas Bowl through Advent
this Christmas
Envelopes on the pews*

Next Week's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3.1-4 Song of Zechariah Philippians 1.1-11 Luke 3. 1-6

NOTICES

THANK YOU:

Many thanks for Advent Vestments. Many of you contributed:

Donation of material - Debbie Riley

Donation for Chasuble make up - Susanne Hollingdale

Ros White for hand died materials and hand embroidery on the stole

Leanne Reichmann making and Embroidery of Burse and Veil

Jill Bales helped with cutting out of curtains and measuring

Tom Lambert cutting of foundations for Burse.

Chris Hudnott cutting and organizing of weights for Altar fall.

Jenifer McKenzie

REMEMBERING TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS:

This annual service will occur on the 2nd December at 730pm. It is a service for anyone who find Christmas a painful time whether it is because loved ones are no longer here, the anguish of broken relationships, insecurity of employment, financial issues, ill health or the pain of loneliness. This is a half hour, gentle service of words, candle lighting, music. Please come or let someone you know who may find this service helpful. There will be a light supper after the service.

MALING ROAD KRISTINGLE:

Friday 4th December: The Maling Road Kristingle Nativity dress up and photos - can you help? Please let the office know. Thank you!

WORKING BEE AT ST PAUL'S:

Working bee Saturday **December 5th 9am to 11am.** Morning tea provided. Please bring general cleaning equipment but especially long handled cobweb brooms. We have an army of spiders to subdue!



CAROLS IN THE PARK:

Sunday 6th December: Canterbury Council of Churches Carols in the Park, Canterbury Gardens, at 6.30pm. See the notice board.



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, Toulia Poulakis. Contact Toulia at the kinder on 9830 1117.

LECTIONARY 2016:

We have a few copies of the Australian Lectionary 2016 available - Advent is nearly here! The cost is \$10 Please contact the office on 9830 0729 to reserve your copy.

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

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.

ROSTER AVAILABILITY:

The next roster period is from December 13 to February 14 and as usual I need to know when you are NOT available during this time. Please also take into account that the 4 Sundays after Christmas the service is at 9.00AM only.

Also, Please let me know if you **ARE available** to help with the following services:

- Carol Service on December 13 at 8.00PM
- Christmas Eve service at 11.00 PM on December 24
- Christmas Day Service at 9.00AM on Christmas Day

I will be completing this roster on Monday November 30 so please have your information to me by Sunday November 29 at the latest. Thank you, Ruth Hudnott

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED:

One of the Asylum seeker students who attends Dream Stitches Sewing group desperately needs a wheelchair for her Mother. Mum will have to wait a long time for a knee replacement and her knee is so bad she cannot walk. If anyone knows of a wheelchair that could be gifted to this lady please let Jenifer McKenzie know: jenifermckenzie@gmail.com

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDER:

Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2016 - Order forms available in the office.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Powers of attorney have changed. More information in the narthex.

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

ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:

This Week's Ministry Team:

29th November: **First Sunday of Advent**

8am

Sidesperson Di Gurney
Reader Julie Wagner
Liturgical Asst Bert Lillywhite
Flowers
Brass

10am

Sidespersons Ruth Hudnott
& Liz Olie
Children's Talk Kesta Fleming
Sunday School All teachers

J2A Winifred Nahed
& Caroline Cox

Reader Diana Coultas
Intercessor
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Debbie Riley
Server
Refreshments Heather Rundle
& Laura Kasper

Collection Counters
Stuart Bales &
John DeAraugo

Next Week's Ministry Team:

6th December: **Second Sunday of Advent**

8am

Sidesperson Bruce Brown
Reader Rosemary O'Shea
Liturgical Asst
Flowers
Brass June Mckay

10am

Sidespersons Susan Havelock
& Graham Scott
Children's Talk Lee Rough
Sunday School All teachers

J2A Jonathan Chambers
& Jo Capper

Reader Elaine Smith
Intercessor Gordon Low
Welcomer ALL
Liturgical Asst Tom Lambert
Server
Refreshments Lee Rough &
Elaine Smith

Collection Counters
Tom Lambert &
Hamish White

Parish Priest:	Reverend Susanne Chambers vicar@stpaulscanterbury.org.au	9830 0729 0405 758 776
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Vicar's Warden:	Ros White	0400 173 727
Church Warden:	Andrew Flint	0419 313 047
Church Warden:	Kaye Rands	0418 967 256