



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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4th of December 2016

Second Sunday of Advent



God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Hymns: 158 instrumental 270 560

Setting: Matthias

Psalm: 72

Anthem: *O Sing Joyfully*. Music by Adrian Batten. Words from Psalm 81 verses 1-4

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue No 5 in D* 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 Karnataka North, Church of South India;
- Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People);
- Anglican Early Childhood Services;
- St Mark's Emerald;
- St Peter's Eastern Hill;
- St Alban the Martyr, St;
- Visit to Dame Phyllis Frost Centre (Bp Philip Huggins); and
- Highfield Uniting —Rev'd Ross Pearce.

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);
- Iddin;
- Louise;
- Kaye Rands; and
- Joan.



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.**

Please also remember the VCE students and their families as they wait for the release of their ATARs.

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:

Ian Worden Gray	24 November 2016
Margaret Rivers	December
Michael Clark	December

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

Small booklets of Advent reflections, from Anglican Overseas Aid, are available in the narthex .

Susanne has placed other resources in the parish office if you would like to borrow them for your reflections.

Notice Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday 4th of December: Second Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
10.00am –2.00pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Parish Centre
6.30-9.30pm Carols in Canterbury Gardens, 190B Canterbury Road, Canterbury, Victoria, 3126

Monday 5th SUSANNE'S SABBATH

- 9.30 –11.00am Yoga, Parish Centre
10.00-11.30am Kinder Dance, Hall
3.30-9.00pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall

Tuesday 6th *Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist*

- 8.45-9.15am Ecumenical Morning Prayer –Balwyn Baptist
10.30am–12.00pm Women's Group, Tuesday Circle, Parish Centre
4.30-6.30pm Ballet, Hall
7.00-9.00pm Men's Spirituality Group, Parish Centre —Upper Room

Wednesday 7th *Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher*

- 10.00-10.30am Wednesday Eucharist, Church
5.00-6.00pm Ballet, Hall
5.00-6.00pm Meditation, Church
6.00-7.00pm Yoga, Parish Centre
7.00-9.00pm Tae Kwon Do, Hall
7.30pm-9.00pm Remembering Together at Christmas Service, Church and Parish Centre

Thursday 8th *The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer*

- 11.30am-12.30pm Kinder Christmas Service, Church
3.30-9.30pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
7.00-8.00pm Yoga, Parish Centre
7.00-9.30pm Choir Practice, Church

Friday 9th

- 8.45-11am Tiny Tutus, Hall
11.00am-12.30pm Kinder Dance, Hall
6.00-8.30pm National Youth Choir, Hall and Parish Centre

Saturday 10th

- 9.00-11.00am Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
11.30am-7.30pm Ballet, Hall

Next Sunday 11th of December: Third Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist (Children's Pageant) followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
10.00am –2.00pm Ceberano Martial Arts, Parish Centre
8pm Advent Carol Service, Church

Advent Candle lighting (Year A)

Words for Worship, Year A by Amy Loving

Second Sunday of Advent (Hope – based on Isaiah 11:1-10):

The Spirit of God rests fully on the coming Lord.

The promised Christ is full of wisdom and understanding in the Spirit of God.

The promised Lord will rule with true justice and righteousness.

All fear will change to comfort. All enemies will be transformed into friends.

As we trust in God, we find our peace.

In the grace of God, we find our hope.

Let us – with hope – kindle the light of the Lord.

Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Next Week's Readings: *Third Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 35.1-10 Psalm 146 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

Romans 15.4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰ and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3.1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight." '

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

NOTICES AND PARISH NEWS:

COMING UP:

December:

20th School Holidays begin

24th —Christmas Eve:

5pm Christingle Service

10.30pm Refreshments

11pm Midnight Mass

25th —Christmas Day:

9am Service

January:

Please note: 9am Services throughout January.

Returning to 8am and 10am on the 29th January, 2017.

REMEMBERING TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS —December 7, 7.30pm

Christmas is not always a time of great joy. Join St Paul's for a special service where we acknowledge grief, loneliness, broken relationships, work concerns and ill health. There will be a light supper to follow.

LUNCH CLUB —December 11, 12noon

Our next Sunday Lunch will be held on December 11th 2016 from 12 midday. Come along and catch up over a light lunch. Please talk to Laura Kaspen or Rosemary Miller if you have any food allergies or intolerances. Cost - by donation

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.

CARITAS:

Caritas means “**Christian love for others**” and was formed in the Diocese in 1980. In **1981**, St Paul's **Young Member's Department** changed their name to **Caritas at St Paul's**. This active group averaged 20+ members annually and shared a varied program of daytime and evening speakers. Over the years, members supported the annual Odd Bods Service, catered for Men's Dinners, participated in fund raising efforts for the church as well as supporting the Dream Stitches volunteer sewing group and the Malawi2Melbourne project. An annual social event (luncheon, fashion parade or guest speaker) raised money for MU special education projects, which supported women overseas.

At the 2016 AGM, it was decided that we cease as a member group of Mothers' Union. Instead there will be a bi-monthly lunch on the third Thursday of the month, beginning February 16, 2017. This an exciting change and we invite you to join us to share refreshments and fellowship in the year ahead.

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.

CHRISTMAS - FISH FISH FISH FISH FISH FISH

Once again, St Paul's is offering quality frozen fish for sale in the "Christmas Fare Fundraiser". The products include Pre sliced Smoked Salmon, Smoked Ocean Trout, individually wrapped Raw Salmon portions as well as Raw and Cooked Prawns. **Order Forms** are in the Narthex. Please complete and return to Jill Bales, Margaret Irvine or the Parish Centre by Sunday 11th December.

Collection 3-4pm, Wednesday, December 14th.

MISSION HOUSE:

The last collection for Mission House is on Sunday, December 18. 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.

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!

ST PAUL'S MINISTRY TEAMS:

This Week's Ministry Team 4th of December : Second Sunday of Advent

8am

Sidesperson	Cath and Bob Hudson
Reader	
Liturgical Asst	Bert Lillywhite
Flowers	Leigh Etheridge
Brass	Barbara Alderton

10am

Sidespersons	Val Sayers and Christine Ruggles-Brise
Children's Talk	Alistair Tweeddale
Sunday School	All Teachers - <i>Pageant</i>
J2A	<i>Pageant</i>
Reader	Henrietta Barclay
Intercessor	Ros White
Welcomer	All
Liturgical Asst	Rowan Litchfield
Server	Edward Sheen
Refreshments	Beryl Byrne and Gwenda Harding
Collection Counters	Liz Olie and Geoff Davenport

Next Week's Ministry Team 11th of December : Third Sunday of Advent

8am

Sidesperson	Rosemary O'Shea
Reader	Tricia Cain
Liturgical Asst	N/A
Flowers	Val Sayers
Brass	Gillian Lamb and Beryl Byrne

10am

Sidespersons	Ruth Hudnott and Lois Latimer
Children's Talk	N/A
Sunday School	All Teachers - <i>Pageant</i>
J2A	<i>Pageant</i>
Reader	N/A
Intercessor	N/A
Welcomer	All
Liturgical Asst	N/A
Server	N/A
Refreshments	Gill Lambert and Heather Rundle
Collection Counters	Graham Scott and John De Araugo

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