



# *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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## 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Second Sunday of Advent



#### **Prayer of the Day:**

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. 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 *"He shall feed His flock"* by Handel 503 279

**Anthem:** *"This is the record of John"* by Orlando Gibbons.

**Psalm:** 125 (Anglican chant)

**Postlude:** *Personet hodie* arr. Gustav Holst

## 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 Louisiana
- Diocese of Rockhampton
- Ivanhoe Girl's Grammar School
- St George's Flemington
- St Philip's Collingwood
- St Alfred's Blackburn North
- Holy Trinity Williamstown
- Canterbury Presbyterian

### **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.**



### **Upcoming Events for December:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> 12.30-2.00pm Deanery Lunch hosted by St Paul's Women's Group, MSG
- 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of School
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

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

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December: Second Sunday of Advent</b>
8.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
9.00am-5.00pm	Ceberano Karate, Hall
6.30pm	Canterbury Council of Churches: Carols in the Park
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>SUSANNE' SABBATH, Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)</i>
3.30-9.00pm	Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d.1691)</i>
8.45am	Ecumenical Morning Prayer
4.00-5.00pm	Ballet, Hall
7.30pm-9.30pm	Parish Council (beginning with Eucharist)
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
10.00am	Eucharist followed by morning tea
2.00-4.00pm	Fish order pick up
4.30-6.30pm	Ballet, Hall
5.00-5.30pm	Meditation, Parish Centre
6.30-7.30	Yoga, Parish Centre
7.00-9.00pm	Tae Kwon Do, Hall
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.00am-12.30pm	Gillian in office
11.30am	Kinder Christmas Service
3.30-9.30pm	Ceberano Martial Arts, Hall
7.30-9.30pm	Choir practice, Church
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SUSANNE ON DAY RETREAT</b>
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	National Youth Choir; Church, Hall & Parish Centre
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.00-10.30am	Karate, Hall
10.00am-12.00pm	Choir Practice, Church
11.00am-7.30pm	Ballet, Hall
2.00-4.00pm	Choir Practice, Church
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December: Third Sunday of Advent</b>
8.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist with the Children's Pageant and commissioning of John DeAraugo as Kid's Hope mentor, followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre
8.00pm	Advent Carol Service at St Paul's

## READINGS

### Malachi 3.1-14

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me - the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?'

**Psalm 125** (APBA p361)

### Philippians 1.1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and

confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### **Luke 3.1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

**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 **today**.



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

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

Zephaniah 3.14-20   A Song of Isaiah   Philippians 4.4-7   Luke 3.7-18

## 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.

### 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, Toula Poulakis. Contact Toula 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

### 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.

### ST PAUL'S DIRECT DEBIT:

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

## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHARITY:**

This year, we will be collecting gifts for men's and women's refuges, to be distributed by Anglicare. The gifts will be collected by the children during the Christmas Pageant at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 13th December. Please bring along unwrapped items such as toiletries and small items of new clothing for men and women, as well as unwrapped new books and toys for children of all ages. Thank you, in advance, for sharing the Christmas spirit with those in need.

## **TMA:**

The December issue of TMA (The Melbourne Anglican) is now available in the foyer/narthex. This issue includes:

- A front cover Christmas feature 'Light of the World';
- A report of the recent ordination of 26 priests, including, it is thought, the first Indonesian to be made an Anglican priest in Australia;
- Archbishops Freier and Welby respond to the Paris attacks; Melbourne priest and former Archdeacon of France, the Revd Ken Letts, reflects on why Paris was the target of the attacks; and community worker for TEAR Australia, Dave Andrews, warns of the dangers of 'closed set religion';
- As world leaders meet in Paris to discuss climate change, climate scientist Dr Mick Pope explains why global warming is a fact and why Christians should act; and Orthodox priest Dr John Chryssavgis calls for repentance and fasting for the way we have abused the earth;
- 'The wounded God is with us in our suffering' – reports on Dr John Dickson's keynote address to the recent Peter Corney Training Centre Conference on 'Suffering and the God question'; and a workshop by the Centre's Director, the Revd Tracy Lauersen;
- A profile of Dorothy Day, an 'Earthy woman with a divine passion for justice' who was recently named by Pope Francis in his speech to the US Congress as one of four "great Americans";
- One of Australia's leading Ear, Nose and Throat surgeons, who holds the William Gibson Chair of Otolaryngology at the University of Melbourne, Professor Stephen O'Leary, describes in a personal testimony his Christian journey and calling as a scientist, clinician and researcher, and how music has also nurtured his Anglican faith.



## **GREEK LUNCH**

A fun time was had by all who attended and a total of \$663 was raised. The first prize in the raffle which was dinner for two at Café Platia was won by Gillian Lamb and second prize of three bottles of wine went to Leigh Etheridge.

## **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:

6<sup>th</sup> December: **Second Sunday of Advent**

**8am**

**Sidesperson** Steven Wong  
**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** Caroline Cox  
& Jo Capper

**Reader** Jill Bales  
**Intercessor** Gordon Low  
**Welcomer** ALL  
**Liturgical Asst** Tom Lambert  
**Server**  
**Refreshments** Lee Rough &  
Jill Bales

### Collection Counters

Tom Lambert &  
Hamish White

### Next Week's Ministry Team:

13<sup>th</sup> December: **Third Sunday of Advent and Children's Pageant**

**8am**

**Sidesperson** Di Gurney  
**Reader** Anne Ogier  
**Liturgical Asst** Steven Wong  
**Flowers**  
**Brass**

**10am**

**Sidespersons** Tom & Gill Lambert  
**Children's Talk** Susanne Chambers  
**Sunday School** All teachers

**J2A** Winifred Nahed  
& Caroline Cox

**Reader** J2A  
**Intercessor** J2A  
**Welcomer** ALL  
**Liturgical Asst** June McKay  
**Server**  
**Refreshments** Andrew & Sue Flint

### Collection Counters

Chris Hudnott &  
Iona Christianson

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