

## Regular Weekly Services and Activities

### Sunday Services

#### St Peter's

7:45am - Holy Communion

10:00am - Sung Communion

**Sunday Kids:** 10:00am (Term time only)

**1st Sundays of the month:**

10:00am - JAM Family Worship

#### St Martin's

8:45am - Sung Communion

### Weekly Services:

#### St Peter's

**Thursdays:**

10:00am - Holy Communion

*Baptism, Confirmation, Weddings and other pastoral services are available by arrangement with the priest.*

### Regular Groups

Sunday Kids

Play Group (Wednesdays)

Youth Group

OASIS (young women's group)

GALs (Glenelg Anglican Ladies)

Mother's Union

Glenelg Men's Group

Speakers' Corner

JAM Band & Singers

People's Choir

Lenten Bible Studies

Volunteers Groups & Rosters



## CONTACT US

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### Parish Priest

The Reverend Andrew Mintern  
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The Reverend Julia Denny-Dimitriou

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### Parish Office

#### & St Peter's Community Centre

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Office Hours:

9am - 12noon Tuesdays

9am - 3pm Wednesday - Friday

### School Affiliation

**St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School**

39 Partridge Street, Glenelg 5045



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**The Anglican Parish of Glenelg**  
A vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community  
growing in faith and love

# CHRISTMAS 2018



*Wake and joy...*

*O Heaven and Earth,*

*All amazing...*

*still stand gazing*

*Angels, Powers and all*

*that be*

*Wake and joy*

*This Son to see.*

*W. Austin 16 c.*

## Parish Priest's Christmas Message

Dear Friends,

As we come to celebrate Christmas once again, our hearts and minds are drawn back to Bethlehem and the miracle of Christ's birth. Every year I hear people shaking their heads at how "over the top" Christmas is getting and yet we cannot escape the reality that Christ's birth was anything but "over the top"! It was vulnerable, impoverished, simple, humble and risky. All around the world from the grandest cathedral to the plainest open-walled dirt-floored village church, Christians will celebrate that it is in such a humble, far from "over the top" way, that God comes into the world in Christ. Here in the manger in a stable, the saviour of humankind is born. Every year we should try and let that truth sink in a little deeper.

In the midst of all the gifts that we share at Christmas, there is one gift we should value above all else, that Jesus is 'Emmanuel – God with us'. As we cast our hearts and minds back to his birth we know that history turns on his birth, our calendar turns on his birth, and our faith turns on his birth.

A big part of the Church's role in a society (which has largely forgotten that Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ) is for us to live the reality that God is with us in Jesus. That God is incarnated into our human experience and, as a result, all human life is transformed through that truth. Praise God!

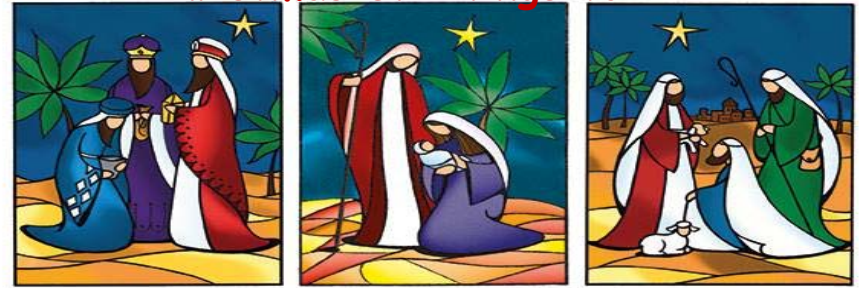
I want to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our parish staff and volunteers for a wonderful year in the Parish of Glenelg - to Julia, Michele and Wendy for your work over and above expectation; to our Wardens, Treasurer and parish council, thank you for your strategic leadership and to all the volunteers and parishioners who help in many and varied ways – all of your efforts help make our church a place where people can receive the good news that in Jesus, God's love is shown for everyone.

May Christ our infant Saviour, this Christmas, give you and your families, the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshipping magi and the humility and love of the Holy Family. .... **Fr Andrew**



The flowers at St Peter's this Christmas have been donated by Gill May in memory of her husband Allan and her sister, Peg Craker.

## Christmas Greetings to All



### **WELCOME to everybody attending Christmas worship in our Churches.**

A very special welcome to those who are visiting our parish. We hope this Christmas will be a time of peace and joy for everyone. If you are looking for a parish to join on a regular basis, we would love to welcome you at any time.

You will find our regular worship times on the back of this pew sheet.

**THANK YOU** once again, to all those who have worked hard to make our Churches so beautiful for Christmas, especially our sacristans, flower arrangers and cleaners.

**THANKS ALSO** to the Sunday Kids, JAM Musicians, all the children and adult helpers for the wonderful Nativity presentation at the Christmas Eve Families Nativity Service.

### **CHRISTMAS GIVING**

To the Parish - The church exists solely through the donations of Parishioners and visitors. If you would like to support our parish ministry please donate through the collection plate or direct debit to Anglican Parish of Glenelg, BSB 015-250 Account Number 6688 60019 please identify your transfer as a donation and add your name if you wish.

To Christmas Bowl Appeal - Our parish supports the Ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal which has been going through the National Council of Churches for nearly 70 years. This appeal supports vital aid programs around the world and you can give through envelopes available in the pews or online at <http://www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl>

### **CHRISTMAS WEEK CLOSURES - PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will be closed in the week between Christmas and New Year, reopening on Wednesday 2nd January. Whilst Fr Andrew takes leave in January, in case of emergency, please contact Rev'd Michele or Wendy on the numbers listed.

**NO THURSDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK** The next week-day service will be held at St Peter's on **Thursday 3rd January 2019** at 10.00am.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE** - Food assistance will be available from **Wednesday 2nd January between 9am and 12noon**. To enable as many people as possible to be helped, food parcels are restricted to one per person, per fortnight.