

#### A Christmas Prayer by St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

You can see a beautiful stained glass window of St Bernard in St Peter's church (north side)

Let your goodness Lord appear to us, that we made in Your image, conform ourselves to it.

In our own strength we cannot imitate Your majesty, power, and wonder nor is it fitting for us to try.

But Your mercy reaches from the heavens through the clouds to the earth below.

You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love.

Caress us with Your tiny hands, embrace us with Your tiny arms and pierce our hearts with Your soft, sweet cries.



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Norah Jones, Wendy McIntosh, Mae Johnson, Nicole Cain, Helen Williams, Lorna Weatherill, Karryn Fletcher, Anna, Tim, Jeremy and Di Johnson, Pat Donnelly, Bill Pegram and Barbara Stacey.

#### THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF GLENELG

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## Welcome to The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

A vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community growing in faith and love

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23RD DECEMBER 2018

THEME: WELCOMING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

#### **Advent Wreath Liturgy**

Today as we light the fourth candle, the candle of **LOVE** we sing...

Prepare the way, prepare the way, A flame is burning bright. For Jesus Christ is coming The Way, the Truth, the Life



As we light the candle of love we remember the stories of God's faithfulness and God's steadfast love which surrounds us and will not be contained.

We trust that you, Lord, are with us always.

As your love that burst forth in Jesus, is born again and again in the hearts of your people.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve

6:30pm Families Nativity Service (St Peter's) 10:30pm Midnight Mass with Carols (St Peter's)

## Tuesday 25th December—Christmas Day

8:45am Holy Communion with Carols (St Martin's) 9:00am Holy Communion with Carols (St Peter's)



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## Welcome to Worship

Please join us for morning tea after all services today

## **Today's Services**

The order of service can be followed on the screen at the front of the church or on Page 119 of the Prayer Book.

#### St Peter's

7.45am Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: **Brett**Preacher: **Andrew** 

10.00 am Sung Eucharist & Baptism:

Celebrant& Preacher - Andrew

#### St Martin's

8.45 am Holy Eucharist

Celebrant& Preacher - Andrew

### This week:

#### POST CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the parish office will be closed from Wednesday 26th Dec and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January. There will be no Thursday service on 27th December. Services as normal on Sunday 30th December.

#### Sat 29th December - 3.00pm

Wedding of Josephine Otto and Andrew Button at St Peter's.

#### **Archbishop Geoff's Prayer for the Diocese**

Living God, we thank you for your vision for the whole creation and that you call us to share in your mission.

We pray that you grow your church:
Bring more people to faith in Jesus;
Deepen our trust in you and knowledge of you;
Help us to serve and bless our community;
And strengthen us to be generous with the money and resources you give us.

May we grow as disciples of Jesus and make disciples of others for the blessing of the world you love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

### **Future Diary Dates - 2019**

Tues 1st January
New Year's Day - Parish Office Closed

Thurs 3rd January

10.00am - Eucharist followed by Morning Tea

#### Fri 8th February evening

Glenelg Ecumenical Progressive Dinner (more details in the new year)

### Next Sunday, 30th December Theme: Growing in Divine and Human Favour

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148:1-6 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52



Can we help? Contact Prayer People through: Vi: 8295 5726 / vekeam@bigpond.com Ros: 8298 5308 / neville.cordes@bigpond.com Sandy: 8298 5175 / sandyandy@esc.net.au

Transport to and from St Peter's or St Martin's is available by private vehicles. If you can assist with transportation by bringing someone to church please contact the Parish Office.



#### **TODAY'S BAPTISM**

Please pray for Heath Peter Hudson to be baptised today at 10am and for his parents Peter and Lauren Rose and Godparents, Hannah and Rodney.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Please note the times of our Christmas services to be held tomorrow, Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day. They are listed on the front page. We hope you are able to come along to one or more of the services to share this joyous time of celebration with us.

Please take a postcard with our service times on it to give to a friend or member of your family.

## FAMILIES NATIVITY SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The Sunday Kids members will be gathering at St Peter's at 5.00pm tomorrow evening, for a dress rehearsal for the Nativity presentation. A meal will be provided at 5.45pm for a small cost of \$5 (instead of bringing food) and the service will start at 6.30pm.

Additional 'angels and shepherds' are welcome to join in during the service - just come along dressed accordingly! The JAM Band will be rehearsing from 4.00pm.

#### **CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL**

Please consider supporting this long standing ecumenical Christmas Appeal. Envelopes are still available in the pews.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES ROSTERS**

Welcomers are needed for the 6.30pm & 10.30pm Christmas Eve services, and 9.00am service on Christmas Day at St Peters. We also need up to four people to carry banners at the 10.30pm service. If you can assist please add your name to the list in the church.

#### **UPCOMING WEDDING**

Please pray for Josephine Otto and Andrew Button as they prepare to exchange their wedding vows on Saturday 29th December here at St Peter's Church. We congratulate them and wish them every good blessing in their life together.

