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Our Christmas Bowl collection continues through to the New Year, so please take an envelope and make a contribution to this worthy organisation. The envelopes may be returned via the collection plate over the next couple of Sundays.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22ND DECEMBER 2019 EMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

Reflection

In today's Gospel reading St Matthew (1:23) draws on the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14, "the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" [NRSV] Jesus is not referred to by this title again in the New Testament, but it remains a powerful description nevertheless. The name Emmanuel, translates as "God is with us" and this accurately describes what we mean when we call Jesus the Son of God.

Gerald May, in his book **The Dark Night of the Soul**, says "The dark night of the soul reveals an even deeper divine activity: a continually gracious, loving, and fundamentally protective guidance through all human experience—the good as well as the bad." By naming Jesus as both Emmanuel and Son of God, we proclaim in faith that God is part of all human experience, the good and the bad. Always there, and fully knowing whatever we are going through.

Another interesting aspect of this morning's gospel is that in Matthew's gospel the annunciation happens to Joseph, not Mary. Joseph, like Mary, faithfully does as the angel tells him and works in partnership with God to enable Jesus to grow into his calling to be Emmanuel, fully part of all human experience, bringing God's presence and God's salvation into our lives. That is truly good news.



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Welcome to Worship

Please join us for morning tea after all services today

Today's Services

Follow the service on Page 119 of the Prayer Book or on the power-point screen at the 10am service.

St Peter's

7:45am *Holy Eucharist*

Celebrant & Preacher: Andrew

10:00am *Sung Eucharist*

Celebrant & Preacher: Andrew

St Martin's

8.45 am *Holy Eucharist*

Celebrant: Michele

Preacher: Andrew

A prayer for Christmas

Blessed art thou O Christmas Christ,
that thy cradle was so low
that shepherds,
poorest and simplest of earthly folk,
could yet kneel beside it
and look level-eyed
into the face of God. Amen.

Next Week: 29th December

First Sunday After Christmas

Theme: Praise and Freedom

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148:1-6

Hebrews 2:10-13

Matt 2:13-15 (16-18) 19-23



This week:

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

6:30pm Families Nativity Service

10:30pm Midnight Mass at St Peter's



Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

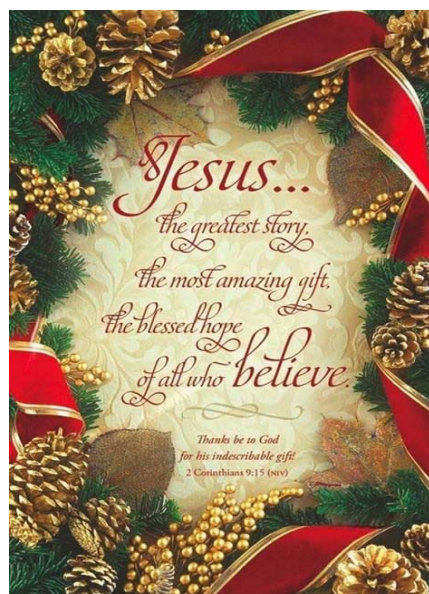
9:00am - Christmas Sung Eucharist

(St Peter's)

8:45am — Christmas service

(St Martin's)

NB: No Thursday Service on 26th December



NOTES AND NEWS

WELCOME to everybody attending worship today. Please join us for morning tea.

BAPTISM

Welcome to the family and friends of Xavier David Petar Stojani who comes to be baptised at 10am today. We especially rejoice that his grandfather Bishop David McCall can officiate at his baptism.

FAMILIES NATIVITY SERVICE

We will continue today with rehearsals for the Nativity presentation on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR WENDY

Please stay to morning tea this morning to farewell Wendy from her role as Parish Administration Officer!

PLEASE PROMOTE OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas continues to be a time when people who do not often come to church return for worship to hear the good news of Christmas and sing carols. Please invite anyone you think might be interested. There are flyers available advertising our services.

OFFICE ASSISTANCE IN JANUARY

We will be putting together a roster of volunteers to staff the office with Rev Michele and Rev Margaret during January whilst Andrew is away and prior to a new Administration officer commencing. If you would like to help in any way, please speak to Andrew.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

Thank you once again to all those who have responded to the PGP request. Please continue to give this your prayerful consideration as we all combine to help the ministry of our parish to flourish.

GLENELG MARKET

When Parish Council decided to trial the idea of a market we set four monthly dates (Sept-Dec) to see how it went. The markets have been a great success and we have made some really great connections with the local community. We also realise that its been a big commitment and some people have expressed the desire for a rest.

Parish Council has decided that we will not hold a January or February market and are considering this being an Autumn and Spring event in 2020. Running a series in each season, when the weather is kinder. We welcome any feedback.

Thank you to all who have helped with this venture connecting to the local community. We celebrate the success achieved thus far.

SETTING UP FOR SERVICES—CAN YOU HELP?

We are also in need of committed people who could help with the preparations for our Sunday services at St Peter's. These duties include cleaning and setting up the communion vessels with the bread and the wine, attending to candles and putting out other things necessary for the Sunday Services. The work is not onerous and could be performed on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday. If you would like to know more please speak to Fr Andrew.

Other opportunities to assist at St Peter's include:

- Writing &/or reading Sunday prayers
- Reading the Bible readings at 7:45 & 10.00am
- Welcoming at the door on Sundays and at special services
- Laundering the altar linen
- Flower arranging
- Cleaning the Votive Candle Stand
- General gardening & outdoor maintenance
- Playgroup kitchen/activity helpers
- Sunday Kids helpers
- Office volunteering

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.