



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2020

WORSHIP THEME: REMIND, REVEAL, REINFORCE

Parish Priest's Message

Today, the Sixth of December, is St Nicholas' Day. St Nicholas is one of the most popular saints in the world especially in Europe. Here in Australia his story is almost totally subsumed by the Santa Claus myth but the origins lie in the real earthly life of this fourth century bishop of Myra. Nicholas was reputed for his kindness to children and orphans and his care for the impoverished people of his diocese. One wonders what he would think of how his life has been associated with the commercial celebrations of Christmas. Although I suspect he would approve of the many charitable efforts that are made this time of year to help those in need like our Anglicare appeal.



As our Advent journey continues today we hear of John the Baptist appearing in the wilderness. He **reminds** people of the heart of their faith and their need for a baptism of repentance. He **reveals** God's plan to send one who will baptise them with the Holy Spirit. In this he **reinforces** their faith and their understanding of God's plan of revelation and salvation for them. *Fr Andrew*



Christmas Service Times at St Peter's, Glenelg

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December

- 10am – simple Christmas service with Carols
- 5:00pm – Nativity Service 1
- 6:30pm – Nativity Service 2
- 10:30pm – Midnight Mass with Carols

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December

- 9:00am – Christmas Communion with carols

Sunday 27th December (one service)

- 9:00am – Sunday After Christmas with carols.



Christmas at St Martin's Glenelg South

Christmas Day Fri 25th Dec

- 8:45am Christmas Service
with Carols

Sunday after Christmas 27th Dec

- 8:45am – Holy Communion
and Carols

Worship Resources for Advent 2

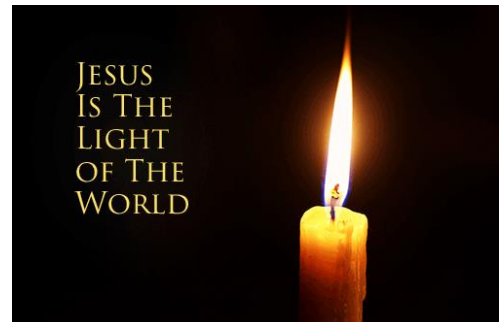
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near,
repent and believe in the good news. **Mark 1.15**

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**



The first and second Candles are lit

(hymn TIS 289)

**Christmas is coming the church is glad to sing
And let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring**
*The second for the prophets, who said that Christ would come
With good news for many and angry words for some*
**Christmas is coming the church is glad to sing
And let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the day

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their call to repentance, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense

before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

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- 1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.
- 8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.



Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15

A reading from the second letter of Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with

his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
And all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

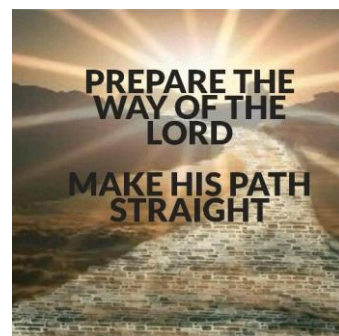
Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" 'John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'



The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sundays' Readings

Third Sunday of Advent: Refocus, Restore, Rejoice

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b–55 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 John 1:6–8, 19–28

This Week

Sun 6th Dec	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am JAM Eucharist & Baptism at St Peter's
Tue 8th Dec	4:00pm Finance Committee (via ZOOM)
Wed 9th Dec	2:00pm M.U. Afternoon Tea at St Martin's
Thu 10th Dec	10:00am Eucharist in the chapel
Sun 13th Dec	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's 12noon Baptism

We forgot birthday Sunday last week. We will wish the November people Happy Birthday after JAM service.



PARISH NOTICES

QR CODES – WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

We now have a QR codes for checking in to both our churches. You will find these at the entrances and if you have a smartphone and have downloaded the “mySA GOV” App you can easily check in by opening the App and doing the COVID-Safe check in. **Please note – according to our COVID safe plan, use of these is mandatory.** I did find that the first time I tried was very confusing and time consuming but once you have done it somewhere, all the following times are very quick and easy. If you are unsure what this means or do not have a smartphone you may check in the usual way by having your name ticked off the list. Thank you.

SUNDAY KIDS NATIVITY REHEARSALS

Continue next Sunday 13th December – Please speak to Lorna if you want to be involved but haven't made contact yet.

MOTHERS UNION

Our Mothers Union Group will have an Advent Afternoon tea at St Martin's on **Wednesday 9th December at 2pm.**

GLENELG MEN'S GROUP – PIZZA NIGHT

Our parish men's group will get together **7:30pm Wednesday 16th December for a pizza night in the parish community centre.** Trent Harron will give a fun presentation on the role of early Christian Churches and monasteries in brewing beer. What could go better with pizza than that? Cost \$10 contribution for the pizza. Please RSVP to Henry Schafing or Fr Andrew by Sunday 13th December.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY WITH MICHELE CONTINUES

Please speak to Michele if you would like a copy of the Advent study “Walking Backwards to Christmas” by Stephen Cottrell. Final Session this coming Thursday by ZOOM.

ANGLICARE COLLECTION UNTIL SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Over the next few Sundays we will be collecting items under the church Christmas Trees (St Peter's and St Martin's) for Anglicare Christmas Hampers.

Non-perishable foods such as canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned ham, long life milk, pasta and cereals are all appropriate as well as specific Christmas foods like Christmas Cakes, puddings, mince pies, long life custard, lollies, biscuits, chips, shortbread.

Christmas gift ideas include: Footballs, basketballs or soccer balls; Tennis and cricket sets; Lego for both boys and girls; Cars, planes, trains; Construction sets; Board games, jigsaws; Dolls, prams, cradles, teas sets; Arts and craft sets; Batteries for children's toys (AAA, AA, C, D size, 9 Volt); Books, Educational toys; Back to school kits; pencils, pencil cases, back packs; Musical instruments; Remote control toys; Make up kits, nail polish kits. Gifts for adults are also well received.



NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND

Did you realise that this past week the Australian Army Band had its 70th Birthday. To celebrate this milestone of service to the South Australian community, we have recorded the Billie Holiday jazz classic, *God Bless the Child* and released it on the Australian Army Band Facebook page for your enjoyment. This performance has been filmed and mixed in 360 degrees and is best enjoyed in the Facebook app on iOS or android devices, or in the Google Chrome browser on your desktop. Please feel free to share this with your families, friends and on your organisation's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianArmyBand/videos/386220119297085>

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can given to the parish office and private prayers can also be offered by contacting the Parish Prayer People.



Can we help? Contact Prayer People through:
Vi: 8295 5726 / vekeam@bigpond.com
Ros: 8376 9739 / neville.cordes@bigpond.com
St Martin's; see Sandy Anderson



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Nicole Cain, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Daniel Roach, Nicky Heal, Tim Went, Beryl Nash, Tony Tamblyn, Sarah, Yvonne Thomas, Geoff Thomas, Samuel, Peter Fenech, Trevor Marker and Hewina Jackson RIP Helen Williams

OUR PARISH'S COVID SAFE PLAN

In compliance with our COVID Safe plan we continue to request: -

attendance records for all services;

maximum attendance at St Peter's 136 plus officiants (+15 for the chapel)

maximum attendance at St Martin's 20 plus officiants

physical distancing of at least 1.5metres;

no hand-shaking for greeting of peace;

not passing the collection plate

(but please use it when you come forward for communion);

having communion with bread only;

No self-service food and drinks or shared utensils

(your morning tea will be joyfully made for you).

Copies of our current COVID safe plan are displayed in the foyer of both our churches.

Let's continue to be a
COVIDSAFE
church

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DONATING TO OUR PARISH

Regular Planned Giving can be directed to Parish of Glenelg (AFSA) BSB 705-077 Account Number 00041211 (please use your surname and initial SMITHJ PGP).

One off/occasional donations, that are separate to regular PGP, can be made to Anglican Parish of Glenelg BSB 705-077 Account No.00000033

Heritage Conservation Fund (tax deductible): Ensure the donation is designated for *St Peters Anglican Church Glenelg Appeal*. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa>

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