



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020
WORSHIP THEME: REFOCUS, RESTORE, REJOICE

Parish Priest's Message

The time of preparation continues and the expectation is growing. Our community breathes a collective sigh of relief with every new day that has no new COVID transmissions. There seems to be a tangible hope that following Christmas we will enter a new year and 2021 will see new opportunities for healthier and happier times. We all hope and pray that will be the case.

This third Sunday of Advent also speaks of a future hope and expectation. The Song of Mary promises justice and equality for all. John the Baptist promises the hope of a saviour who will baptise with the Holy Spirit. We live in the “now and the not yet” of this promise of God. We are called to be a people of hope, living with Advent expectation. As we continue our Advent journey of preparation we hear again John the Baptist's invitation to repent – to turn again to God with expectation, hope and sincerity of faith in our hearts.

Rev. 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 3

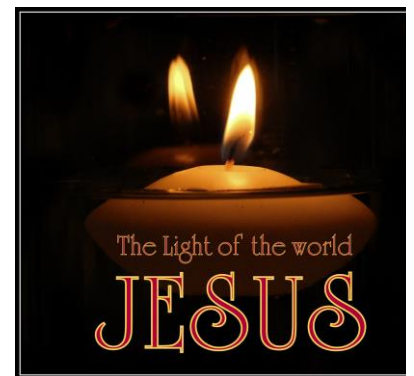
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. **Matt 11.11**

God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.**



The first three Advent 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 third is for the Baptist, who cried 'prepare the way.
Be ready for Jesus, both this and every day.'*
**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 prepare for the coming
of your Son: forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.
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

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it

to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

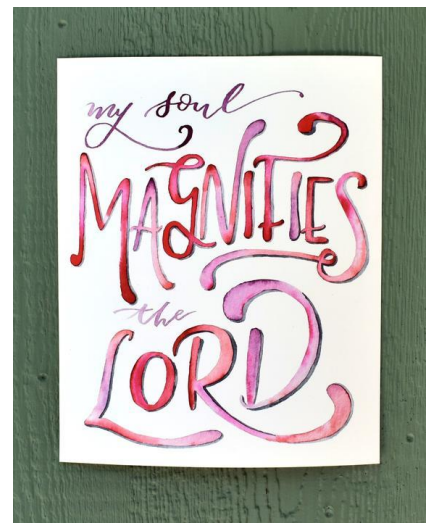
Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Song of Mary

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

My brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

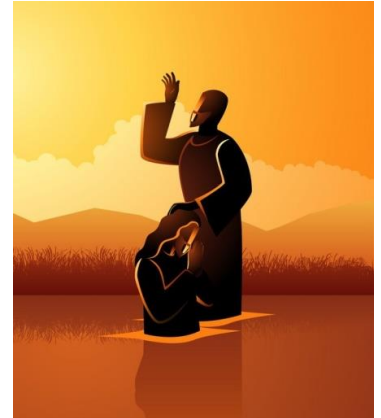
Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.



Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sundays' Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Reflect, Resist and Re-imagine

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16 Luke 1:46b–55 or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26 Romans 16:25–27 Luke 1:26–38

This Week

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
Mon 14th Dec	OASIS final gathering for the year
Tue 15th Dec	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (in the Community Centre)
Wed 16th Dec	3:00pm Wellbeing Class Afternoon Tea 7:30pm Men's Group pizza night.
Thu 17th Dec	10:00am Eucharist in the chapel
Sun 20th Dec	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Sung Eucharist with the Have a Go Musicians



PARISH NOTICES

QR CODES – WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

QR codes are available in the foyers of both churches to make checking in easier. If you don't have a phone that can read a QR code then please just check in as per normal on the sheet of paper.

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.

SUNDAY KIDS NATIVITY REHEARSALS

Sorry about the rehearsal mix up last week. Rehearsals DEFINITELY continue this Sunday 13th December.

ANGLICARE COLLECTION FINISHES THIS SUNDAY, 13TH DECEMBER

13th December is the final day for items under our parish Christmas trees (St Peter's and St Martin's) for Anglicare Christmas Hampers. Non perishable foods, Christmas foods and unwrapped gifts are appreciated.



NATIVITY SERVICES, THURSDAY, 24TH DECEMBER AT 5PM AND 6.30PM

Please book online for the nativity services. We are providing two shortened services this year and we need to do this because usually the numbers are so great that we would not be able to allow the appropriate physical distancing.

Follow this link to **book tickets for the 5pm** session -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-nativity-service-2-performances-only-tickets-131664846099>

Follow this link to **book tickets for the 6.30pm**

session <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-nativity-service-2-performances-only-tickets-131664862147>

The limit on attendance is expected to change and you will be informed.

If you don't have access to booking on line, ring the office on 8295 2382 to book in.

NO BOOKING REQUIRED FOR OTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Some people are ringing the office to book places for Christmas services other than the nativity service. This is not necessary. Current capacity allowances will be fine for other services. We only need to book for the Nativity service.

OASIS – LAST GATHERING FOR THE YEAR

Our group for the younger women of the parish is meeting Monday 14th Dec. for an end of year gathering. Speak to Jo Mintern if you are interested.

PIGEON PATROL – SATURDAY HELPERS NEEDED

Could you spend an hour or so once every three months on a Saturday morning to sweep up outside the church. We have a good collection of helpers but it would be great to have a few more so we can keep to once every three months. If you can help speak to Leanore Holme or Rev Andrew

ROSTERS

The rosters are being constructed. If you would like to help for any of the Christmas services, or through January, let clergy, Jan Doyle or Hewina know.

CLERGY LEAVE

Michele is having a well-deserved week-off and will be back for services on the 20th December.

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, Tony Tamblyn, Sarah, Yvonne Thomas, Geoff Thomas, Samuel, Peter Fenech, Trevor Marker and James

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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