



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News and Pew Sheet

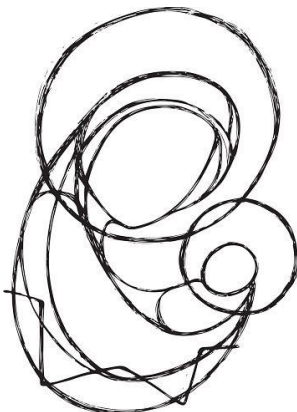
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020

WORSHIP THEME: REFLECT, RESIST, RE-IMAGINE

Parish Priest's Message

Today we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath – the candle for love. We read of Mary's encounter with the Archangel Gabriel and her resounding 'yes' to God.

The famous carol, "The Angel Gabriel" puts it like this:



*3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

Today we do well to emulate Mary's faith and say 'yes' to God. Saying yes to the life-giving power of the Gospel. Saying yes to the Christian life of faith. Saying yes to celebrating all that is good from God. Resisting all that would make us less than who we are called to be and saying yes to reflecting the image of Christ to the world and re-imagining creative ways to be the church in this time and place. *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 4

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.



A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. **Matthew 1.23**

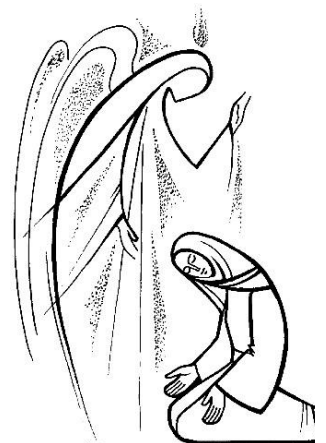
God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.**

The Four 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 fourth is for the Virgin, who mothered God's own son
And sang how God's justice was meant for everyone.
Christmas is coming the church is glad to sing
And let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring**

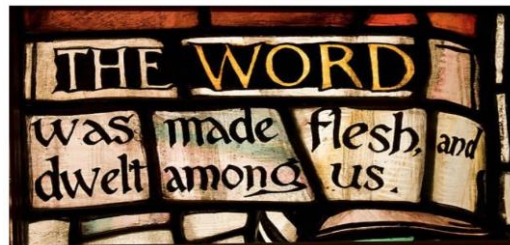


Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

Heavenly Father, you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:
be planted also in our hearts and lives.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary,
that she might become the God-bearer:
fill us with your heavenly gifts.
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

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their

own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 89.1-4, 19-27

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- 1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
- 2 I have said of your loving-kindness that it is built for ever:
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.
- 3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever:
and build up your throne for all generations.'
- 19 You spoke once in a vision:
and said to your faithful one,
- 20 'I have set a youth above a warrior:
I have exalted a young man out of the people.
- 21 'I have found my servant David:
and anointed him with my holy oil.
- 22 'My hand shall uphold him:
and my arm shall strengthen him.
- 23 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:
and through my name his head shall be lifted high.

**I will declare that your
love stands firm forever,
that you have established
your faithfulness
in heaven itself.
Psalm 89:2**

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Next Sundays' Readings (27th Dec.)

First Sunday After Christmas: Reaffirm, Redeem, Rename

Isaiah 61:10—62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4—7 Luke 2:22—40

This Week

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, St Peter's
Mon 21st	2:30pm Bob Scott's Funeral
Thu 24th	At St. Peter's: 10am Simple Eucharist with Carols 5:00pm Nativity service 1 6:30pm Nativity Service 2 10:30pm Midnight Mass
Fri 25th	8:45am Christmas Service with Carols at St Martin's 9:00am Christmas Day Eucharist at St Peter's
Sunday 27th	8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 9:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's (<i>one service only</i>)



Office closed until Tuesday 12th January except for parishioner access as below.

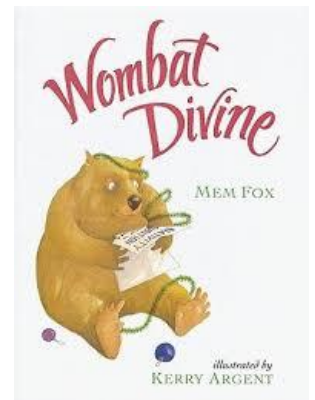
PARISH NOTICES

SUNDAY KIDS NATIVITY REHEARSALS AND NATIVITY SERVICE

Rehearsals continue this morning at the 10am service.

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December:

- Final run-through arrive at 3:45pm for 4pm practice
- Nativity Service 1 - 5:00pm
- Pizza Tea – 5:45pm
- Nativity Service 2 - 6:30pm



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>

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

Please note you do not need to book for other Christmas services (only the two Nativity services). Current capacity allowances will be fine for the others.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S OPENING TIMES

Please note the Parish office will not be open to the public during its regular hours between Friday 25th Dec to Monday 11th January.

Parishioners who need access can do so by arrangement on

Thursday 31st December 9:30am-12:30pm or

Friday 8th January 9:30am-12:30pm when there will be Clergy present.

THURSDAY SERVICES – CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S RECESS

The final Thursday service for the year will be this week on 24th December. Following that there will be NO Thursday 10am service on Thursday 31st December or Thursday 7th January.

Our midweek Thursday service will **resume on 14th January**.

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER – CHANGED SERVICE TIME

Please note that on Sunday 27th December there will only be one service at St Peter's at 9:00am.

QR CODE CHECKING-IN – FOR COVID TRACING

As required, QR codes are now available in the foyers of both churches for checking in. You can simply scan this on your phone to check in, but if you don't know how to do that, just check in on the paper sheet provided.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sadly this year we have not been able to have any event to thank volunteers but this does not mean that your efforts are not appreciated. It has been a very challenging year and it has only been through the efforts of all our volunteers that we have come through it as well as we have.

Thank you for all your help.

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.

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, James, Jenny and Anne Johnson

OUR PARISH'S COVID SAFE PLAN – UPDATED 14TH DECEMBER

In compliance with our COVID Safe plan we continue to request: -
attendance records for all services with mandatory provision of QR codes.
maximum attendance at St Peter's 273 plus officiants (84 in the Community Centre)
maximum attendance at St Martin's 40 plus officiants; (60 in the hall)
physical distancing of at least 1.5metres applies where possible;
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).

Let's continue to be a



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

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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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