

The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

Weekly News & Pew Sheet



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021

WORSHIP THEME: MESSENGERS OF CHANGE

Welcome to worship today! If you are visiting or new to our church please see the welcome section on the back of this news sheet

Advent Lighting Liturgy

Today as we light the second candle on our Advent wreath. The candle of peace. As we do so we pray for peace in our world, peace where there is violence and prejudice, peace of mind where there is anxiety and panic, the deep peace of Christ, which passes understanding, being made known through spread of the good news. So we sing.....

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

Lord, as we light the candle of peace,

We remember stories of times

You have been our comfort

We cry out O God for justice,

For certainty, for peace

We trust that you are leading us for

We trust that you areleading us forward, As we wait for peace to be born anew in us.

(We sing together)

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



Come to the world!
Yes, God the Creator, come!
Things are not as you created them in the beginning. Come, God, for it is your help we need in the world.

Peace of mind, yes, that's what everyone wants. Our need, please God, is true peace in the world. Peace of mind, Yes, that's what everyone prays for.

What is our state in the world?
Come and see how our people are
destroying the world,
without seeking what is in your heart,
without seeking what is in your mind.

Yes, if we seek peace, God will grant us peace. It is peace that encourages our heart; and making peace that is the guarantee of hope.

Iloli Harcourt Whyte, Nigeria

Today's Worship Resources

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78–79

Prayer of the Day

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:

You have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called

the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 humanity shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

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Next Sunday's Readings – Sunday 12th December Third Sunday of Advent – Theme: What should we do?

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7 –18

PRAYER REQUESTS — PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Prayer requests for Sunday intercessions can be given to the clergy or parish office. Confidential prayers can also be offered by the clergy and a small prayer group.



Kingsley Oakley, Kel Pittman, Rosalie & Phil Brown, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Yvonne Thomas, Samuel, Jean, Peta, James, Dawn, Angela Sandstoe, Pat Carter, Di Besson, Paris D'Souza, Amelia Stevens, Joanna Muspratt, Jennifer Elbe and Gail Chan.

Parish Calendar

Sunday 5th Dec 7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's Advent 2 8:45am Holy Communion, St Martin's

10:00am JAM, St. Peter's

5:00pm Parish Carol singing (including Ukulele Carols)

Wed 8th 2:15pm Wellbing Class

7:30pm Advent Bible Study #3 at Michele's

Thu 9th 10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's

Sunday 12th 7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's
Advent 3 8:45am Holy Communion, St Martin's
10:00am Sung Eucharist, St. Peter's

12noon - Baptism at St Peter's

3:00pm – Seekers Tribute Concert at St Peter's by "Goin' Back" 7:30pm - Seekers Tribute Concert at St Peter's by "Goin' Back"

Tues 14th 5:00pm Finance Meeting (via ZOOM)
Wed 15th 2:15pm Wellbing Class & afternoon tea

7:30pm Final Advent Bible Study #4 at Michele's

Thu 16th 10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's

Sunday 19th 7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion, St Martin's 10:00am Have a Go Sunday, St. Peter's

PARISH NOTICES

THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!

Huge thanks to Blake McInnes, Jenny Thomas and all the Chrristmas Tree Festival committee and volunteers who helped with the Christmas Tree Festival. It was a monumental effort and despite limited volunteers we managed to carry it off. Many great connections were made with members of the broader community, and many saying it was the first time they had been in the church and how amazing it was to visit. Well done everyone.

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING TONIGHT!

We conclude our festival weekend with community carol singing tonight at 5pm. This will be incorporate our final Ukulele Church session for the year and people can feel free to bring a ukulele or borrow one on the night for some of the simple carols. Should be a fun and relaxed service, followed by some Christmas nibbles.

PARISH OF GLENELG CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Copies of our Christmas newsletter were emailed or posted last week to parishioners. There are spare copies available at each church.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV'D MICHELE

The Advent bible studies will continue This week - Wed. 8th & 15th Dec. 7.30-9pm at Michele's, Glengowrie. Booklets \$12.

MUSIC CONCERTS BY "GOIN' BACK" - A "SEEKERS TRIBUTE & OTHER CLASSIC HITS":

"Take a trip down memory lane when music was music and we knew all the words." At St. Peter's Church, 3pm or 7.30pm, Sun 12th Dec. Tickets:\$15 each. Book on www.eventbrite.com.au and search Goin' Back tribute to the Seekers.

THE QUIRE ST NICHOLAS

The Quire St Nicolas invites you to share a time of worship and praise at our annual Advent Lessons and Carols, on Sunday December 19th at 3p.m. at St John's church, Halifax St, Adelaide. There is no admittance charge, but people need to register, so that we do not exceed the Covid density requirements. Covid-safe regulations require pre-registration. Please contact Deb 0413 291 967 or Aileen 0439 283 965 / aileendawson@outlook.com

Christmas Service Times 2021

St Peter's

Christmas Eve – Friday 24th December

6:30pm Children and Families Nativity Service 10:30pm "Midnight Mass" with Carol Singing and Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day – Saturday 25th December

9:00am - Sung Holy Eucharist with Carols

Boxing Day - Sunday 26th December

Only one service in the parish at St Peter's (no service at St Martin's) 9:00am — Said Holy Communion with Carols.

Parish Office closure

The office will be closed from 25^{th} December and reopen 11^{th} January. There will be no Thursday communion service December 30^{th} and January 6^{th} .



St Martin's

Christmas Day

8:45am – Holy Communion with Carols

Parishioners may appreciate knowing that all of parish staff, Andrew, Michele, Margaret and Hewina are all double vaccinated. At our recent Annual Diocesan Synod the following motion was passed: "That this Synod endorses the Archbishop's encouragement for all Christians to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for the wellbeing of all individuals and the community (unless there are medical reasons vaccination cannot be received)." It is certainly the representative view of this church that there is nothing within the Christian faith to prevent us receiving vaccinations, and it is a practical way we show love for neighbour. Having said that there will be no discrimination against people on this basis other than what is mandated by our Government health directives.

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS – UPDATED 23RD SEPTEMBER FROM SA HEALTH:

- 1. Check-in by QR code or on the slips of paper when attending.
- 2. Masks must be worn indoors for public events and areas, including worship. People who readings and preaching may remove them when presenting. Singing can take place but masks must be worn.
- 3. Please maintain 1.5m social distancing where possible.
- 4. Masks may be removed for receiving communion. Please sanitise your hands prior to receiving and observe 1.5m social distancing when queuing.
- 5. Masks may be removed for morning tea, (must be seated for over 50% capacity)

ADVICE RECEIVED THIS WEEK RE:SINGING AND COMMUNION

Following an enquiry by the Diocese SA Health have given this advice: **Singing**

"Singing can still occur with services: If singing is essential to your practice of worship or faith based service, this is permitted, but masks must be worn at all times. To ensure masks remain effective and protect you, you should change your mask as soon as it becomes damp and also after you have finished singing. Make sure you bring spare masks, a bag to keep used masks in, and hand sanitiser to use before and after putting on or taking off a mask.

If the congregation has the ability to follow the recommendations in the above statement this information would then be utilised by those undertaking contact tracing. The appropriate use of masks has the potential to alter the risk level associated with events including services should a COVID positive be identified that has attended."

Communion

Those administering Communion should be masked. Their hands should be sanitised <u>after</u> handling masks as the last action before administering Communion, not before. Those receiving Communion should keep their mask on whilst approaching the server <u>and</u> whilst receiving. Once they [or the priest] have moved away, only then should they briefly remove their mask to eat or drink the offering. Whilst cloth masks are great, and attractive, SA Health advise that the best protection is provided by Triple Layer Surgical Masks.

It's always great to welcome visitors to our churches at St Peter's, Glenelg and St Martin's, Glenelg South.

At 7:45am (St Peter's) you will need this news sheet and a green prayerbook (p.119). At 8:45am (St Martin's) you will be greeted with a news sheet, prayer & hymnbooks to use. At 10am (St Peter's) you only need this news sheet as the service is on the powerpoint screen.



Feel free to sit anywhere - there are no specially reserved seats.

Toilets are located, at St Peter's, along the passageway, under the projector screen. At St Martin's, they are in the corridor adjacent to the worship space.

Feel free to join in with all aspects of worship as you feel comfortable. Please be aware that visitors are warmly welcome to receive communion with us.

We love to meet new people so you are very welcome to stay for a cuppa after the service, but don't feel bad if you need to get away - there's always next time.

We hope you find inspiration and blessing in your time spent here.

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 The Anglican Parish of St Peters Glenela. https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-

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The Anglican Parish of Glenela acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.