



# The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

## Weekly News & Pew Sheet



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

#### WORSHIP THEME: WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

*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 third candle,  
the candle **JOY** we sing...*

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

***As we light the candle of joy,  
we remember the stories  
of God's loyalty to all creation.***

***We give thanks for the messengers –  
the apostles, prophets, artists,  
sages, faithful ones – present in every age,  
who bring us the good news  
of God's restoring love;***

***We rejoice and shout with joy,  
trusting that God is with us and before us,  
and that joy will be born anew in us.***

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



#### **Why a Pink candle? Pink is the color for joy!**

A pink candle that signifies joy makes sense since it is lit on Gaudete Sunday—named for the entrance antiphon for the Latin Mass: “Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice.”

As Advent is patterned in part after Lent, Gaudete Sunday is similar to the Lenten Laetare Sunday (Also called Refreshment Sunday or Mothering Sunday), which also represents joy and falls at the midpoint of Lent.

And that finally leads to the explanation for the pink candle. In the ancient Church on Laetare Sunday in Lent, the Pope gave a citizen a pink rose. Following the papal rose custom, bishops and priests began wearing rose-colored vestments on Laetare Sunday. The Church then brought the Lenten practice of rose vestments to Advent on Gaudete Sunday. As a result, the pink candle gained a place in the Advent wreath.

Although the culture tells us it's already Christmas, the Church reminds us through the pink candle of Advent that there is an appointed time for everything (Eccl. 3:1). The time now is for rejoicing—because the Lord is coming soon!

## Today's Worship Resources

### Sentence

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

**Zephaniah 3.16–17**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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

**Zephaniah 3.14-20**

#### A Reading from the book of Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.  
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm A Song of Isaiah**

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'Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'



## **Second Reading**

**Philippians 4.4-7**

### **A reading from the letter to the Philippians**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
and will rejoice over you with gladness

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

**Luke 3.7-18**

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you Jesus Christ**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to

Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'



As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Next Sunday's Readings – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent – Theme: God's Promise**

Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:47-55 (Song of Mary) Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39 –45

**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.



## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's</b>
<b>Advent 3</b>	<b>8:45am Holy Communion, St Martin's</b>
	<b>10:00am Sung Eucharist, St. Peter's</b>
	<b>12noon – Baptism at St Peter's</b>
	3:00pm – Seekers Tribute Concert at St Peter's by "Goin' Back"
	7:30pm - Seekers Tribute Concert at St Peter's by "Goin' Back"
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Finance Meeting (via ZOOM)
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>	2:15pm Wellbeing Class & afternoon tea
	7:30pm Final Advent Bible Study #4 at Michele's
<b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:45am Holy Communion, St. Peter's</b>
<b>Advent 4</b>	<b>8:45am Holy Communion, St Martin's</b>
	<b>10:00am Have a Go Sunday, St. Peter's</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting in the Community Centre
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's

*See notice further on in pew sheet for Christmas and Boxing Day services*

## PARISH NOTICES

### **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." St. Peter's Church, 3pm or 7.30pm, Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Tickets:\$15 each. Book on [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) (search Goin' Back tribute to the Seekers.)

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE RAFFLE WINNERS**

The Christmas Tree Festival raffle was drawn during the week. The 26 prizes went to a mixture of parishioners and people from the general community. Thank you to all the donors and to Suzanne McAdam for co-ordinating this.

### **PARISH OF GLENELG CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER**

Copies of our Christmas newsletter have been emailed or posted to parishioners. There are spare copies available at each church.

### **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV'D MICHELE**

The Advent bible studies will conclude this week - **Wed. 15th Dec. 7.30-9pm** at Michele's, Glengowrie. Booklets \$12.

### **CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE**

Please note the parish office will be closed from 25th December and will re-open to the public on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. There will be no Thursday services on 30<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## THE QUIRE ST NICHOLAS

The Quire St Nicolas invites you 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](mailto:aileendawson@outlook.com)

## Christmas Service Times 2021

### St Peter's

#### Christmas Eve – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December

6:30pm Children and Families Nativity Service

10:30pm "Midnight Mass" with Carol Singing and Sung Eucharist

#### Christmas Day – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9:00am – Sung Holy Eucharist with Carols

#### Boxing Day – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> December and reopen 11<sup>th</sup> January.*

*There will be no Thursday communion service December 30<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup>.*

### St Martin's

#### Christmas Day

8:45am – Holy Communion with Carols



## THANK-YOU FROM ANGLICARE

It was a joy this week to pass on nearly three car loads of donations to Anglicare from both parish and school. Thank you to everyone for your generosity this Christmas. A certificate of appreciation from Anglicare is displayed in the front porch of both churches.



***'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.'***

*Bishop Robert Nelson Spencer (1877-1961)*



## PARISH STAFF COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

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 23<sup>RD</sup> 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)

## CLARIFYING ADVICE RECEIVED RE:SINGING AND COMMUNION

SA Health has confirmed to the diocese the following advice. In summary

### Singing

Singing can still occur with services: but masks must be worn at all times.

Masks should be changed if they become damp and/or also after the completion of singing. Bring spare masks with you and a bag to keep the used ones in.

(Rev Michele has organised for a mask recycling bin for St Peter’s and we are awaiting its arrival.) Use hand sanitiser before and after putting on or taking off a mask.

### Communion

Those administering Communion should be masked. Their hands should be sanitised after handling masks as the last action before administering Communion.

Those receiving Communion should keep their mask on whilst approaching the priest and whilst receiving. Once they [or the priest] have moved away from each other, 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 Glenelg*. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa>

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