



# The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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

## Weekly News & Pew Sheet



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**WORSHIP THEME: GOD'S PROMISE**

*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 fourth candle,  
the candle of **LOVE** 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 love  
we remember the stories  
of God's faithfulness  
**God's steadfast love  
surrounds us always  
and will not be contained.**

We trust that you, Lord,  
are with us always.

**As your love that burst forth in Jesus,  
is born again and again  
in the hearts of your people.**

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



*Come humbly, Holy Child, stir in the womb of  
our complacency; shepherd our vision of the  
little we need for abundant living.*

*Come humbly, Holy Spirit, to whisper through  
the leaves in the garden of our ignorance,  
exposing our blindness to children dying,  
hungry and in pain.*

*Come humbly, Holy Light, pierce our lack of  
generosity and love, scattering our dark fear  
of living freely in your way, poured out in  
wanton service.*

*Come humbly, Holy Wisdom, cry through the  
empty streets of our pretence to care, that the  
face of the poor will be lifted up, for holy is  
your name.*

*Come humbly, Holy God, be born into our  
rejoicing. Come quickly, humble God, and  
reign.*

From a Mothers' Union day on the  
'Magnificat', Durham, 1989

## Today's Worship Resources

### Sentence

Blessed is she who believed  
that there would be a fulfilment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord. **Luke 1.45**

### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,  
you have visited your people  
and redeemed us in your Son:  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,  
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.  
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

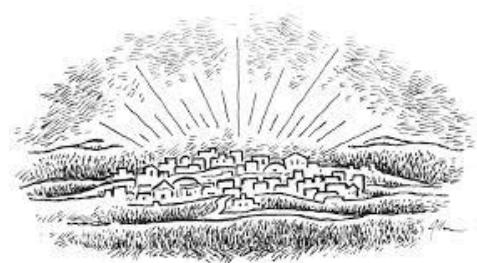
**Micah 5.2-5a**

#### A Reading from the book of Micah

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

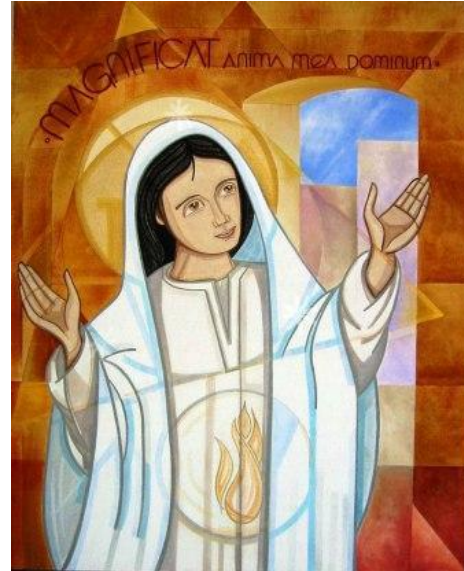
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord ,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.



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

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**

**Hebrews 10.5-10**

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.'

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**  
I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me.  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Luke 1.39-45**

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,

*'Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And why has this happened to me,  
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?  
For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,  
the child in my womb leapt for joy.  
And blessed is she who believed  
that there would be a fulfilment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'*



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

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### **Christmas Readings (All Services) Theme: Love is Born**

Isaiah 9:2-7   Canticle John 1:1-16   Titus 3:4-7   Luke 2:1-20

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day/Christmas 1) – 9am only at St Peter's**  
**Theme: Naming of Jesus**

Numbers 6:22-27   Psalm 8   Galatians 4:4-7   Luke 2:22-40

## Parish Calendar

<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>	<b>11:30am Interment of David Baverstock</b>
	<b>7:30pm Parish Council Meeting in the Community Centre</b>
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel, St Peter's</b>

## 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.

### St Martin's

#### Christmas Day

8:45am – Holy Communion with Carols

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

## 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, Brian Johnson, Pat Beggs  
and Yvonne Curran



## PARISH NOTICES

### PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE AND CLERGY AVAILABILITY

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. Rev Andrew will be available through to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and then will be on a fortnight's leave. Rev Michele will be available from 3<sup>rd</sup> January onwards. Rev Margaret is available throughout. Please also note that there will be no Thursday services on 30<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### TREE OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER TREE

The two Christmas Trees that were put in the chapel at St Peter's Church (the memorial tree and the prayer tree) will remain there through the Christmas Season. Feel free to use this as a quiet prayer space if you are attending any of our worship services and to place the name of loved ones on the appropriate tree.

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets this Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Community Centre at 7:30pm.

### NATIVITY SERVICE PRACTICE TIMES

There will be a redearsal this **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December** during the Sunday Kids time in the community centre.

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)** could children arrive for a full dress rehearsal at 4pm Christmas Eve ready to start practicing at 4:15. They will practice in the church firstly by themselves and then a run through with the musicians at 5:00pm.

We will provide a Pizza tea in the community centre at around 5:45pm and then be ready for the service to start at 6:30pm

### 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)

## COVID CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Parish staff have considered a number of scenarios that could affect our Christmas Services and have made a contingency plan accordingly. This will be discussed at Parish Council. Should there be any last minute changes we will email the parish prior to the scheduled worship times.

## MASK RECYCLING AT ST PETER'S

A parishioner has donated a Mask recycling box for use at St Peter's. This box costs \$288 which is paid every time a new box is sent for recycling and a new box is acquired. There are instructions on the box and only surgical face masks can be placed in the box not other recyclable items.

## 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. 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.
3. Please maintain 1.5m social distancing where possible.
4. Masks may be removed for receiving communion. Once you [or the priest] have moved away from each other, then briefly remove your mask to eat the communion bread. Please sanitise your hands prior to receiving and observe 1.5m social distancing when queuing.
5. Masks may be removed for morning tea, (Our COVID plan requires us to be seated for over 50% of our allowed capacity. We don't always know how many will come to morning tea so it makes sense to try to be seated in table groups when having morning tea.)

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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9.30am – 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday

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*The Anglican Parish of Glenelg acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kurna 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 Kurna people living today.*