



Welcome to The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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



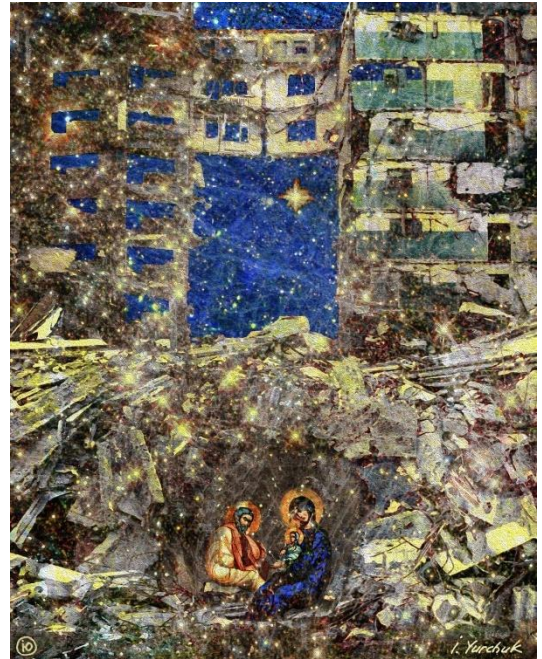
CHRISTMAS 2022

Christ is Born

**Love is born
with a dark and troubled face
when hope is dead
and in the most unlikely place
Love is born: Love is always born.**

Michael Leunig's well-known Christmas prayer is especially apt this year. For Leunig, the word "Love" in this prayer is interchangeable with the word, "Christ". Perhaps this theology of Christmas is best visually captured by the stunning image called **Nativity 2022** by

Ukrainian-born artist Irenaeus Yurchuk. With war, floods and pandemic in the forefront of our minds, we are once again reminded that Christ was born in a foreign occupied country - in a cow-shed, displaced from his home, and with the threat of danger soon forcing his family to flee as refugees. This is where Christ **is** born. This is where love and hope **is** born. This is the Incarnation - Christ comes to us in the midst of our pain and struggle and gives hope, peace, light and life. In this way the message of Christ's birth is good news for all people from the lowliest, like the shepherds, to the highest, like the wise men, and everyone in between. All can find what they seek, and worship at the manger.



**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out all sin and enter in, be born in us this day.
We hear the Christmas angels their great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

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Bible Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Canticle – Hymn to the Word (John 1)

In the beginning was the Word:

and the Word was with God,

And the Word was God:

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him:

and without him,

was not anything made that was made.

In him was life:

and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness:
and the darkness has not overcome it.

He was in the world:
and the world was made through him
yet the world knew him not.

He came to his own home:
and his own people received him not.

But to all who received him
who believed on his name:
he has given power to become
children of God;

And the Word became flesh:
and dwelt among us
full of grace and truth;

We have beheld his glory:
glory as of the only Son from the Father.
And from his fullness have we all received:
and grace upon grace.

John 1:1–5,10–12,14,16

Second Reading - Titus 3:4-7

A reading from the letter to Titus

When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

IN MEMORIAM

The Christmas flowers this year were donated by Maxine and Deane Allan in loving memory of Gill May and her family. Our Christmas nativity play is performed in loving memory of Kel Pittman.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord

shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A Welcoming Community

It is wonderful to welcome you to one of our Christmas worship services this year. In a world that can often feel chaotic, we pray you find a sense of meaning, peace, inspiration and blessing in your time here. If you are looking for a church community you can find our regular worship times on the back of this pew sheet. We also have a number of community ministries - Mother's Union, GAL's (Glenelg Anglican Ladies), OASIS for younger women, Parish Men's group, bible studies and emergency assistance ministry. Also during school terms - Playgroup (Wednesdays 10-11:30am), Sunday school (10am Sundays) and a twice a term, Friday night Youth Group

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL - We support this appeal every year— please use the envelopes at the church or donate online at <http://www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl>

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE—RE-OPENS TUES 10TH JAN

The Parish Office will be closed for two weeks from 24th December re-opening on **Tuesday 10th January 2022**. During that period clergy availability for emergencies call Rev Andrew (26/12 - 1/1) and Rev. Michele (3/1 - 9/1) .

NO THURSDAY SERVICE ON 29th DECEMBER or 5th JANUARY The next Thursday service will be held at St Peter's on **Thursday 13th January 2022** at 10.00am.

NEXT SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY - Sunday services as normal.

Sunday Services

St Peter's

7:45am - Holy Communion
10:00am - Sung Communion
and Sunday School during term time.

St Martin's

8:45am - Holy Communion

Weekly Services:

St Peter's

Thursdays:

10:00am - Holy Communion
Recommencing 12th January

Donating to our Parish

Regular Monthly Planned Giving Program

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, PLEASE CONSIDER A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

DONATION made to Anglican Parish of Glenelg BSB 705-077 Account No.00000033

Heritage Conservation Fund (tax deductible):

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa> (select Anglican Parish of St Peter' Glenelg under the donations options)

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