



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

*a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community
growing in faith and love.*



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2023

WORSHIP THEME: ADVENT PEACE

If you are visiting today, please see the welcome section on the back of this pew sheet

Priest's Message

During the past week we marked Saint Nicholas' Day (6th December). One young person asked me who was St Nicholas? I replied that it was Santa Claus. They then asked why his day isn't celebrated on the 25th December. I explained that the 25th December is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This interaction just goes to show that the connection of Christ with Christmas is a tenuous one for many people. And even the commercialised figure of Santa Claus is now quite far removed from the religious St Nicholas traditions of Europe such as the St Nicholas procession in Poland pictured above, where Nicholas is quite clearly arrayed as a bishop and members of the crowd join in wearing the bishop's mitre. Such traditions reinforce that Nicholas was a bishop in the church and a servant of Jesus.



Stories about Nicholas abound but one of the most cherished is of him giving three bags of gold to a poor family for the dowries of their three daughters (incidentally the origin of the three gold balls outside pawnbroker shops). Many groups claim Nicholas as their patron – such as children, the unmarried, pawnbrokers, sailors, merchants, pharmacists and quite a number of countries. However the thing that shines through the St Nicholas traditions is his generosity to those in need – particularly to the orphaned children in his diocese. We continue very much in the tradition of St Nicholas through our gifts to Anglicare and our emergency food ministry to enable those with less to have some extra blessings this Christmas.

Christmas Festival Results

Over 100 Christmas displays. Over 800 visitors. Over \$6000 raised. Over ten volunteers first-time festival volunteers. Well done everyone!!!

Raffle Winners : 1 – Evelyn Jones, 2 – Carol, 3- Margaret McLeay, 4 – Naomi Thompson, 5 – Ben Tait, 6 – Kylie Cranley, 7 – Neil.

Worship Resources for Advent 2

The Lord be with You **And also with you.**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near,
repent and believe in the good news. **Mark 1.15**

We light the candle of peace.

The light of Christ has come into our world –
the light that brings peace to all people on this earth.

A peace that crosses all boundaries,
a peace that can be known in all situations.

The peace of Jesus who brought goodwill to our world.

The first and second Candles are lit

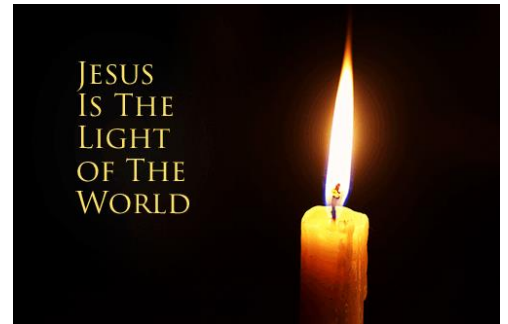
We sing

Advent, advent, a candle burns

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First one, then two, then three, then four

Then stands the Christ-child at the door.



Let us pray

God of peace, you came into our world as a vulnerable baby.

This child was to be our Prince of Peace.

Help us to be peace-makers,

and to share the light of Christ in a world

that desperately needs your peace. Amen

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

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.

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

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their call to repentance, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

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- 1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.
- 8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.



Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15

A reading from the second letter of Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"

'John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Theme: Advent Joy

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11, Song of Mary (APBA p.31), 1 Thess. 5:16–24, John 1:6–8, 19–28

PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM AND FOR OUR PARISH

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, Rosalie and Phil Brown, Pat Donnelly, Melanie Lyons, Samuel, Di Besson, Peta, Pam Court, Cath, Shirley, Pam Forder and Kay Mably. **Please also pray for Bishop Jeremy Greaves to be installed as Archbishop of Brisbane next Saturday 16th December.**

WELCOME BACK BEN

A warm welcome back to Rev. Ben Williams as our guest preacher today to share about Anglicare and to reflect on today's theme of Advent Peace.

PARISH CALENDAR



Sun 10th	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Service at St Peter's 12:00pm Baptism at St Peters
Mon 11th	7:00pm Hall Booking- St. Peters
Tue 12th	5:00pm Finance Committee meeting
Wed 13th	10:00am Playgroup Christmas Break-up – Community Centre
Thu 14th	10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel at St Peter's
Sun 17rd	7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's 8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's 10:00am Service at St Peter's 7:30pm Kapelle Singers Concert
Tues 19th	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
Thu 21st	10:00am Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel at St Peter's
Sun 24th	9:00am Simple Advent 4 Communion at St Peter's 6:30pm Children and Families Nativity Service at St Peter's 10:30pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Peter's
Mon 25th	8:45am Christmas communion at St Martin's 9:00am Christmas Communion at St Peter's

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

Advent 4 (morning of Sunday 24th Dec.)

9:00am Simple Communion at St Peter's (no service at St Martin's)

Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th)

6:30pm Children and Families Nativity service at St Peter's

10:30pm Midnight Mass at St Peter's



Christmas Day (Monday 25th)

8:45am Christmas Communion at St Martin's

9:00am Christmas Communion at St Peter's

No Thursday services on 28th December or 4th January

Parish Office closure

Last open day Friday 22nd December reopening on Tuesday 9th January.

For church access during these times contact one of the clergy (Rev Andrew up to 2nd January and Rev. Tracey 3rd – 8th January)

PARISH NOTICES

KINDNESS ROCKS AT ST PETER'S

The Year 2 classes from SPW have given our community the kindness rocks they have made to spread kindness in our community. You will find these in the pews, the memorial garden and by the votive candle stand. Please feel free to take one or several home to place in your garden or house to promote kindness.

ANGLICARE HAMPER GIFTS – LAST DAY THIS SUNDAY

Thank you everyone for your gifts for Anglicare hampers this Christmas. The last day for donations is this Sunday. Rev. Ben Williams from Anglicare will be with us as guest preacher this Sunday to thank us in person.

EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. In addition to usual items Christmas goodies would be appreciated by Sunday 17th December.

KAPELLE SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Sunday 17th December at 7:30pm Kapelle Singers** will be conducting at Christmas concert here at St. Peters playing Christmas Carols from around the world. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$20 for concessions. You can book tickets via <https://www.trybooking.com/CNHRB> Flyers available at church.

DRY ZONE SURVEY – CLOSES 5PM WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

You can contribute your views to the City of Holdfast Bay survey about extending the current dry zone to include the area from Augusta Street, Jetty Road and High Street up to Brighton Road. See www.yourholdfast.com/glenelg-dry-area .

FRIENDS OF ROBIN WILSON

Public trustee has released Robin's ashes to Rev. Andrew for interment here. If you are interested in being present for the interment please let Andrew know. At this stage we are planning for after the 10am service on 31st December.

THE PRAYER TREE AND MEMORY TREE

The Prayer tree and Memory tree will stay up in the chapel until Christmas for people who would like to offer prayers or remember loved ones.

PARISH DOG DECORATIONS

If you would like your dog decoration from the parish dog Christmas Tree to have on your own tree, please retrieve it from the back of St Peter's.

AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Quire St Nicolas will be presenting their annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, in the wonderful acoustics of St John's, Halifax St. on Sunday, December 10th, 2023 at 2:30pm for a small donations, refreshments to follow in the hall.

WELCOME MESSAGE TO VISITORS TO ST PETER'S AND ST MARTIN'S

We aspire to be a *vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community growing in faith and love.*

By growing in discipleship and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ; Building strong community connections within and beyond our church; Advocating and working together for Gospel-based justice; and Caring for creation and for each other.

7:45am at St Peter's you will be greeted with this news Sheet. A green prayerbook is found in the pews (p.119).

8:45am at St Martin's you will be greeted with a news sheet, prayerbook (p.119) and hymnbook to use.

10am at St Peter's you will be greeted with a news sheet and the service can be followed 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 annex adjacent the worship space.

Please join in with all aspects of worship as you feel comfortable. Be assured 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.



HOW TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH MINISTRY

Regular Planned Giving can be directed to Parish of Glenelg (AFSA) BSB 705-077 Account Number 00041211 (please use your surname and initial e.g. 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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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.

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