



# The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 24<sup>H</sup> 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 Reflection:**

Whilst the rest of the community thinks its already Christmas, for the church Christmas will start at Sundown tonight (24<sup>th</sup> Dec.) and go on until twelfth Night (5<sup>th</sup> Jan.) followed by the feast of Epiphany (6<sup>th</sup> Jan.) celebrating the arrival of the Magi and the revelation of Christ to the whole world. Thus this

simple service today completes our journey through the season of Advent. Times for Christmas Services can be found in this pew sheet. Advent blessings to you all.



### **Greeting**

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

### **Sentence**

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. **Matthew 1.23**

### **Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgy**

We light the candle of love. God loved the world so much, that God gave us the greatest gift of all – God's only Son. This love is with us now and always. So we share the love that unites us and celebrate that we are the community of Christ.

We sing

***Advent, advent, a candle burns. Advent, advent, a candle burns  
First one, then two, then three, then four  
Then stands the Christ-child at the door.***

*Let us pray*

**Loving God, we thank you that you love us.  
Thank you for the people in our lives who love us.  
Help us to share your love with everyone –  
even when it is not easy to do.  
May your love live in our hearts and lives for ever. Amen**

## Confession

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

Heavenly Father, you exalted the humble and meek:

give us humble and contrite hearts.

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

Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:

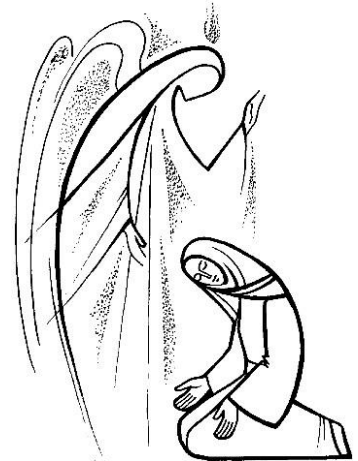
be planted also in our hearts and lives.

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

Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary,  
that she might become the God-bearer:

fill us with your heavenly gifts.

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

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

### A reading from the second book of Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you

went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 89.1-4, 19-23**

**A.P.B.A. page 315**

- 1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:  
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
- 2 I have said of your loving-kindness that it is built for ever:  
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.
- 3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:  
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever:  
and build up your throne for all generations.'
- 19 You spoke once in a vision:  
and said to your faithful one,
- 20 'I have set a youth above a warrior:  
I have exalted a young man out of the people.
- 21 'I have found my servant David:  
and anointed him with my holy oil.
- 22 'My hand shall uphold him:  
and my arm shall strengthen him.
- 23 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:  
and through my name his head shall be lifted high.



**Second Reading**

**Romans 16:25-27**

**A reading from the Letter to the Romans**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Here am I, the servant of the Lord;  
let it be with me according to your word

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Luke 1:26-38**

✠ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyrighted, 1989, by the Division of Christian Education office National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved. A Prayer Book for Australia. Copyright Broughton Publishing 1995. Reproduced with Permission.*

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**Theme: Christmas Continues**

Is 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Gal 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40

**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, Pam Forder, Geoff, Kay Mably.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** 9:00am Simple Advent 4 Communion at St Peter's  
*No service at St Martin's.*

**CHRISTMAS EVE** 6:30pm Children and Families Nativity Service at St Peter's  
10:30pm Christmas Midnight Mass at St Peter's

**CHRISTMAS DAY** 8:45am Christmas communion at St Martin's  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** 9:00am Christmas Communion at St Peter's

26<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Jan PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>** 7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's  
8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's  
10:00am Service at St Peter's



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

**Sun 7<sup>TH</sup> Jan** 7:45am Holy Communion at St Peter's  
8:45am Holy Communion at St Martin's  
10:00am Service at St Peter's

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Parish Office re-opens  
Thu 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Thursday Eucharists resume

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

**Advent 4** (morning of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.)

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

**Christmas Eve (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>)**

6:30pm Children and Families Nativity service at St Peter's  
10:30pm Midnight Mass at St Peter's

**Christmas Day (Monday 25<sup>th</sup>)**

8:45am Christmas Communion at St Martin's  
9:00am Christmas Communion at St Peter's



**No Thursday services on 28<sup>th</sup> December or 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**Parish Office closure**

**Last open day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December re-opening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.**

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### NO NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Please note that there is no nativity play rehearsal Sunday morning. Please come to church by 4:15pm for a run through of the play at 4:30pm and then a full run through with music at 5:00pm. Pizza tea will be provided for parents and children at 5:45pm in the community centre.

### ROBIN WILSON INTERMENT – 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

Robin Wilson's ashes will be interred in the North Walk Memorial garden at St Peter's immediately following the 10am service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December. All friends of Robin welcome to attend. Rev Andrew will provide morning tea.

### THE PRAYER TREE AND MEMORY TREE

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

### CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL ENVELOPES

Appeal envelopes for the Christmas Bowl appeal are available at church. You can donate online or use the envelope to donate through the collection plate.

### 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>

#### THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF GLENELG

*St. PETER'S CHURCH, 1Torrens Square, Glenelg & St. MARTIN'S CHURCH, 45 Hastings St, Glenelg South*

**THE VEN. ANDREW MINTERN** PARISH PRIEST

[andrewmintern@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewmintern@yahoo.com)

0481 796 638

**REV. TRACEY GRACEY** ASSOCIATE PRIEST & SPW CHAPLAIN

[tracey.gracey15@gmail.com](mailto:tracey.gracey15@gmail.com)

0417 899 603

**REV. DR. MARGARET ANNELLS** ASSOCIATE PRIEST

[mfannells@inet.net.au](mailto:mfannells@inet.net.au)

0488 921 905

**JADE BLACK** PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

**PARISH OFFICE & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

1 Torrens Square, Glenelg SA 5045

PO Box 616, Glenelg SA 5045

Telephone: (08) 8295 2382

Email: [Parish.Office@glenelganglican.org.au](mailto:Parish.Office@glenelganglican.org.au)

**OFFICE OPENING HOURS (FROM 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024)**

9.30am – 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday

#### SCHOOL AFFILIATION

**ST PETER'S WOODLANDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

39 Partridge Street, Glenelg SA 5045



*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.*