

**Proclaiming Christ in word and action;
Growing in care, love and service**



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Next Wednesday: 9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret:

Next Saturday: 5.30 pm Holy Eucharist: St Stephen

Next Sunday: Advent 3

9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Ann

9.00 am Holy Eucharist: Christ Church

10.30 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret :

10.30 am Healing Service: St Nicholas

11.00 am Holy Eucharist: St James

Advent 3: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Song of Isaiah (AAPB p.391; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18



2nd
Sunday
of
Advent

Acknowledgement of Country: We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nation Peoples & are thankful for the community we share together. We pay our respects to the Kaurna People.

Advent 2 December 5 2021

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78-79

Collect

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding paths of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen**

Thought for the Week:

Luke's gospel quotes the prophet Isaiah about the preparation required for a royal visit—the road cleared, smoothed and straightened, valleys filled, and hills flattened. A dramatic picture indeed! In a similar way the people's moral and spiritual state needed drastic action in their deep need to repent, in readiness for the coming of the Messiah, Christ Jesus. As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, may we look closely at our own hearts and lives.

- We thank you Lord Jesus that in your coming you provided all that we need for cleansing, forgiveness and restoration. May our hearts overflow with joy!
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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Malachi 3:1-14



2nd Sunday of Advent

Love

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely,

against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, "How shall we return?" Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, "How have we spoken against you?" You have said, "It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?"

Hear the word of the Lord;

thanks be to God.



Song of Zechariah (AAPB p.10)

Say together

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

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Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the glory and praise of God..

*Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!



Luke 3:1-6

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



In the Parish This Week

All items for Church Chatter should be either e-mailed (sanderwt@bigpond.com) or texted (0410 548 040) to the Editor by Wednesday evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

Today: **Gold Coin Donation for Schools Ministry**

Monday: Another day to be with the Lord

9.30 am SV Mothers' Union, Info Centre

Tuesday: Another day to be with the Lord

6.50 for 7.00 pm Friends of St Ann

Wednesday: Another day to be with the Lord

10.00 am Scripture Study S. Margaret

11.15 am Maggie's Mates

Thursday: Another day to be with the Lord

11.00 am Working Bee, St Ann

4.00 pm Yankadelly

Friday: Another day to be with the Lord

Saturday: Another day to be with the Lord

Strawberry Fete, Yankalilla (see GV , p. 5)

6.45 pm Saturday Night Out



Prayer of the week

Merciful God, who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us the grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Church Chatter:

Christian Care and Support Centre— needs supplies for December 2021. Place gifts (staple items preferred) in the outside basket or deliver to the Centre. Forget? Make a donation!

Those we pray for this week:

Pray for ABM & the Ep[iscop]al Church of the Philippines; and for Anglican Mothers' Union Australia and preparation & expectation. We give thanks for Latin American Christian Publishers, We pray for the Diocese of Bathurst, Bishop Mark Calder, clergy and people. We give thanks for the BCA staff, Simon & Alison Roberts, Exmouth/Onslow, WA. We pray for Navy Archdeacon, Andrew Lewis & F/T Chaplain in the RAN

We pray for our own Diocese, for Bishop Keith Dalby and his wife Alice and family. We pray for members of the Kingston-Robe Pastoral District. We commend the ministry of Pastoral Care workers in our Parish.

Those we continue to pray for:

Izabelle; Peta; Mariette; Joanne; Peter G, Peter C; Samantha; Fiona; Brenton; Sue; Pat; Brendon; Bill; David H; Diane; Jean; Carolyn; Allison; Angela; Carol; Shirley; Lucy Ann; Margaret, Lyn; Irene; Linda; Tina; Wendy; Chris; Trevor; Liz; Tristan & Trish S; Carole and family; Peter, Eleni and Nicholas; Jac Bishop, Joanie; Andrew; Kerrie; David Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Fr Graham & Catherine; & Blair; Aileen; Ann; Tom & Nick; Stephen, Bill, Eileen Cook; Tessa; Yvonne Scrutton; Sylvia; Gabrielle, Brenda; Judith; Ted & Joyce and Miriam; and *any others we wish to remember.*