

**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 Lessons & Carol Service: St Stephen

Next Sunday: Advent 4

9.00 am PPP: St Ann

9 00 am PPP: Christ Church

10.30 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret :

10.30 am Nine Lessons & Carols: St Nicholas

No Service: St James



3rd
Sunday
of
Advent

Readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Song of Mary (AAPB p.31; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:35--45)

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 3 December 12 2021

Sentence

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.
Zephaniah 3:16-17

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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**

Thought for the Week:

John the Baptist used harsh words of criticism and warning and it seemed to have caught the attention of those he was addressing. "Even tax collectors came to be baptised and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'" They knew that their corruption had been exposed and they were now at a point of decision making, to keep being corrupt or 'repent', i.e., change direction. I wonder what there is in our lives that needs to change direction?

- Give thanks for the unconditional love and forgiveness of God who does not hold our past sins against us.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

The Reverend Canon Matthew Jones, Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans, © Anglican Board of Mission, 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-20



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Joy

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will

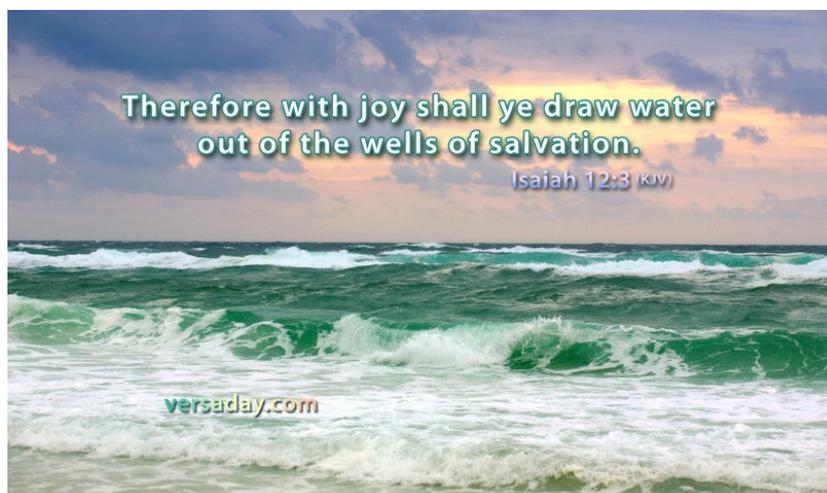
rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Song of Isaiah (AAPB p.391)

Say together

**Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has
done gloriously; let this be known in
all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal
Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel.**



Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor
Alleluia!



Luke 3:7-18

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**
John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*



I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming

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: 12.30 pm Parish Christmas Lunch, Aldinga Hotel; 2 pm ACH Yankalilla;
5.00 pm Carols in your car, Yankalilla

Monday: Another day to be with the Lord

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10.00 am Scripture Study S. Margaret

Thursday: Another day to be with the Lord
11.10 am Prayers for Peace, S. Ann

Friday: Another day to be with the Lord
12.30 pm S. Nicholas Luncheon & Fellowship

Saturday: Another day to be with the Lord
9.00 am-12 noon Strawberry fete, Yankalilla
5.30 pm Carol Service S. Stephen



Prayer of the week

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Church Chatter:

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

Those we pray for this week:

Pray for ABM & the Anglican Church of Japan; and for Anglican Mothers' Union Australia and mystery & wonder. We give thanks for Font of Wisdom Publishers Cambodia. We pray for the Diocese of Grafton, Bishop Murray Harvey, clergy and people. We give thanks for the BCA staff, Brad & Joh Henley, Kangaroo Island, SA. We pray for F/T Army Chaplains.

We pray for our own Diocese, for Bishop Keith Dalby and his wife Alice and family. We pray for Parishes and Pastoral Districts. We pray for more vocations to the priesthood and for resources to nurture and encourage them.

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.*