

**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 Friday: Christmas eve services –see GV page1 or On-line calendar

Next Saturday (Christmas Day): 9.00 am Christmas Service: St Ann

9.00 am Christmas Service: Christ Church

9.30 am Ecumenical Christmas Service: St Nicholas

Next Sunday: First after Christmas

9.00 am PPP : St Ann

11 00 am Healing Service: Christ Church

No service: St Margaret :

No Service: St James

Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; Hebrews 1-4; Luke 11-14

5.30 pm St Stephen Patronal: St Stephen



**4th
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.

Sentence

Advent 4 December 19 2021

Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1:45

Collect

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. 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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Thought for the Week: Today's readings highlight what for me is the essence of Christianity: That Jesus came to save us, particularly the lowly, downtrodden and insignificant – that is, you and me. Sometimes I think we (and the powers that be in all aspects of life) place too much emphasis on who we are, where we fit in society and how important someone (us included) might be. Jesus and Mary both epitomise the humblest of origins, insignificant in the wider world. We should remember this – we have been chosen by God to represent his values on this earth and live our lives to be an example of his love.

- Pray that we may always act to reflect God's love, and work to empower those who have little power or position to lift themselves up.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan..

Anne Marie Troutman, Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans © Anglican Board of Mission, 2021

Micah 5:2-5a



4th
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Peace

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

Song of Mary (AAPB p.31)

Say together

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of his mercy,
the promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.**



Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!



Luke 1:39-45

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

*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: 10.30 am Nine Lessons & Carols, Seaford Christian Churches

Monday: Another day to be with the Lord

2.00 pm MU Yankalilla/Delamere

Tuesday: Another day to be with the Lord

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10.00 am Scripture Study S. Margaret

7.00 pm Contemplative Prayer Service, Yankalilla

Thursday: Another day to be with the Lord

Carols at Twilight Market, Willunga—see GV p.4

Friday: Christmas Eve Services—see GV p.1 or On-line Calendar

Saturday: Christmas day Services -see GV p.1 or On-line Calendar



Prayer of the week

O Lord, raise up your power and come to be among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sort let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for 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 Church of the Province of South-East Asia ; and for Anglican Mothers' Union Australia and God with us. We give thanks for Logos Bible software, Egypt. We pray for the Diocese of Perth, Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Bps Jeremy and Kate, clergy and people. We give thanks for the BCA staff, David & Lauren Horne, Carlton, Tasmania and for the Digital Church Project for rural & remote Anglican churches. We pray for Army Reserve Chaplains.

We pray for our own Diocese, for Bishop Keith Dalby and his wife Alice and family. We pray for the Riverland Pastoral District, Fr Davis Paterson and people. We commend the ministry of Pastoral Care worker, Gina Hunt, Myponga and Rapid Bay Primary School s. We pray for the renewal of youth ministry in the Diocese, for the ministry of Chaplains in schools, for all youth groups and their leaders.

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 f 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.*