



Our Vicar Writes...

Welcome to worship today! As we continue to make our journey this Advent season may we all resist the urge to race towards Christmas, take some time to *wait* upon God and in the words of John the baptiser, 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' I love Paul's prayer to the Philippians this morning and ask that it be our prayer for this community, that our love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ, we may be pure and blameless. A reminder that we have a service in the style of Taize tonight at 7.30pm to which all are invited.



Morning tea is served in the undercroft after the 9.30am service.
Please join us.

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News
Telling the story afresh
Expressing God's love
Nurturing and sharing faith
Equipping to serve
Serving the community

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

Advent Credo

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true: **For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true: **I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.**

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true: **Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.**

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true: **To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.**

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—

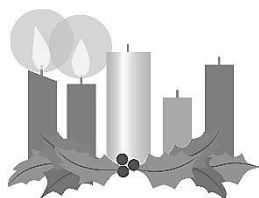
This is true: **I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.**

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: **The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.**

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

From *Walking on Thorns*, by Allan Boesak, Eerdmans, 2004.



SECOND SUNDAY
OF

Advent

Walk gently in the way of peace.

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“All flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

We light the first Advent candle and remember the patriarchs who have gone before us and that hope is coming. As we light the second Advent candle, we remember the prophets of God and their message of peace, we remember that the Prince of Peace is coming, and we join in the work of preparing the way. We walk gently in the way of peace. **Amen.**

Sentence

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. Luke 1.78–79

Prayer of the Day

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways 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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: **Malachi 3.1-14**

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 judgement; 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?

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

For the Psalm: **Song of Zechariah** in the *APBA* prayer book, **p.425**

Second Reading: **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 on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 3, beginning at verse 1

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."' '

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Welcome to the Lord's Table.
All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion
or to come forward for a blessing.

Years Mind

Elizabeth Jones, Frances Forward, Stella McKenzie
whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: Parish of Falkland Islands (Bp Timothy Thornton); Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Ivan Lee, Peter Lin, Clergy & People); Firbank Grammar School (Heather Norton, Principal); Parish of South Darebin (Andrew Oddy); St Michael and St Luke Dandenong – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); St James the Great East St Kilda – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Pray for our new wardens and Parish Council.

The World: Pray for all those who live in the conflict of war or political instability.

The Nation/Community: Pray for those who are seeking work or those who have lost their jobs.

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 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.

ABM Pew Reflections

As we watch and wait with eager anticipation, we must also prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. As we venture into the spiritual wilderness of our lives, we need to remind ourselves that our hearts cannot receive the Lord unless we, like John the Baptist prepare his way. This is a time for inner cleansing so that we might make room to receive Him and experience the joy of his coming. Pray that we might simplify our lives, curtail our appetites for things material, and open our hearts and minds to new ways of living in harmony with God's creation. Pray for the Church of South India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 2.1-5	Ps 122	Matthew 8.5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10	Ps 72.1-7	Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25.6-10	Ps 23	Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6	Ps 118.19-25	Matthew 7.21-27
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24	Ps 27.9-17	Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-26	Ps 147.1-6	Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5-8



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursdays or email anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com
Please keep notices succinct and to the point as space is limited.*

ADVENT BOOKLETS

At the back of the church you will find Advent booklets for use in private reflection. Provided by Anglican Overseas Aid there are booklets in English, Mandarin and Dinka. Please take one.

WATCHING AND WAITING IN ADVENT: TAIZE-STYLE

7.30 pm Sunday 9 December 2018 **Tonight**

Take time out from the pre-Christmas rush, yet preparing for Christmas in a reflective, expectant Advent liturgy of prayers, readings, chants and silences. This includes the great "O Antiphons" of Advent (referring to the titles and Coming of the Lord). Maranatha.



WINE DRIVE

Thank you for your generous support for our wine drive, we really appreciate all the orders. **Bottles are available for collection today.** If you have difficulties collecting your wine please contact Charles or Hilary on 9899 7553.

A decorative border with a repeating floral and scrollwork pattern, framing the central text.

Nine Lessons and CAROLS

7.30pm, Sunday 16 December 2018

This wonderful service tells the story of Christmas in readings and carols.

The choir, under the direction of the excellent Lewis Plumridge, will lead us in singing. Please come and be part of the experience.

There will be a supper after the service in the undercroft.

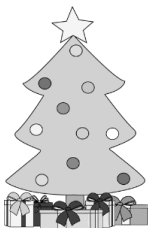
BRING A PLATE

If you are joining the congregation on Sunday, 16th Dec. at 7.30pm for the service it would be appreciated if you bring a small plate and join the choir and visitors for supper in the Undercroft after the service.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 12 December 7.00-8.30pm

Organ and trumpet recital: Anthony Halliday & Joel Brennen



ANGLICARE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL – Christmas Gifts and Food Donations

Donations of toys and food are wanted for Anglicare's Christmas Appeal. Gifts are wanted for adults and children and there is a basket for them at the back of the church. These gifts should not be wrapped. Vouchers for teenagers are especially welcome but please hand these directly to Margaret Payne, Fr Shane or Cecilia.

2019
ROSTER
UPDATE

It's that time again – I will be putting the 2019 Jan-June Roster together in the next couple of weeks so would appreciate if you could let me know if you can assist with any of the rostered duties i.e. Flowers, Sidespersons, Readers, Intercessors, Counting or Morning Tea. Also advice on confirmation/availability of those currently on the rosters would be appreciated.

Please contact Michele on themitchells01@bigpond.com.au or 9890 4387.

OUR FORMER THEOLOGY STUDENTS ARE ON THE MOVE

Rev Jacob Legarda is moving to the Diocese of Perth to take up a position as Archbishop's Chaplain to Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy. He will also be Director of Theological Education.

Rev Brett Murphy is moving to the Diocese of Carlisle in England, where he will be Priest-in-charge of the Parish of Arthuret with Kirkandrews-on-Esk and Nicholforest. This parish is in northern Cumbria, just across the border from Gretna Green in Scotland. Brett sends his greetings to Box Hill parishioners.

Second Sunday of Advent

Creating peace through education

Through your Christmas Bowl gift, you can give more children like Sadia the chance to go to school, escape poverty and create peaceful, productive lives. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101
VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

JAMS AND CHUTNEYS

There are some jams, marmalades and chutneys available for sale. A list of what is available is on the notice board in the undercroft. People can contact Margaret Dooley on 0438 129 161 to let her know what they want to buy.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR SALE

We have wooden Christmas decorations for sale in the Undercroft. Donations for any items are appreciated. These have been made at Envision. The staff are teaching and supporting those on the Working For the Dole program and refugees who are supported there.

Envision cannot receive any money from the sales, any profits are coming to the parish. Envision welcome any off cuts of mostly hard wood they can recycle for making suitable small items for indoors and for making outdoor items. Some softwoods are also suitable.

Details from Hilary 9899 7553

PARISH COUNCIL AND WARDENS

Congratulations to our new Parish Council members: Hilary Blakeman, Linda Boyd, Kim Cornish, Sue Collins (Treasurer), Judy Jensen, Keith Wilkins. The wardens are: Margaret Dooley, Sophia Errey, Garry Plumridge.



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ABM'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

ADVENT APPEAL

Nungalinga College and Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

With a combined enrolment of nearly four hundred students, Nungalinga College in Darwin and Wontulp- Bi-Buya College in Cairns are making a difference in more than one hundred communities across Australia.

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Language & Training Centre at St Peter's Bible School

In the Diocese of Taungoo, the Church of the Province of Myanmar is committing to the education program outlined in its strategic plan. 170 miles from Yangon, there are many young people and children from low income families desperate to access English language and computer courses, and music training for better opportunities.

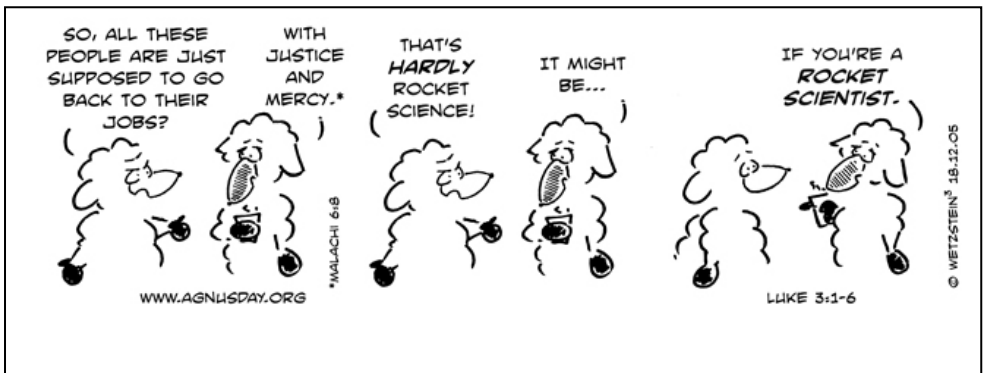
HOW TO DONATE

Online: You can make an online donation to the **2018 Advent and Christmas Appeal** on their website:

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals.php/129/abms-advent-christmas-appeal-2018>

Mail: you can enclose a cheque/money order (made out to the Anglican Board of Mission - Australia. Please include the campaign name 2017 Advent and Christmas Appeal/project with your donation) and send it to:

Anglican Board of Mission – Australia
Locked Bag Q4005
Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230



Hymn for Advent

**Comfort, comfort now my people;
speak of peace - so says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
burdened by a heavy load.**

**To Jerusalem proclaim:
God shall take away your shame.
Now get ready to recover;
guilt and suffering are over.**

**Here the herald's proclamation
in the desert far and near,
calling all to true repentance
telling that the Lord is near.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
For your God prepare a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.**

**Straighten out what has been crooked,
make the roughest places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
live as fits God's holy reign.
Soon the glory of the Lord
shall on earth be spread abroad,
all the world shall surely see it,
God is ready to decree it.**

Music: Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-1561),
Isaiah 40: 1-5, adapted Johanees Olearius (1611-1684)



What's on this Week

TODAY 9.12.18

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am **Holy Communion**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

MON 10.12.18

1.30pm **Memorial service for Thelma McKenzie**

4.00-5.30pm **Prayer Group**

TUES 11.12.18

8.30-11.30pm **Men at Work**

10.00-1.00 **Joyful Chinese**, *hall*

8.30am-12.30pm **Office open**

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**

WED 12.12.18

10.30am **Eucharist**

12.00-2.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*

2.00pm **Set up for Play Group**, *hall*

4.00pm **Set up for Play Group celebration**, *church*

6.00-7.00pm **Chinese Dancing**, *hall*

No Choir Practice tonight, SEE Thurs

THU 13.12.18

10.00-2.00pm **Office open**

9.30-11.30am **Play Group**, *hall*

10.00-11.00 **Play Group celebration**, *church*

6.00-8.00pm **Sudanese Prayer**, *church*

8.00-9.00pm **Choir Practice**, *u/croft*

FRI 14.12.18

7.30am **Eucharist**

5.00-9.00pm **Chinese Prayer Group**

SAT 15.12.18

Homework Club in recess for holidays

4.00-6.00pm **VMTA piano concert**

SUN 16.12.18

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am **Holy Communion**

11.30 **Mandarin Service**

2.00pm **Dinka Service**

7.30pm **Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols**

7.30pm Al Anon, *hall*

For the Diary

9 December

7.30 pm Taize-Style for Advent

16 December

7.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

20 December

Office closes for 2018

22 January

Office reopens for 2019

Christmas Services

16 December

7.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

24 December

6.00pm Crib Service

11.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion

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Before the service, speak to God.

*During the service, let God
speak to you.*

*After the service, speak to one
another.*

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Baptism, marriage & funeral by arrangement.

*Clergy are available for confession / counselling
by appointment.*

Roster 9.30am Service

SIDESPEOPLE	Today 9/12/18 Ken McD, Phil D, Barbara P W	Next week 16/12/18 Gwen F, Noel W, Margaret P W
SERVERS	Today 9/12/18 Sophia E, Rosemary S	Next week 16/12/18 Sophia E, Rosemary S
READERS	Today 9/12/18 Hilary B, Barbara P	Next week 16/12/18 Kim C, Sophia E
INTERCESSOR	Today 9/12/18 Alasdair M-L	Next week 16/12/18 Michele M
MORNING TEA	Today 9/12/18 Gwen McD M , Janet H, Rosemary S, Peter W	Next week 16/12/18 Keith W M , Margaret R, Jan G