

# THE LORD IS NEAR



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

## Preparing for Today's Eucharist

### Gospel Reflection: John the Baptist's Advice (Luke 3:7–18)

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist gives practical advice on how to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He focuses on two main things: sharing generously and avoiding abuse of power.

1. **Sharing Generously:** John tells people to share what they have with those in need. If you have extra clothing or food, give it to someone who doesn't. Don't hoard your wealth—be generous.
2. **Avoiding Exploitation:** John warns against taking advantage of others. Tax collectors back then often collected extra money to keep for themselves. John tells them to stop cheating people. Soldiers, too, are told not to use their power to bully or intimidate others for personal gain.

John also shifts the focus away from himself and points to Jesus. He explains that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire—a fire that will burn away anything unworthy in our hearts, making us ready for God. Luke's Gospel often emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding and strengthening the early Church.

### Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

If John the Baptist were speaking to you today, what would he tell you to do to clean up your life?

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Please all stand*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 269

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

### GREETING

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

### ST PETER'S PARISH PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Almighty and Everlasting God,  
who has gathered us at St. Peter's  
to worship you in the beauty of Anglican liturgy,  
grant that we may nurture faith in our diverse community  
and share your love with all people.  
May we serve with compassion and grace,  
reflecting your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**



### THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

We have this Advent Wreath to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

We light the first candle to remind us of all God's people who, in every age, watched for his coming.

*(A person lights the first purple candle)*

We light the second candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets.

*(Then light the second purple candle)*

*A young person asks: 'Why do we light the third candle?'*

*Another person and the congregation replies:*

**We light the third candle to remind us of John the Baptist, who told us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. 'I am a voice that cries in the wilderness; Make a straight way for the Lord.'**

As we light the third candle let us say together:

**Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'**

*(light the rose candle)*

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of St John:

‘A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.’ *John 1:6-8*

For the word of the Lord:     **thanks be to God.**

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Zephaniah who called all of the saints of old to rejoice with all their heart (First Reading).

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world, as St Paul urges us “Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near” (Second Reading).

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory, and so strengthen all your saints baptized into your Body of the Church, because John the Baptist said “...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire” (Gospel).

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Our Father who is in heaven,**

**we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world.**

**Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

**HYMN 289 Christmas is coming (V1-3)**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS**

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Jesus said: “This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

There is a clear note of rejoicing in today's liturgy. The basis for this rejoicing is the nearness of the Lord. As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Lord is very near us. Indeed, he is in our midst. *[Pause]*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

#### **TRISAGION**

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

#### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT**

Let us pray.

**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.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated for the reading*

#### **FIRST READING**

*Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because God stands in her midst. We too can take heart from this message of hope.*

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah 3:14-20.

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.**

**PSALM Song of Isaiah APBA 391**

‘Behold, God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid;  
‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.’  
With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.  
On that day you will say:  
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;  
‘Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.  
‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

Isaiah 12.2–6

**SECOND READING**

*Paul urges us to rejoice in the Lord, and to let go of anxiety by living in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:  
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.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 275 VS 1, 2**

**GOSPEL (Please stand)**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. (*Isa 61:1, cited in Luke 4:18*)

**Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Luke 3:7-18

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized 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 baptized, 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 baptize 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 baptize 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.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 275 VS 3, 5**

**HOMILY**

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, each in our preferred language.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was**

**incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the Forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *please kneel/sit*

We offer our prayers in a spirit of gratitude, knowing that God hears us when we call out. With confidence, let us bring our prayers to God.

*(At the end of each section)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Conclude the prayer with:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers:

**Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

[Let us pray.]

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. *(Luke 19:38)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Please all stand*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 279

*The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (ADVENT)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who was looked for by the prophets, heralded by the Baptist  
announced by an angel, born of the Virgin Mary,  
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for  
sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given  
for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his  
disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new  
covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often  
as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith)*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### **BREAKING THE CONSECRATED BREAD**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the end of the earth into your kingdom.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### **THE INVITATION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance  
that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over chest.*

**DURING COMMUNION:** Lo, how a rose is blooming

<b>THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE</b>
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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BLESSING**

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen!**

**DISMISSAL HYMN 273**



# Parish Link

## Notices & Information

### Third Sunday of Advent

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### Years Mind

Paul Hoare, Arthur Speldewinde, Maxwell Abbott, Viola Errey, Edna Usher and Alma George, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayers for the Church

The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimbo Mndolwa); Sojourners Church, Werribee (Andrew Seedhom, Mark Tibben); The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod, Sophie Relf-Christopher, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of The Yarra (Tim Johnson); Pastoral services: St John's Healesville (Bp Paul Barker); Christ Church Essendon (Abp Philip Freier); St Paul's Yarra Glen – Community Carols (Bp Paul Barker); Confirmation services: St John's Blackburn (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Alfred's Blackburn North (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Baptism, Confirmation and Reception service: St Mary's Sunbury (Bp Brad Billings).

### 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, now and for ever. Amen.

### Daily Readings

Monday	Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17	Ps 25.3-9	Matthew 21.23-27
Tuesday	Genesis 49.2, 8-10	Ps 72.1-7	Matthew 1.1-17
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23.5-8	Ps 72.15-21	Matthew 1.18-24
Thursday	Judges 13.2-7, 24-25	Ps 71.17-22	Luke 1.5-25
Friday	Isaiah 7.10-14	Ps 24.1-6	Luke 1.26-38
Saturday	Song of Songs 2.8-14	Ps 33.17-21	Luke 1.39-45
Sunday	Micah 5.2-5a	Song of Mary	Luke 1.39-45

### ABM Pew Reflections

Although prophets often have words of judgement or even condemnation, they also reassure by reminding us of God's overall purposes of love and goodness. Those who have unjustly suffered rejection or disaster will be restored. Past wrongs will be set to right, and we can again rejoice. • We pray that God's love and goodness may once again be known to those who have unjustly suffered. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy

# Christmas services 2024

**Dec 22**

7.00pm, Nine lessons and carols - Supper in Undercroft

**Dec 24**

6.00pm, Family service, 11.00pm First service of Christmas

**Dec 25**

9.30am, Eucharist

## VICARAGE CHRISTMAS PARISH GATHERING

December 15 at 5.00pm. 51 Monash Street, Box Hill South  
Please bring a plate.

**SUNDAY EVENING**



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a general donation towards the Christmas Flowers, or a donation for flowers in memory of a loved one, please place money in an envelope, (including the name of the loved one, if required) - marked "attention Margaret R". Or contact Margaret on 0408982480 to discuss. Assistance with arranging the flowers for Christmas would also be most welcome.

## THANK YOU

Dixon House, Anglicare have asked Jan to thank our parishioners for the large collection of food, gifts and gift cards we have delivered the last 2 weeks. The 11th and 12th of December are the designated days for recipients to choose their gifts and food. Thanks to all for donating the items.

## FOOD DONATIONS

While no more Christmas gifts are required until next year, we are **still collecting food for distribution** to those in need. Please continue to bring groceries which will be taken and delivered on the next collection date as usual.

## CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE

Jan has an iced Christmas cake to raffle. \$1 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn at the Vicar's Christmas party. Tickets available after the 9.30am service today and at the party.

## NEW LOGO

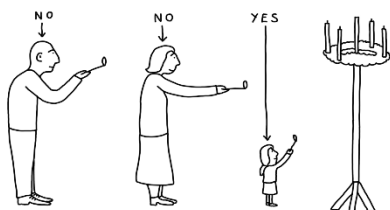
The Parish Council have agreed on a new logo for our church. It reflects who we are and is easy to understand. Very soon you will see it on all our documents.



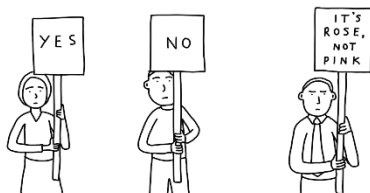
# TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Microsoft has released a festive Advent calendar this Christmas. No chocolates - just a load of updates every time you open your windows!

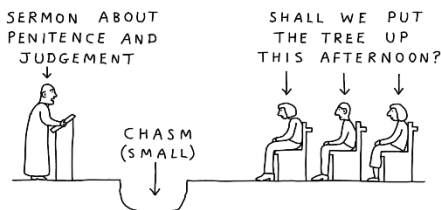
## ADVENT CONTROVERSIES



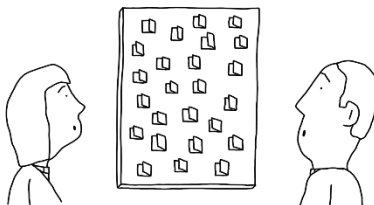
WHO WILL LIGHT THE CANDLES ON THE ADVENT WREATH?



SHOULD THE WREATH HAVE ONE PINK CANDLE?



WHETHER TO PREACH ON CHALLENGING ADVENT THEMES



WHO COULD HAVE EATEN THE VESTRY ADVENT CALENDAR CHOCOLATES?

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An old dad calls his son and says, "listen, your mother and I are getting divorced. Forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"Well we can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "I'm sick of talking about this, so call your sister and tell her," and he hangs up.

The son is worried. he calls his sister and she says, "We'll see about this!" She calls their father immediately. "You're not getting divorced! don't do another thing. The two of us are flying home tomorrow to talk about this and until then, don't call a lawyer, don't file a paper. do you hear me?" she hangs up the phone.

The old man turns to his wife and says, "okay, they're both coming for Christmas and paying their own way."

<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>Today 15.12.24</b>	<b>Next week 22.12.24</b>
SIDESPERSION	Barbara P	Sandra L
SERVERS	Rosemary, Jeff, Michael Z, <i>Kim</i>	Elizabeth, Judy, Rosemary, <i>Hena</i>
READERS	Marly, Hena	Aby, Charles
INTERCESSOR	Judy J	Michele
COUNTING	Charles, Rob	Margaret R, Lyn
MORNING TEA	<b>Cecilia</b> , Margaret R, Jan, Jenny F	<b>Barbara P</b> , Keith, Dianne

### **OUR 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 near 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.

### **Mission Statement**

At St. Peter's, we celebrate Anglican liturgical worship, nurture Christian faith within our diverse community, share God's love across all communities, and serve with compassion and grace to all people.

### **Vision**

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

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.

### **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards  
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## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 15.12.24

9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*  
5.00pm Parish Gathering at Vicarage  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### MONDAY 16.12.24

Vicar's day off  
6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*  
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *on holidays*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### TUES 17.12.24

8.30am-12.30pm Office open  
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work  
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *on holidays*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### WED 18.12.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup *on holidays*  
10.30am Eucharist  
10.00-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi, *on holidays*  
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### THU 19.12.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *on holidays*  
6.30-9.00pm Sudanese prayer group, *church*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### FRI 20.12.24

8.30am-12.30pm Office open  
9.00-11.00pm Sudanese Bible study, *church*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### SAT 21.12.24

10.00am Bible Study, *office*  
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School *on holidays*  
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

### SUN 22.12.24

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*  
7.00pm, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
Supper in Undercroft

## For the Diary

### December 15

Vicarage Christmas gathering, 5.00pm

## Christmas services 2024

### Dec 22

7.00pm, Nine lessons and carols,  
Supper in Undercroft

### Dec 24

6.00pm, Family service  
11.00pm First service of Christmas

### Dec 25

9.30am Eucharist

*This week:*

**Saturday** *Thomas, Apostle & martyr*

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