



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

St Alban's Kilmany, St Anne's Golden Beach & St Mark's Loch Sport

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All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.*

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Cathedral Parish Vision: "People of Christian faith – Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday." **4th December 2022**
Advent 2

Sentence of Scripture

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

The Prayer of the day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am **Wednesdays - 10.00am** in the Lady Chapel

Meditation in person: 4.15pm Mondays

Sunday Evenings 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5pm **Contemplative Service**

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month **TODAY**

St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)

St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 2nd Sunday of the month

Zoom Links: **Evening Prayer: Daily at 5.30pm - 6.00pm**

Meeting ID: 879 3927 8803 Passcode: Prayer

Meditation: Weekdays: silent Christian Meditation, 8.15am-8.45am

Meeting ID: 809 497 711 Passcode: 600361

Meditation on Mondays at 4.15pm in the cathedral

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Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Trish Broadbear 0418 104 840

The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer

Please pray for our supported student Hemirose Igo at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. *Isaiah 11.1-10*

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21

Give the king your judgement, O God:

and your righteousness to the son of a king,

That he may judge your people rightly:

and the poor of the land with equity.

Let the mountains be laden with peace

because of his righteousness:

and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

May he give justice to the poor among the people:

and rescue the children of the needy,

and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures:

and while the moon gives light,

throughout all generations.

May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:

and as showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish:

and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

Let his name live for ever:

and endure as long as the sun.

Let all peoples use his name in blessing:

and all nations call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:

who alone does great wonders.

Blessed be his glorious name for ever:

and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen, Amen.

A Reading from The Letter to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';
and again he says,
'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';
and again,
'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';
and again Isaiah says,
'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15.4-13*

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the
region along the Jordan,

and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to
them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume 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.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is
coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will
gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable
fire.' *Matthew 3.1-12*

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Dean's Reflection

This week is the second week of Advent, and we are immersed in the prophets: in the wonderful promises in Isaiah's prophecies about one who would come to bring justice and unprecedented peace; in the call of John the Baptist to "prepare the way of the Lord".

I remember about 13 years ago when I started in my first parish, the roadworks extending and expanding the Ipswich motorway were just coming to conclusion (don't we wish the roadworks between Sale and Traralgon would finally be done!?). In the course of the roadworks, we'd watched as hills had literally been flattened and gullies filled in in order to make the way flat for the motorway (and they'd doing something similar at Kilmany, turning the overpass into an underpass... from what I understand!). These days we do these things with dynamite and heavy earth moving machinery; I wonder how the people of John the Baptist's time envisaged this happening – perhaps in an earthquake or earth shattering wind.

What does it mean to prepare the way of the Lord? We could just as easily ask what it means to be baptised with the Holy Spirit and with fire! We read the first command in the context of the lead up to Christmas; the second we read looking back after Pentecost. But I think that both statements take us further than either Christmas or Pentecost.

Preparing the way of the Lord: it's about being ready, our hearts, our lives lived in expectation that God comes to us. The baptism of the Holy Spirit and with fire is God's response to hearts that are open and lives that are oriented towards God: how can we receive such a gift if we're not ready and waiting with open hands?

So in the midst of this Advent, I wonder what each of us needs to let go of, what each of us needs to allow to be opened, in order to welcome God's coming to us. I wonder what we need to offer to God, to surrender, in order to be electrified with the energy of the Spirit? And if we do pause to offer ourselves to be set alight with God's presence, what difference that would make in our families, our networks, our church community and wider community?

Your Dean,

Keren

Unfortunately, Keren tested positive for Covid after the Choralfest Friday evening. Please watch for any symptoms and test, then isolate etc.

Training for all welcomers and sidespeople has been postponed till next year.

The Jesse Tree Through Advent we'll be doing something a little different in place of the sermon. This year we're doing the Jesse Tree.

What is a Jesse Tree? Basically, it's just an evergreen branch or small tree—sometimes even a bare branch. During the season of Advent biblical symbols are gradually added to the tree, symbols that tell the story of God's redemption and reveal the strong ties between the Old and New Testaments. Our amazing Jesse Tree was lovingly made by Lyn Williams, and each week we'll be inviting different folk to read the stories of the different figures from the scriptures and to put the corresponding ornament on the tree. **Last week's stories are on facebook and the web.**

Everyone is invited on **Sunday 18th December at 7pm**, to a relaxed and informal style **Lessons and Carols** service. For this service, I'm **CALLING ALL SINGERS!** Doesn't matter your level of ability; I'm hoping to gather a few folk together to sing a couple of simple items during the service. There will be a rehearsal on **Saturday 17th December at 2:30pm** to run through these songs!

We are again opening the **Cathedral to the public** on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays from 2pm – 4pm. More volunteers needed, Contact Kathy Jackiw 0400 444 416.

However for this and any workers at the Book Fair (when open, not pre sorting) you need to have **completed the appropriate Safe Ministry requirements first.** So, if you don't have a police check or Working with Children Check, this will be need to be completed NOW, as well as other things, to ensure it is back in time. See Ann Miller for more info.

Chapter news **The next Chapter meeting PROBABLY NOT on the 8th December.** (Due to Keren's positivity) All 2021/22 and the new Chapter are invited to a combined meal at 6pm first. They will be emailed details as soon as we know.

Lay Canons Iain Nicolson (Dean's Nomination), Christine M, Kaye Harrington
Chapter: Anthony Hahn, Nancy Schmack, Annette Hollonds,
Rob Tatterson, Kathy Jackiw, Nick Nagy (also new Synod Supplementary member)



Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Your gifts will help support Act for Peace's work with communities around the world affected by conflict and disaster.

Yes, I will give hope to a refugee going hungry this Christmas.

You may like to set a place setting for a hungry person at your dinner table, and place money on an empty plate, as a way of being thankful for what you have, and as an ongoing way to collect for the Christmas Bowl. Envelopes available. **QR code or <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/48393> puts money into the St Paul's appeal.**

Solar Panels for the Hall/Cathedral. Chapter is now inviting donations towards the remaining cost of \$6155 , the total after donations already received/pledged. Donations can be made via internet bank transfer to the general Cathedral account (identify as ‘solar’), or via an envelope in the offertory marked ‘solar’. **Tax deductible donations** may be made by direct transfer to Anglican Earthcare Gippsland: *Correct details for this coming soon.*

GIANT Book Fair If you are willing to help cart / trolley boxes of books from the container to the hall, or sort books by author alphabetically, it will all start on the **15th** December. Book pricers and cashiers will be needed during the Book sale. Talk to Christine if you can help.

Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy – Central Gippsland Hospital Sale

If you would like to have the Hospital Chaplain visit you, a family member or a friend please contact the Revd Heather Toms, Hospital Chaplain on 0400 512 217’.

Coming up

Training for welcomers and Sidespeople. **Postponed**

13th December **Community Carols by Candlelight at the LEAF**

18th December – **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Christmas Eve: Kilmany @ 8pm

St Paul’s 5pm & 11pm

Christmas Day St Paul’s 9am

Services in January 9am

7-21 January **Giant Book Fair**, may start earlier and finish later!

29th January 2pm **Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert** (From Germany)

The 10 am service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul’s Cathedral Sale when in* YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57>

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BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul’s Building Fund (‘Fill the gap’)

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Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony The Second Sunday Of Advent: Peace

Here we tell the ancient tale, coming to the story circle of lights.

This second flame is to bring balance and the promise of harmony.

This is the candle of Peace.

Let us honour the Light!

We sing the following song as the candle is lit.

In our darkness there is no darkness with you, O Lord;
the deepest night is clear as the day. *Psalm 139:12 TIS725*

Let us Pray.

Loving God,

we thank you for the light that you have sent
and are sending into the world,
the light that even now lights our path.

Come among us

and make your name known to all people,
that we may have hope in you.

We are the clay, you are the Potter.

Form us as you will,

so that songs of praise may ascend to you,
both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Prepare the way of Peace-maker:

Make the path straight.

Prepare your hearts for praise:

Let music sound loud, as we lift our voices to sing.

Prepare the world for justice:

For the Righteous One comes

among us... And we will praise God!

Gradual Hymn (Advent Song) **Be still and know that I am God MP48**

1 Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

2 I am the Lord that healeth thee. (x3)

3 In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (x3) *Anon MP48 CCL84410*

Invitation to Communion: -

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.