



# St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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

*We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of this region.  
All churches of the parish stand on the lands of the Gunaikurnai people.*

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**Cathedral Parish Vision:** "People of Christian faith – **18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
*Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday.*" **Advent 4**

## Sentence of Scripture

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel:  
God with us. *Matthew 1.23*

## The Prayer of the day

Gracious God,  
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,  
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:  
so fill us with your grace,  
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,  
and in all things embrace your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of 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**

### Outcentre Services:

**St Anne's Golden Beach** 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month **TODAY**  
**St Alban's Kilmany** 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)  
**St Mark's Loch Sport** 10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. *Isaiah 7.10-16*

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

### **Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock:

**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine out in glory;**

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
**stir up your power, and come to save us.**

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

**show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts:

**how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears:

**and given them tears to drink in good measure.**

You have made us the victim of our neighbours:

**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

**show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:

**on that son of man**

**whom you made so strong for yourself.**

And so we shall not turn back from you:

**give us life, and we will call upon your name.**

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

**show us the light of your countenance,**

**and we shall be saved.**

### **A Reading from The Letter to the Romans**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Romans 1.1-7*

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.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. *Matthew 1.18-25*

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

## *Dean's Reflection*

Who's your daddy? Or, who are you related to? Today's readings for the fourth Sunday of Advent point to and highlight Jesus as the scion of a long line of kings descended from David, the "Shepherd of Israel". Matthew's gospel begins with a genealogy which aims to connect Jesus through Joseph all the way back to Abraham; he's the promised Descendant, who will be a better king than the kings of old and whose reign will be of justice and truth. He's the Davidic Messiah, anointed one – a figure whose coming signifies the end of the way things were (or indeed, the end of the world as we know it) and the inauguration of God's reign and realm.

What's important about this list of names, and indeed, about the affirmation in the readings about Jesus being related to ancient King David? It situates him in time and place. He's not a figure who's sprung like Venus from Seaspray on the waves. He's the fulfilment of generations of God's promises to God's people, the blood in his veins that of Abraham and Sarah, of Judah and Tamar, of Salmon and Rahab, of Boaz and Ruth, David and Bathsheba, and a bunch of others all the way down to Joseph and Mary. In this list are not just saints but sinners too, and outsiders (women) who married in – Tamar, who was dealt a rough hand, Rahab the Canaanite prostitute, Ruth the Moabite, Bathsheba the wife of Uriah the Hittite. That these women are named makes a point in and of itself, their stories integrally connected to that of their great-great-something-grandson, their courage finding redemption in and through him.

We're heading into a time when we connect with family and friends; in the wider world that eschews the Reason for the Season, in fact it's often said that Christmas is all about family. It can be a very fraught time as well as a time of comfort and cheer, as old tensions surface, and as our jagged edges rub up against the jagged edges of the people we are connected to. It's a good time to be reminded, thinking about the people Jesus was connected to, that God's grace can flow even through the challenges being in relationship with our loved ones represents. My prayer is that our gatherings this year may be characterised by the peace the King of Peace brings, and that for each of us there will be great blessing in connecting with our loved ones.

Your Dean,

Keren

Everyone is invited on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**, to a relaxed and informal style **Lessons and Carols** service. Supper following.



*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.*

**QR code or <http://mycb.link/48393> puts money into the St Paul's appeal.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**Waiting to return home**

Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

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

**GIANT Book Fair      Helpers needed! Sorting books from 9am daily**  
A lot have already been sorted thanks to my busy helpers! Contact Christine 0438595056 if you would like to help. Or check she is there before turning up. Everyone welcome to help, a very simple job!

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. Christine can help with the computer forms as well.

**The next Chapter meeting has been postponed to a date to be determined.**

## **The Jesse Tree**

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.**

**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.*

## **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**

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

29<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission and SOLAR**

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

**Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund ('Fill the gap')**

BSB 705 077 Acc no: 000 409 69 NO reference needed

## **Sunday Bulletin / Web/Facebook contact:**

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***Christmas 2022***

**St Paul's Cathedral, Sale**



**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.00pm Lessons and Carols Service**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5.00pm An informal Family Worship Service**

Suitable for all aged children and grownups!

*Nativity dress-ups are provided so all children can participate in the telling of the Christmas story*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**8.00pm @ St Alban's Kilmany Holy Communion**

**11.00pm @ St Paul's Holy Communion**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.00am @ St Paul's Holy Communion**

**SUNDAYS in January**

**ALL of January 9.00am only Services**

Contact St Paul's Office 51442020

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## **Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony**

## **The Fourth Sunday Of Advent: Love**

We continue the story of generations,  
Telling a story into the circle of lights.  
This fourth light is for compassion and heart.  
This is the candle of Love  
**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**

Give us life and call us to yourself  
**And we will call upon your name.**  
Restore us, O God.  
**Let your face shine, that we might be saved.**  
Shine on us this day, O God,  
**We come to praise and worship you –**  
**God coming to be with us!**

### **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.**