



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 –
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday."*

3rd December 2023
Advent 1

Sentence of Scripture

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' *Mark 13.31*

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit
you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen**



Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

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

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

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday & 3rd Sunday of the month

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

St Mark's Loch Sport *Services during certain holidays*

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

Associate Priest/Hospital Chaplain: Rev'd Heather Toms 0400 512 217

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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

Our parish is committed to ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all, especially children and vulnerable people.

We have a duty of care to protect all who participate in the life of the church from abuse. We have zero tolerance for abuse of any kind.

If you are concerned about your own or somebody else's safety, or have witnessed behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable you can contact the Deputy Director of Professional Standards in the Gippsland Diocese, Julie Reilly Mobile: 0456 572 589 Email: julie@kooyoora.org.au You may also like to talk to the Dean, the Lay Canons, or our Safety Officer Ann Miller tarkaan@bigpond.com. 0427445866 or if this is a really serious matter, go directly to the police, and then to the above.

Please pray for our supported student Moses Baiduduga at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from The Book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people. *Isaiah 64.1-9*
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 First Letter to the Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Corinthians 1.1-9*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory.
Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’ *Mark 13.24-37*

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

Reflection:

Advent is the season of waiting and preparation. There will be many signs for us, sometimes as obvious as eclipses and new growth on fig trees, other times more abstract in clouds and angels. We do not know exactly when. Jesus reminds us always to be ready and prepared. Keep awake!

- God, may I always be ready for your coming.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth

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First Sunday of Advent

Hope for families forced to flee



Jehan*, a brave mother of five, made the courageous decision to escape on foot to Pakistan with her family when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help Act for Peace coordinate rapid emergency responses with local partners, like Church World Services Asia, so that they can immediately act, giving families like Jehan's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**

*Name changed for safety reasons

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

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



Christmas Bowl



Christmas Bowl appeal: Envelopes for the Act for Peace appeal for the Christmas Bowl are available. If you wish to donate on line, there is a specific page for St Paul donations via QR code or mycb.link/48393

ABM Advent and Christmas appeal Envelopes available. This is raising funds to support Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya Colleges as they train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders in their communities.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College was established 40 years ago, and Nungalinya College 50 years ago this year. Together, they have proudly transformed the lives of so many who strive to explore and live out their Christian faith.

QR code on the envelopes. <https://www.abmission.org/christmas2023>

Meetings at St Paul's in December

New Chapter Meeting 14th including a meal together.

There will be a commissioning of the Chapter for 2024 on Sunday 10th December at both services.

AGM : Appointed to Chapter Dean's Nominations*

Lay Canons: Christine Morris, Kaye Harrington, Iain Nicolson*

Chapter: Nancy Schmack, Rob Tatterson, Kathy Jackiw, Nick Nagy, Michael Down, Stephanie Broughton, Kevin Cameron.

Anglicare Christmas gifts

We received a letter of thanks from Anglicare Gippsland for all our gifts. Thank you to all who have given so generously.

The **Journey to Bethlehem** is a musical movie showing at the Sale Cinema.

Worth seeing, it makes you think about the nativity story in a very different way!

The donkey On Sunday at 2.25pm and 6.25 pm and 12.55 and 7.50pm Wednesday.

Most likely next weekend as well. Christine saw it.

Thank you to everyone who helped at or supported the **Choralfest**. It was a wonderful evening! Special thanks to Jan B for the amazing cake!

Community Christmas

Community Carols by Candlelight

This is held on the 5th December at the LEAF.

Please pray for this, and talk to Christine if you can help set or pack up.

Wanderers:

Cuppa and chat Thursday Dec 7th 10am The Dock Cafe

If you need picking up let me know. Everyone welcome, RSVP me. Jan Lear.

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Christmas @ St Paul's

Lessons and Carols 17th December 7pm with Yallourn Madrigal Singers

Sunday December 24th and 31st and all of January **9am** only services

Christmas **Eve** 5pm and 11pm

Christmas **Day** 9am

Out centres:

Christmas **Eve** Loch Sport 10.30am Kilmany 8pm

Christmas **Day** Golden Beach 10.30am

From the Pastoral Care Team:

Morning Tea

A huge thank you to those who willingly serve in the kitchen and do tea and toast (8am) or coffee and refreshments (10am). Over the last few months there's been a bit of absence and forgetfulness of when we're rostered on. To help with this, Kaye has offered to send a text to whoever is rostered on to do morning tea on the Friday before. If you **do not wish** to receive a reminder, please let Kaye know ASAP so that she doesn't need to jog your memory! We'll be having another check-in to reflect on what's working and what's not on Sunday 11th February at 9:30am.

Yummy goodies

We're looking for willing cooks and bakers to be on a roster for providing a slice or cake to supplement the biccies that are usually put out for morning tea. If you're willing to be a cook/baker, please be in contact with Kaye or Lyn.

Offertory bags

A couple of months ago, Chapter voted to reintroduce the passing of the offertory bags in church. The bag will still be available at the door if you'd prefer to contribute to it prior to the service. The sidesperson will also offer the opportunity at the offertory for you to contribute if you'd forgotten. As always, there is no obligation to do so at any point - though we strongly encourage both giving the "tithe" - whatever that looks like for you - to support the work we do through the parish, as well as offering it by direct debit! Training will be offered to sidespeople/welcomers who are unfamiliar with the passing of the bag.

Welcomers

After an excellent session with John Jeffries on 29th October, we've been reflecting on how we do welcome. Sometimes welcomers for whatever reason can't be here, or don't remember it's their turn! Kaye has offered to send a text on the Friday before to check in with the welcomers for the coming Sunday. If you do not wish to receive a reminder text, please let Kaye know.

Mission of the Month

Wurruk Community House is a not-for-profit Neighbourhood House with a food pantry, community garden and lots of activities, meeting the needs of the local people.

Safe Ministry training.

FREE Online Safe Church Workshop Instructions at

<https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/resources/safe-ministry>

Scroll down to "General" then to "Safe Church Workshop Instructions".

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At the Abbey

Hush. A retreat day on the Island. December 12th 2023

Spirituality and Music – Intersection of the Divine

Facilitator: Dr Cath Connelly

Where – The Abbey, Time – 10.00am – 3.30pm Donation - \$20

BYO lunch and journal. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

The (10am) service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale* ***when in*** YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/@stpaulscathedralsale/streams>

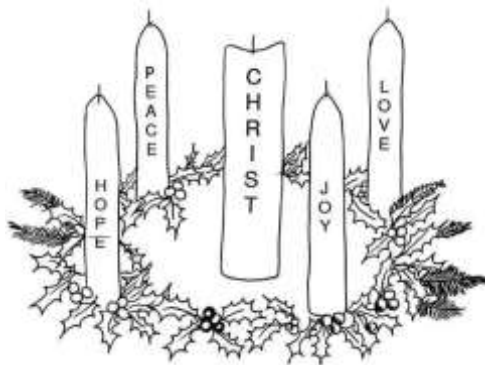
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Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

The First Sunday Of Advent: Hope (From Christmas Bowl resources..)

Here we meet.

Here we encounter

Here we worship God.

Here we will encounter Christ,
hope of all of creation.

**Here we will celebrate what it means,
to be the people of God in this place.**

Here we will give thanks for the Word made Flesh.
Here we will encounter the Hope for the world.
Here we will worship God.

As we light our first Advent Candle, we open ourselves up to Your Hope in our lives.

We light the Advent Candle and remind ourselves of the ways You have provided for us, and we live in the Hope that You will use us this Advent Season to bring Hope to those in need. **Amen**

Song for Advent: Come, we pray, O God, be with us

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Come, we pray, O God be with us

Come Emmanuel

Come, we pray, O God be with us

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1: When will we beat our swords to ploughshares?

Come Emmanuel

When will we walk your paths of justice?

Come Emmanuel

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.