



St Paul's Cathedral, Sale / Wayput

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 –* **8th December 2024**
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday. **2nd Sunday of Advent**

Sentence of Scripture

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.**

Prayer for the year of Hope 2025

God of hope,
you fill those who trust in you
with peace and joy:
give us the gift of your Spirit
so that we may overflow
with the hope we have in Jesus,
shine with his presence,
and share the good news
with others.

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**

Morning Prayer 9am on Fridays

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 only at Easter and Christmas*

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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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 or the Lay Canons, or if this is a really serious matter, go directly to the police, and then to the above.

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 Moses Baiduduga at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Book of Malachi

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?' *Malachi 3.1-14*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Zechariah

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness

and the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A Reading from The Letter to the Philippians

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. *Philippians 1.1-11*

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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.” ’ *Luke 3.1-6*

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



Advent 2 Biblical Reflection – *from the Christmas Bowl resources*
BIBLICAL REFLECTION

The Christian community in Gaza is one of the oldest in church history and is sadly now facing the very real threat of annihilation.

Since October 2023, the Monastery of St. Porphyrios became a place of refuge for hundreds of people, regardless of their religion.

Their priest, Archbishop Alexios, pledged “*As long as there is at least one Christian in the territory of Gaza, I will not go anywhere, because I can be a hope for them*”.

“*Where are we to go when no place is safe?*” is the repeated plea as families flee from one area to another in the tiny Gaza Strip. Even areas designated by Israel as ‘humanitarian safe zones’ have come under violent bombing leaving thousands dead or wounded, searching for their loved ones under the rubble. Life for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank has also seen increased food and water insecurity, forced displacement and home demolitions. Their land is confiscated to build illegal Israeli Settlements with the place of Jesus’ birth sadly being erased.

In these weeks leading up to Christmas Day, Bethlehem will no doubt be spoken of from every church pulpit the world over as people commemorate its significance in our salvation story. This year, the invitation is for us to not just talk about Bethlehem as it relates to the Biblical narrative, but for us to grapple with the life infants are born into in current day Bethlehem, Gaza and throughout the West Bank. Our Christian siblings in the Holy Land are crying out to be heard, listen to their cries.

Reverend Dr Helen Richmond & Nell Potter

Dean's Desk

This week's highlights for me were two... On Monday we welcomed the students and staff from St Anne's Campus of Gippsland Grammar for their Christmas Service. This was incredibly well-received by all who came, and I hope it will be an annual thing. Many thanks to Arthur for helping with the AV on the day. This year one of my goals was to refresh and renew the relationship between the Grammar and the Cathedral, which I am really pleased has worked well - for us, and for the school. In the next year I hope we might be able to connect into Garnsey some more; this year Heather's flown the flag by offering chaplaincy at their chapel services and other events over the last nine months. Thanks Heather.

The second highlight was the community carols on Tuesday evening, sponsored by the Lions and the Council, and in the organisation of which Christine took a huge role (congratulations, Christine). Because of the inclement weather, the decision was taken on Tuesday morning to shift to the Memorial Hall - a venue which was well-conducive to the event, but perhaps lacking the same atmosphere (and attendance) as being the gardens would afford. I was really impressed with the beautiful decorations arranged with care by Christine and Rob Smith, the incredible variety of community music and dance groups involved, the content of traditional carols (yes!); and I relished the opportunity to accompany one of the singers on the harp. Thanks to those from the cathedral community who came to support the event.

Two plugs (there's a theme here, being Advent II!): Our Lessons and Carols will be next Sunday evening 15th at 7pm. Please come along: our wonderful vocal scholars and other musicians will be sharing their gifts with us in this beautiful service; and...

The following Sunday, 22nd December at 5pm Kate and I will be leading a **Blue Christmas** service. This service is in answer to the felt grief of our cathedral and wider community, and is an opportunity for those for whom this is the first Christmas without a loved one, or who are feeling heavily burdened by the troubles of life and the world, to come and light a candle and be supported prayerfully. Members of the wider community are also invited to attend. It will be a gentle service acknowledging that amidst the tinsel and presents and happy-family pictures around us, Christmas is not always a happy time, so feel free to invite anyone you know who you think might benefit from it to come along.

Keren

ABM Appeal

Help Bring Hope and Opportunity to Children in Sri Lanka and Australia



The angel's message to the shepherds on that first Christmas Eve was one of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Two of ABM AID's partners, the Diocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka and Gawura in Sydney, are working towards that same peace, reconciliation and hope by providing education to disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Sydney.

Envelopes available at church, or donate on line.



75 years of the Christmas Bowl After witnessing millions of refugees starving in war ravaged Europe, Reverend Frank Byatt placed a Bowl of Remembrance on his Christmas dinner table. From these humble beginnings, the Christmas Bowl began.

For 75 years, caring Australians have been giving hope to people forced to flee their homes due to conflict and disasters, through the Christmas Bowl. This powerful tradition has changed the lives of thousands of people who have been displaced around the world – empowering them to rebuild their lives.

Support the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

QR code links to the Cathedral's specific page, or take an envelope and place in the offering bag.



Wanderers:

Wanderers last lunch for the year will be at The Rosedale Hotel on Friday Dec 13th at 12 noon. If you would like to attend call Jan Lear 0421 605 461.

We are accepting **Christmas gifts** (unwrapped please) and 'Christmassy food' (nothing fragile) for **Anglicare** during this month. You can also donate on line, or purchase a gift for a child on line. <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/christmas-toy-appeal-2024/> Several boxes of gifts have already been given to Anglicare. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

January 1st – 21st

Gigantic Enormous Supersized Biggest ever Book Fair !

Christine needs help from Monday 9th to be moving the tables and books across, then sorting some alphabetically at least by the 14th. It is going to be a HUGE job, so many hands needed. Lyn, Liz and Helen have continued keeping up with the ever incoming books. They run on chocolate and would love donations of ‘fuel’! The **raffle** is going to be ‘choose your own’ gift vouchers again, so donations towards these help raise more funds.

16 Days of Activism 2024 Campaign: “You may have heard it said...”

Supporting the United Nations **16 days of activism campaign: 24 Nov to 10 Dec to prevent gender-based violence** campaign It is on our Facebook most days.

At The Abbey for the remainder of this year:

December:

12th – Hush Quiet Day. Facilitator: Gradwell Fredericks.

12th - Celtic music session. 7.00pm – 10.00pm in the Chapel.

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral’s ministry and mission

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Call to Worship (Christmas Bowl resources)

The Lord's Prayer sung in Aramaic:

Shalom aleichem. Assalamu alaikum.

Peace be with all. We long for your peace, O God.

Come to us God of peace.

TiS289 verse 1& 2

Dismissal:

God of tender mercy, we wait for your morning light from heaven to break upon us.

Come, Lord Jesus come.

Give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Guide us to the path of peace. Amen.

Christmas 2024

St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Sale

Sunday 15th Dec 7.00pm **Lessons and Carols**
Sunday 22nd Dec 5pm Blue Christmas service

CHRISTMAS EVE @ St Pauls

5.00pm An informal Family Worship Service
Suitable for all aged children and grownups!

11.00pm @ St Paul's Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY @ St Pauls

9.00am @ St Paul's Holy Communion

Regular SUNDAY services @ St Pauls
29th December & all January 9.00am only
Out centres:

Christmas **Eve**: St Alban's Kilmany 8pm
Christmas **Day**: St Anne's Golden Beach 11am



Carol Photos
Nativity from
Sale Baptist Church

Christine,
the dancing
Christmas tree.

Keren on harp.

