



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 –* **15th December 2024**
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday. **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Sentence of Scripture

Do not fear. 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. *Zephaniah 3.16–17*

Prayer of the Day

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.

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 Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements 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 . *Zephaniah 3.14-20*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Song of Isaiah

‘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.’

A Reading from The Letter to the Philippians

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. *Philippians 4.4-7*
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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.

Luke 3.7-18

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



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

At first blush, it seems John the Baptist didn't get the memo that this week's about Joy. His confrontational and fiery words are provocative and discomfiting. Yet, they're not gratuitous rantings. His call to bear fruit worthy of repentance captured the spiritual imagination of

the crowd with its focus on addressing the needs of others with honesty and integrity. He challenged the faithful to act upon their faith.

This passage reminds me of when my family first moved to inner-Canberra from rural NSW. My then 8-year-old son was bemused by the sight of a man lying on the footpath with a dog. Curious, he asked what the man was doing. I explained the man was homeless. My son couldn't understand how anyone could lack a home and was shocked. He ranted all evening against banks and the government. He went to bed shouting over and over "*I hate money, it should be banned*". Like John, he was railing against injustice and recognised the gap between despair and joy is often our failure to do the good we can.

Rima's experience with the Forsa project shows how turning to others in compassion brings joy out of despair.

The great good of Christ was offered to the world to bring joy to all and we share in that joy by serving others with generosity and compassion..

The Reverend Ben Edwards

Dean's Desk

We had an energising Chapter meeting on Thursday evening. We usually start our meetings with a bible reading reflection, which this week was Romans 5:1-8, prompting us to respond to the question: what is faith? What is our faith? What hope does faith give us?

One of the questions that came up was about what canons are. No, not the big guns (cannons)! A canon is a church rule - so, in some dioceses the rules that govern the diocese are called canons (here they're called Acts because the Anglican Province of Victoria was founded by an Act of Parliament). Related to that, the rules that govern cathedrals historically were called canons. The body that governs a cathedral is called the Chapter - from the days when cathedrals were often also abbeys or monasteries, and the Chapter was the group of professed clergy who were also the most educated amongst the abbey population. Those who were part of the Chapter were canons, because they both created and enforced the canons (rules). Confused?

That's the historical context. In our context it's a little bit different. The other week we installed two new canons, a clerical canon and a diocesan lay canon. So... We have two bodies that govern the cathedral: Chapter, and Greater Chapter. Chapter is basically our parish council, charged (along with the Dean/Incumbent) with engaging with the whole mission of the church in the parish, pastoral, evangelistic, ecumenical and social. Our three lay canons Iain, Kaye, and Christine are essentially church wardens. We also have Greater Chapter, which is a body made up of the two Archdeacons, the Area Dean, three diocesan clerical canons and three diocesan lay canons, and our three lay cathedral canons. (And the Dean, and the Bishop, who chairs Greater Chapter.) Of the diocesan canons, some are appointed by the bishop, and some are elected by synod. Greater Chapter's brief is to oversee the Cathedral's role in the life of the diocese as the "mother church". In the coming year, we're planning to develop the vision and mission of Greater Chapter, which has lapsed somewhat in recent times. I'm excited to see how this unfolds.

Chapter also enthusiastically supported a suggestion by a member of Chapter that we recommence ringing the bell before worship services on Sundays, that we work to create space for reflection before the service starts by ringing a bell (or striking a gong) inside about five minutes before church, and potentially ring the bell also during the thanksgiving prayer. We decided to recommence ringing the big bell, and start having a time of quiet reflection while listening to music before church, introduced by a bell/gong, and we'll experiment with ringing the bell/gong during the thanksgiving prayer starting from Epiphany. I'll write some more about bells and their significance in worship in due course, as I realise this is a bit of a change for some folk.

Essentially, let me say this: that anything introduced in terms of music or decoration or ceremony in worship or in church for me is always about what is going to lead to joy, to a sense of the Spirit's hovering, to help people engage with the themes of the season, an invitation to go deeper, to experience God's presence, to celebrate, to challenge. Symbols and sounds, sights and smells are all ways of engaging the senses - because we believe in a God who is incarnate among us, and who deigns to communicate with us through what we can touch, see, hear, taste, smell, and sense. Church in my way of thinking should be a feast of the senses - because we all connect with God and learn in different ways. And God's goodness embraces all of human experience. I hope this goes some way to explaining where I'm coming from when it comes to what happens in church.

Perhaps we can chat more about it next **Sunday 22nd** after each of the services when we'll be having a **congregational chat**. Bring along your ideas and questions - it'll be an opportunity to air any concerns and propose suggestions.

Lastly, do come to the Lessons and Carols tonight, 15th December 7pm, which should be a beautiful service. And consider coming to the Blue Christmas service on Sunday 22nd at 5pm!

Keren

AGM/ Chapter results

Lay Canons: * *Dean's Nomination*

Christine Morris, Kaye Harrington, *Iain Nicolson

Chapter: Nancy Schmack, Kathy Jackiw, Kevin Cameron, Stephanie Broughton,
*Michael Down

Synod: Jan and Michael Down, Nick Nagy

Minute Secretary: Kathy Jackiw

Chapter Clerk: Christine Morris

Mission Rep: Michael Down

TGA Rep: Jan Down

Wanderers:

Cup and Chat 10am at Raymond Café Thursday 19th. Jan Lear 0421 605 461.

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

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.

January 1st – 21st

Gigantic Enormous Supersized Biggest ever Book Fair !

Christine and Joe have been very busy moving books and tables, and helping Helen and Kathy sort them into the alphabet. This continues this week. Please help! The **raffle** is going to be 'choose your own' gift vouchers again, so donations towards these help raise more funds.

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission
BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

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Call to Worship (Christmas Bowl resources)

In joy I will call to the Lord:

The Lord is in our midst.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout aloud and sing for joy.

Rejoice and exult with all your heart.

The Lord is near!

God of love, in the hope of Your kingdom and in the peace of Your kingdom, we pray for the joy of Your kingdom to fill this world with Your love. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord and sing for joy,

For the Holy One dwells among us.

TiS 289 verse1 – 3

Dismissal

Go into the world with joy in loving service.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Meet Joe who can push or pull 14 boxes of books simultaneously and carry 9ft wooden tables on his own. Joe has moved to Sale and coming regularly to the 10am service. *Thanks for your help Joe!* The container mostly has NON fiction books left, the hall full of fiction books to navigate around!



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