



# 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.*

**Christmas Eve /Day  
2018**

## *Christmas Bulletin*



**Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:**

**Sundays – 30<sup>th</sup> December and all of January 9 am only**

*No Wednesday or Evening services until February*

**Out Centre Services:**

**St Anne's Golden Beach** 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

**St Alban's Kilmany** 11.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month **Not in January**

**St Mark's Loch Sport** 10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**Hon. Priest:** Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow 0428 167 724 [nikolai@nikolaiblaskow.com](mailto:nikolai@nikolaiblaskow.com)

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**Cathedral Organist:** Anthony Hahn 0437 569 608

## **Cathedral Prayer Chain Requests**

Please contact Naomi McDonald 5144 5922 Kerrie Smith 51456783

**The prayer chain is for anyone in need of prayer**

From the dean

The gift of Christmas is God-with-us. It is a gift we grow into, a mystery of presence. When we focus too much on gift giving and receiving at Christmas, we may forget God's gift, of being with us in all the mess of life, or we may draw closer to God's presence in the love of others. We may also forget the presence of God and love throughout the year. Here's a poem, 'The Gift' by Kevin Hart, for reflection:

One day the gift arrives — outside your door,  
Left on a windowsill, inside the mailbox,  
Or in the hallway, far too large to lift.

Your postman shrugs his shoulders, the police  
Consult a statute, and the cat meows.  
No name, no signature, and no address,

Only, "To you, my dearest one, my all . . ."  
One day it all fits snugly on your lap,  
Then fills the backyard like afternoon in spring.

Monday morning, and it's there at work —  
Already ahead of you, or left behind  
Amongst the papers, files and photographs;

And were there lipstick smudges down the side  
Or have they just appeared? What a headache!  
And worse, people have begun to talk:

"You lucky thing!" they say, or roll their eyes.  
Nights find you combing the directory  
(A glass of straw-colored wine upon the desk)

Still hoping to chance on a forgotten name.  
Yet mornings see you happier than before —  
After all, the gift has set you up for life.

Impossible to tell, now, what was given  
And what was not: slivers of rain on the window,  
Those gold-tooled *Oeuvres* of Diderot on the shelf,

The strawberry dreaming in a champagne flute —  
Were they part of the gift or something else?  
Or is the gift still coming, on its way?

*Kevin Hart: "The Gift" from Flame Tree: Selected Poems. © Bloodaxe Books, 2003.*

With love to you this Christmas,  
and gratitude for the blessing of the Christ Child, God-with-us,  
*Susanna*

You may care to join us for a **New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk for Peace**

**31 December 2018, 4pm - 7pm**, Ann and Iain Miller's Place

Come and create, Come and walk, Come and pray, Come and reflect.

Stand up for peace. Come as you are.

Come for a short while or the whole time. Come, for peace.

No experience of walking labyrinths is required – please come along and join  
in this spiritual, meditative walk.

For information and to register interest:

Susanna Pain 0418637469 [susanna.pain@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.pain@gmail.com) RSVP essential

We will be holding **Confirmation classes soon:**

**Saturday January 5, 2-4.30pm,**

**Sunday January 6, 2-4.30pm**

**Saturday 16 February, 10am - 4pm**

These will be times of listening, learning, discussion and reflection. You may  
like to join us. We look forward to Confirmations at 10am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
March. A number of people have already expressed interest. Let me know if  
you'd like to be part of this exciting adventure too.

## **Concert**

There will be a concert of the **Chamber Philharmonia Cologne** held at the cathedral on Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 8 pm

Bookings at [www.trybooking.com/ZQUN](http://www.trybooking.com/ZQUN) or [www.trybooking.com/450749](http://www.trybooking.com/450749) and at St. Paul's Cathedral one hour prior to the concert from 7 pm

**Although in recess for The School Holidays, there are a variety of different children or family focused activities:**

*Tadpoles Playgroup - Tuesday mornings*

*mainly music – Thursday mornings*

*Messy Church. One Sunday evening a month.*

*Details on our website and Facebook*

**Christian Meditation – Held weekly - including all of January**

Wednesdays 7.45am – 8.15am

Thursdays 5.30pm – 6.00pm

The Lady Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, Cunninghame St, Sale

*Christian Meditation is a spiritual wisdom and a practice leading from the mind to the heart. It is a way of simplicity, silence, stillness and openness to God. It can be practised by anyone,*

*wherever you are on your life's journey.*

*It is only necessary to begin – and to keep on beginning.*

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*This practice is in the tradition of the World Community for Christian Meditation <http://www.wccm.org/>*

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**Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund**

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