



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.*

2nd December 2018

Advent 1

Sunday Bulletin

Hymn 8am TiS 431 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken

10am TiS 181 Come, O God of all the earth

ADVENT candle lighting: Christmas is coming TiS 289 verse 1

Sentence from Scripture

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:

keep us awake and alert,

watching for your kingdom,

and make us strong in faith,

so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,

we may go out joyfully to greet him;

and, with all your saints,

may worship you for ever;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am (including Sunday Club for primary aged children)

Wednesdays – 10.00am in the Lady Chapel

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| <i>Sunday</i> | Healing Eucharist | 1 st Sunday of the month at 5.00 pm | TODAY |
| <i>Evenings</i> | Q&A | Occasionally 2 nd Sunday of the month 3.30pm to 5pm | |
| | Messy Church | 3 rd Sunday of the month at 4.00 pm | |
| | Contemplative Service | Last Sunday of the month at 5.00pm | |

Out Centre Services:

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| St Anne's Golden Beach | 10.30am | 1 st Sunday 2.00pm | 3 rd Sunday of the month |
| St Alban's Kilmany | 11.00am | 3 rd Sunday of the month | |
| St Mark's Loch Sport | 10.30am | 2 nd and 4 th Sundays of the month | |

Hon. Priest: Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow 0428 167 724 nikolai@nikolaiblaskow.com

Hon. Deacon: Rev'd Brian Norris 0418 633446 BrianN@gippsanglican.org.au

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Associate Priest: Rev'd Lyn Williams 0476 285 697

Cathedral Organist: Anthony Hahn 0437 569 608

Prayer for St Paul's

Come Holy Spirit breathe through us:

**Enable us to know and make known the connection
between You and the everyday.**

**Help us to be relevant and approachable to the community,
to engage inclusively with them and each other,
and to stay connected with you.**

Enable us to show Christ's unconditional love in action.

This we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' *Jeremiah 33.14-16*

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

Psalms 25.1-10

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
**in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who wait for you be put to shame:

**but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.**

Show me your ways, O Lord:

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:

for you are the God of my salvation.

In you have I hoped all the day long:

because of your goodness, O Lord.

Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:

for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth,

nor my transgressions:

but according to your mercy think on me.

Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.
All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

A Reading from First Letter to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*

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

Gospel Hymn 8am TiS 264 Hark! A herald voice is calling
10am TiS 217 (i) Love divine, all love excelling

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple. *Luke 21.25-38*

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

Offertory Hymn 8am TiS 265 O come, O come Emmanuel
10am God's World is changing (Tune TiS 156)

Final Hymn 10am Shout to the North

Prayers:

- For missionaries/agencies: ABM, CMS, BCA, Rich & Julie, 123 Project
- Bishop Richard, Leanne, Rachel and Nicholas.
- For Aboriginal Ministry, Rev'd Phyllis Andy & Kathy Dalton
- For Dean Susanna Pain and Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow
- For Hospital and Nursing Home Ministries in Sale: Chaplain The Rev'd Heather Toms and pastoral visiting teams.
- For the congregation and ministry of St Anne's Golden Beach

For those in special need: Andrew G, Heather C, Guy M, Heather Stewart
For those who mourn.

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

Jan Richardson reflects:

Each year, the lectionary for the first Sunday of Advent gives us a version of Jesus' words about the end of days... In Luke 21.25-36, we read of celestial signs, cataclysms of nature, and distress upon the earth. Jesus speaks of fear and foreboding that will come upon the people. He tells of how, in the days to come, the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Along with its parallels in the gospels of Matthew and Mark, this passage forms part of what is sometimes called the "little apocalypse." It seems a sobering and grim way to welcome us into a season that in the Christian tradition is a time of expectation and celebration and that the wider culture typically depicts as cheery. Yet in greeting us as we cross the threshold into Advent, this apocalypse-in-miniature reminds us that this season bids us not only to remember and celebrate the Christ who has already come to us, but also to anticipate and look toward the fullness of time when he will bring about the redemption of the world.

*That's what Jesus is really getting at in this passage, after all: he is not offering these apocalyptic images in order to scare the pants off people but rather to assure his listeners that the healing of the world is at hand, and that they need to stay awake, stay alert, and learn to read the signs of what is ahead. **He is calling them not to crumble or quail when intimations of the end come but instead to "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."** Jesus urges his*

hearers—and us—toward practices that help them stay grounded and centred in their daily lives so that they won't be caught unawares in the days to come...

*The season of Advent gives us the apocalypse each year not only so that we might recognise it, should it come, but also—and perhaps especially—that we might enter more mindfully into our present landscape and perceive the signs of how God is working out God's longing in the world here and now. The root meaning of the word **apocalypse**, after all, is **revelation**. And God is, in every time and season, about the work of revealing God's presence. The one who came to us two millennia ago as Emmanuel, God-with-us, and who spoke of a time when he would come again in fullness, reveals himself even now in our midst, calling us to see all the guises in which he goes about in this world.*

*Advent reminds us, year in and year out, that although we are to keep a weather eye out for cosmic signs, we must, like the fig tree that Jesus evokes in this passage, be rooted in the life of the earth. And in the rhythm of our daily lives here on earth, **Christ bids us to practice the apocalypse**. He calls us in each day and moment to do the things that will stir up our courage and keep us grounded in God, not only that we may perceive Christ when he comes, but also that we may recognise him even now. There is a sense, after all, in which we as Christians live the apocalypse on a daily basis. Amid the destruction and devastation that are ever taking place in the world, Christ beckons us to perceive and to participate in the ways that he is already seeking to bring redemption and healing for the whole of creation.*

As we enter the season of Advent, and spiral yet again around the landscape that this first Sunday gives to us, how might Christ be inviting you to practice the apocalypse? To practise hope? What are the habits that keep you centred in God, that sharpen your vision, and that help you recognise the presence of Christ in this world? How do you participate in the redemption that God is ever working to bring about within creation? What is it that you long for in these Advent days?

<http://adventdoor.com/2012/11/25/advent-1-drawing-near/>

This is why we hold the Drought Service as well as Lessons and Carols.

Advent: As usual, at the cathedral during Advent we will be offering a '**Breathing Space**', Monday to Thursdays evening from 5.30pm to 6pm in the Lady Chapel, with time to listen, and to pray. We will be using resources from the ABM App '**Songs from a strange land**'. <https://www.abmission.org/pages/apps.html> For both Apple and Android. You may like to download it for daily prayer during Advent, or join us at 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday, or drop in when you're free.

There will be a **thank you afternoon tea** for all volunteers at the Cathedral. It will be held at 123 Café at 3pm on Monday 17th December.

Please sign up so I know how many are coming. Look forward to a pleasant afternoon with you.

Confirmation: There will be a confirmation Service on **3 March** next year. Those wishing to be confirmed, please let me know asap. We will be having some confirmation classes beginning soon!

I am hoping to get together a **pop up choir** to sing at a service for the collation of Sue Jacka as Archdeacon of the Western Region, to be held the afternoon of 10 February. If you are interested in being involved, please sign up on the list or let me know.

Love, *Susanna*

News and Events

Meals On Wheels need our help 10-14 Dec. Reminder you need a Police Check to help. List on table.

Thursday 6th December at 6.00pm **Gippsland Grammar School Chamber Concert (Catering help needed – see list)**

There will be an **Ecumenical Service on Sunday 9 December at 3pm**, followed by afternoon tea and a prayer vigil, to honour our farmers and those affected by the **drought** here in East Gippsland, and to pray for rain. Please let people know, and join us in prayer. **(Catering help needed – see list)**

Festival of Lessons and Carols 5pm on 16th December at the cathedral led by the Yallourn Madrigal Singers, together with Anthony Hahn (organist). Refreshments will be served after the services. **(Catering help needed – see list)**

Community Carols by Candlelight 12th December at the LEAF See Christine if you can help decorate the tree and set up the place etc.

St Paul's Men's Breakfast Group: Our December "fellowship" meeting is next Saturday December 7th at the Triple F Cafe 330 Raymond Street Sale at 8am. There is no meeting in January 2019. On Saturday February 9th 2019 we will meet again at the Triple F Cafe for our first meeting for the New Year. At this meeting we will discuss and decide our program for 2019. The Men'Group wish all "the compliments of the season".

Anglicare Christmas Food and toy donations are now being received – however even if you like baked beans for Christmas lunch, they don't!! Special Christmas food – tins of ham, plum pudding etc. and gifts for adults as well as children appreciated. Please DON'T wrap presents.

Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Pat O'Regan, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite you to join them for an **Advent Conversation, a seasonal Study of Luke. - Thursday 6th December 2018** 10.30am to 3.30pm at the Abbey. A light lunch will be served RSVP: 3 December 2018. Booking essential for catering purposes. Please advise of any dietary requirements. Phone: The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580 or Email: info@theabbey.org.au Susanna may have room if you want a lift – see list

Weekly Diary of Church Activities

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| 3rd Monday | 5.30pm | Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel |
| 4th Tuesday | 9.30am | Tadpole Play Group |
| | 3.00pm | Service at Royal Freemasons |
| | 5.30pm | Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel |
| 5th Wednesday | 7.45am | Meditation Group in Lady Chapel <i>'pre' stretching at 7.30</i> |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel |
| | 1.30pm | Service at OPAL |
| | 5.30pm | Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel |
| 6th Thursday | 9.30 am | <i>mainly music</i> |
| | 11.00am | Service at Ashleigh house |
| | 5.30pm | Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel |
| | 6.00pm | Gippsland Grammar School Chamber Concert |
| 7th Friday | | <i>Susanna's day off</i> |
| 8th Saturday | 8.00am | Men's Breakfast Group Triple F Cafe |

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS for the coming week

Morning Tea: 8am: R Weir /H Harrap **10am:** L Glover/K Harrington

Flowers: December: Lyn Ruff

Readings for 2nd December Advent 2

1st – Malachi 3.1-14 **2nd** – Philippians 1.1-11 **G** – Luke 3.1-6

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering or ? ?? guttering!??

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund

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

Cheques made out to Anglican Diocese of Gippsland

AGM Appointments

Lay Canons

Dean's Appointment: Ann Miller
Arthur McPherson Christine Morris

Chapter members

Dean's Appointments: Annette Hollonds Philip Davis Kaye Harrington
Marg Burnell Peter Mielke Julie Irving Nick Nagy Cynthia Grove Jeanette Henwood

Synod Reps

Julie Irving Nick Nagy Cynthia Grove

Supplementary Synod Rep

Arthur McPherson

Coming up at St Paul's

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