



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.*

9th December 2018

Advent 2

Sunday Bulletin

Hymn 8am TiS 158 God has spoken by his prophets

10am MP 420 Like a candle flame

ADVENT candle lighting: Christmas is coming TiS 289 verses 1 & 2

Sentence from 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 Peace,
still our hearts this morning
as we gather to prepare the way for your Child.
Help us let go of what is weighing us down
and open our arms to welcome Emmanuel.

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

<i>Sunday</i>	Healing Eucharist	1 st Sunday of the month at 5.00 pm
<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:

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	TODAY

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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 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*

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

Gospel Hymn 8am TiS 270 On Jordan's bank the Baptists cry
10am Behold Said God I'm Sending One *Tune: TiS 299*

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**

Offertory Hymn 8am TiS 276 There's a light upon the mountains
10am TiS 613 Lord of all hopefulness

Final Hymn 10am John Spoke as a Prophet *Tune: TiS 147*

Prayers:

- For missionaries/agencies: ABM, CMS, BCA, Rich & Julie, 123 Project
- Bishop Richard, Leanne, Rachel and Nicholas.
- The Western Region of the Diocese, (Archdeacon) Sue Jacka,
- For Dean Susanna Pain and Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow
- For ministry with Families and Sunday Club Ministry
- For congregation and ministry of St Mark's Loch Sport
- Gippsland and St Paul's Grammar Schools, and the State Schools in Sale:
Chaplains: The Rev'd Rich Lanham-GG , Russell Ferguson-Sale College
Martin Burnell-545

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

I am savouring our evenings' *Breathing Space* each evening at 5.30pm. It is a wonderful time of peaceful reflection, prayer, and building community.

This Advent our four coloured Advent candles are placed in the four corners of the Cathedral and the white Christ Candle is placed in the centre of the Cathedral. The position of these Advent candles is a sign that the promise of God's love and presence is far reaching, extending to the four corners of the world, of the nation, of the local community in Sale and also to each one of us in the parish community. During this Season of Advent how can we respond to God's promise? Today we focus on peace.

Martin Luther King Jr in his Peace Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech December 11, 1964 says,

We will not build a peaceful world by following a negative path. It is not enough to say "We must not wage war." It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace. There is a fascinating little story that is preserved for us in Greek literature about Ulysses and the Sirens. The Sirens had the ability to sing so sweetly that sailors could not resist steering toward their island. Many ships were lured upon the rocks, and men forgot home, duty, and honour as they flung themselves into the sea to be embraced by arms that drew them down to death. Ulysses, determined not to be lured by the Sirens, first decided to tie himself tightly to the mast of his boat, and his crew stuffed their ears with wax. But finally he and his crew learned a better way to save themselves: they took on board the beautiful singer Orpheus whose melodies were sweeter than the music of the Sirens. When Orpheus sang, who bothered to listen to the Sirens?

So we must fix our vision not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but upon the positive affirmation of peace. We must see that peace represents a sweeter music, a cosmic melody that is far superior to the discords of war... In short, we must shift the arms race into a "peace race". If we have the will and determination to mount such a peace offensive, we will unlock hitherto tightly sealed doors of hope and transform our imminent cosmic elegy into a psalm of creative fulfilment.

How can we give voice to God's peace?

What are our tools for building peace?

As we walk in the light of God, and as we reflect over the past week -

When and where have I brought peace?

Where have I seen signs of peace in the community of Sale?

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

Saturday January 5th and Sunday January 6th , 2-4.30pm

Saturday 16th 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 March. A number of people have already expressed interest. Let me know if you'd like to be part of this exciting adventure too.

Advent Resource

A fantastic Advent resource has been put out by the Anglican Board of Mission as an app you can download for free: <https://www.abmission.org/pages/apps.html>
It's called an Australian Advent Calendar, 'Songs from a Strange Land' - written by a friend of mine who lives in Alice Springs. If you'd like a beautiful way to reflect and pray your way through the rest of Advent, then I commend this to you.

Living the Change

You might like to know about an initiative of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, called Living the Change. You can find out more about this initiative here: https://www.arrcc.org.au/living_the_change

The invitation is to make personal pledges about lifestyle choices that cumulatively make a difference to our carbon emissions.

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.

Love and blessings, *Susanna*

News and Events

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

BUY a PEN !! we have too many St Pauls pens left, and they would make great Christmas presents. Cheaper if you buy more than one. Total sales are profit to us.

Ecumenical Service this afternoon 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.

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

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 service. (**Catering help needed – see list**)

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. Several loads have already gone, and the last one early this week!

Weekly Diary of Church Activities

10th Monday	5.30pm	Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Chapter Meeting followed by breakup
11th Tuesday	9.30am	Tadpole Play Group
	5.30pm	Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel
12th 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 Wilson Lodge
	5.30pm	Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel
	7.30pm	Community Carols by Candlelight at the LEAF
13th Thursday	9.30 am	<i>mainly music final session inc Christmas party</i>
	5.30pm	Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel
14th Friday		<i>Susanna's day off</i>

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS for the coming week

Morning Tea: 8am: G & M Woolcock/M Monk **10am:** H Stokoe, J & P Mielke

Flowers: December: Lyn Ruff

Readings for 16th December Advent 3

1st – Zephaniah 3.14-20 **2nd** – Philippians 4.4-7 **G** – Luke 3.7-18

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Christmas 2018

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SUNDAY 16th December

Service at St Anne's Golden Beach 2pm

8.00pm Lessons and Carols Service – St Paul's
led by the Yallourn Madrigal Singers,
together with organist Anthony Hahn.
Refreshments will be served after the service.

SUNDAY 23rd December

Service at St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00pm St Alban's Kilmany Holy Communion

5.00pm St Paul's Informal Family Worship Service

Suitable for all aged children and grownups!

*Nativity dress-ups are provided so all children can participate
in the telling of the Christmas story*

11.00pm St Paul's Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am St Paul's Holy Communion Family Worship.

SUNDAYS

30st Dec and all of January 9.00am only Services

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