



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 –* **16th December 2018**
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday. **Advent 3**

Sunday Bulletin

Hymn 8am TiS 201 King of Glory

10am Sing out all God's people Tune TiS 304

ADVENT candle lighting: Christmas is coming TiS 289 verses 1-3

Sentence from 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.**

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

Sunday **Healing Eucharist** 1st Sunday of the month at 5.00 pm

Evenings **Festival of Lessons and carols 5pm TODAY**

Contemplative Service Last Sunday of the month at 5.00pm

Out Centre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month **TODAY**

St Alban's Kilmany 11.00am 3rd Sunday of the month **TODAY**

St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

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

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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 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.**

Gospel Hymn 8am TIS 216 (T 371) Rejoice the Lord is King

10am John went out to preach God’s word (Tune TiS 303)

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**

Offertory Hymn 8am TIS 609 May the mind of Christ

10am TiS 152 Joyful, joyful we adore you

Final Hymn 10am MP 18 All over the world

Prayers:

- For missionaries/agencies: ABM, CMS, BCA, Rich & Julie, 123 Project
- Bishop Richard, Leanne, Rachel and Nicholas.
- The Southern Region of the Diocese, Archdeacon Graham Knott, Regional Dean Canon Geoff Pittaway
- For the Defence Forces and all who serve overseas, for ministry at Sale RAAF Base
- For Dean Susanna Pain and Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow
- For Chapter Members, Lay and Clerical Canons
- For the congregation and ministry of St Albans Kilmany and Rev'd Thelma Langshaw.
- For ministry in the nursing homes, hospitals and Fulham Correctional Centre, and chaplain The Rev'd Heather Toms

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

James Alison entitled one of his books “the joy of being wrong“. He speaks of the unconditional love of God, love does not diminish even when we do wrong, therefore we do not need to fear when we make mistakes. We are loved. There is joy in that. I remember singing as a teenager “I've got that joy, joy, joy, deep in my heart, deep in my heart to stay" but I did not feel joy, or understand joy at that time.

I had a Bishop once who often asked “are you happy? Really happy?" My reply to him was “I do not do happy, I am content, yes, I am peaceful, but happy is not how I describe myself.” So what is Joy? Joy is something that goes beyond happy, is deeper than happy. I think it is more akin to peace perhaps. Joy is a bass note, a confidence that even in the middle of tough stuff we are loved, we are held. That is why, in Advent we focus on hope and peace and joy and love.

When Michael Leunig's Vasco Pyjama asks, "what is worth doing and what is worth having?", his friend Mr Curly responds "it is worth doing nothing and having a rest". The world is full of restlessness which is killing us and our planet. When we know we are loved unconditionally we can rest in the arms of God, we can breathe deeply and savour the beauty of our world. When we rest and do nothing, sometimes the joy just seeps into our bones. Suffering from a sore throat this week, I let go of my gentle walks around the lake, and rested, and only then did the creative juices begin to flow. In the middle of my body fighting for healing, I experienced the joy of being human.

At the Drought Service where we gathered as one and prayed together, I experienced solidarity and joy. At the Community Carol Service where we sat under the stars on a mild evening and listened to carols telling the Christmas story, where children danced and looked at the black curly haired Christ child, the angels, the shepherds, and the kings, I experienced the simple joy of being. We need to cultivate spaces, practices -- in stillness, in motion -- that enable us to notice, to ponder, to ask, to open; habits that hone our ability to hold the curious invitations that God extends, to be open to joy and presence. For me these include meditation, walking and resting. For you?

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 joy.

How can we give voice to God's joy?

What are our tools for building joy?

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

When and where have you brought joy?

Where have you seen signs of joy in the community of Sale?

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 3rd 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.

Concert There will be a concert of the **Cologne Philomonia Orchestra held at the cathedral on 30th January**. Put it in your diary!

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. I look forward to a pleasant afternoon with you.

Look forward to seeing you at the Lessons and Carols Service at 5pm tonight!

Love and blessings, *Susanna*

News and Events

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

Thank you to those from St Paul's who helped with the **Community Carols by Candlelight**. Beautiful weather, decorated LEAF and gorgeous music.

Anglicare Christmas Food and toy donations Last day today! Thank you for all your generous donations.

Weekly Diary of Church Activities

17th Monday	5.30pm	Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel
18th Tuesday	9.30am	Tadpole Play Group
	5.30pm	Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel
19th 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
20th Thursday	11.00am	Service at Ashleigh House
	5.30pm	Breathing Space for Advent- Lady Chapel
21st Friday		<i>Susanna's day off</i>

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS for the coming week

Morning Tea: 8am: B & B Jones Monk **10am:** Y. McPherson, O. Elkin

Flowers: December: Lyn Ruff

Readings for 23rd December Advent 4

1st – Micah 5.2-5a **2nd** – Hebrews 10.5-10 **G** – Luke 1.39-45

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission

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Christmas 2018

St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Parish, Sale

SUNDAY 16th December

Service at St Anne's Golden Beach 2pm

5.00pm 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 @ St Paul's

30st Dec and all of January 9.00am only Services

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