



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 – 11th December 2022
Encouraging connection between the Divine and the everyday." **Advent 3**

Sentence of Scripture

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' *Isaiah 35.3-4*

The Prayer of the day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
strengthen our weak hands,
make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice
as we behold the majesty of our God.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Holy Communion Services at St Paul's:

Sundays - 8.00am and 10.00am **Wednesdays - 10.00am** in the Lady Chapel

Meditation in person: 4.15pm Mondays

Sunday Evenings 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5pm **Contemplative Service**

Outcentre Services:

St Anne's Golden Beach 10.30am 1st Sunday 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month **TODAY**
St Alban's Kilmany 2.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month (Not in December or January)
St Mark's Loch Sport 10.30am 2nd Sunday of the month

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

Meditation on Mondays at 4.15pm in the cathedral

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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 Hemirose Igo at Newton College PNG.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;

no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *Isaiah 35.1-10*

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

(Psalm) Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me:

and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:

and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:

to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:

to Abraham and his children for ever.

A Reading from The Letter of James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5.7-10

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who

wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.”

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11.2-11

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

Unfortunately, Keren is still recovering from Covid, along with a few other Clergy and others. Please watch for any symptoms and test, then isolate etc.

Reflection

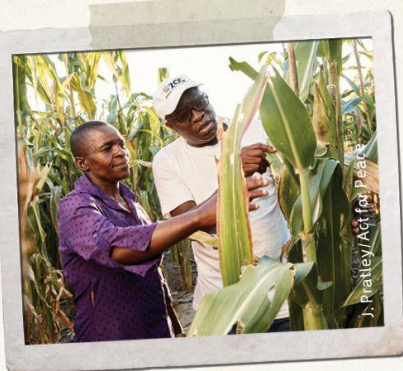
Jesus says of John the Baptist that he is the one who has been sent to prepare the way for Jesus himself. The Greek Church calls John the Baptist the Πρόδρομος – Prodrimos – the Forerunner. This week, pray that like John the Baptist you can prepare the way for Jesus himself in whatever circumstance you find yourself.

Pray this week for the chance to prepare the way for Jesus to enter the world. Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

Text: Robert McLean

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Third Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas

Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Your gifts will help support Act for Peace's work with communities around the world affected by conflict and disaster.

QR code or <http://mycb.link/48393> puts money into the St Paul's appeal.

Everyone is invited on **Sunday 18th December at 7pm**, to a relaxed and informal style **Lessons and Carols** service. For this service, I'm **CALLING ALL SINGERS!** Doesn't matter your level of ability; I'm hoping to gather a few folk together to sing a couple of simple items during the service. There will be a rehearsal on **Saturday 17th December at 2:30pm** to run through these songs!

GIANT Book Fair Helpers needed!

Thursday 15th Dec 9am- 11am-ish , moving boxes of books from the container. From then on 9am daily (except Sundays and Christmas day) Book sorting into author by the alphabet. Contact Christine 0438595056 if you would like to help. Or check she is there before turning up. Everyone welcome to help, a very simple job!

Christine has planned a wonderful line up for the **Community Carols on Tuesday** at the LEAF, pre-entertainment at 6.30, carols from 7.30. Please come along and support it. Please pray that no more singers get covid and the rain stays away!! Otherwise The WEDGE has a concert with free tickets, by Melbourne Grammar School Symphony Orchestra. Donations accepted to Gippsland Symphony Orchestra.

We are again opening the **Cathedral to the public** on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays from 2pm – 4pm. More volunteers needed, Contact Kathy Jackiw 0400 444 416.

However for this and any workers at the Book Fair (when open, not pre sorting) you need to have **completed the appropriate Safe Ministry requirements first**. So, if you don't have a police check or Working with Children Check, this will be need to be completed NOW, as well as other things, to ensure it is back in time. See Ann Miller for more info.

The next Chapter meeting has been postponed to a date to be determined.

The Jesse Tree

During the season of Advent biblical symbols are gradually added to the tree, symbols that tell the story of God's redemption and reveal the strong ties between the Old and New Testaments. Our amazing Jesse Tree was lovingly made by Lyn Williams, and each week we'll be inviting different folk to read the stories of the different figures from the scriptures and to put the corresponding ornament on the tree. **Last week's stories are on facebook and the web.**

Solar Panels for the Hall/Cathedral. Chapter is now inviting donations towards the remaining cost of \$6155 , the total after donations already received/pledged. Donations can be made via internet bank transfer to the general Cathedral account (identify as 'solar'), or via an envelope in the offertory marked 'solar'. **Tax deductible donations** may be made by direct transfer to Anglican Earthcare Gippsland: *Correct details for this coming soon.*

Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy – Central Gippsland Hospital Sale

If you would like to have the Hospital Chaplain visit you, a family member or a friend please contact the Revd Heather Toms, Hospital Chaplain on 0400 512 217'.

Coming up

13th December **Community Carols by Candlelight at the LEAF**

7-21 January **Giant Book Fair**, may start earlier and finish later!

29th January 2pm **Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert** (From Germany)

The 10 am service each week is live streamed. (Search *St Paul's Cathedral Sale when in* YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLG94vHT28kEG4Ghd80PhQ/videos?view=57>

Internet Bank Transfer: Cathedral's ministry and mission and SOLAR

BSB 013-795 Account no: 4962-98866 Ref: Offering etc.

Internet Bank Transfer: St Paul's Building Fund ('Fill the gap')

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

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Golden Beach Congregation had a BBQ lunch last Sunday and all had a great time enjoying each other's company.

Christmas 2022

St Paul's Cathedral, Sale



SUNDAY 18th December

7.00pm Lessons and Carols Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm An 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

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00pm @ St Alban's Kilmany Holy Communion

11.00pm @ St Paul's Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am @ St Paul's Holy Communion

SUNDAYS in January

ALL of January 9.00am only Services

Contact St Paul's Office 51442020

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Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

The Third Sunday Of Advent: Joy

Here we tell the ancient tale,
coming to the story circle of lights
This third light is to bring delight and rejoicing.
This is the candle of Joy.

Let us honour the Light!

We sing the following song as the candle is lit.

In our darkness there is no darkness with you, O Lord;
the deepest night is clear as the day. *Psalm 139:12 TIS725*

Let us Pray.

Loving God,
we thank you for the light that you have sent
and are sending into the world,
the light that even now lights our path.
Come among us and make your name known to all people,
that we may have hope in you.
We are the clay, you are the Potter.
Form us as you will,
so that songs of praise may ascend to you,
both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

The blossoming of jacarandas and the hopping of quokkas tell of rejoicing.

Creation breaks forth in joy.

Desert sands ripple and vast expanses of ocean casts waves onto shore,

Creation dances in joy.

In places of flood and in places of drought, we ask that again:

Creation may flow with joy.

We are called to worship God with rejoicing:

Strengthen our weak hands and make firm our feeble knees *(Isaiah 35:3)*

Let us sing and dance before our God!

Gradual Hymn (Advent Song) **Be still and know that I am God MP48**

1 Be still and know that I am God. (x3)

2 I am the Lord that healeth thee. (x3)

3 In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (x3) *Anon MP48 CCL84410*

Invitation to Communion: -

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**