

Second Sunday of Advent



Sunday 7th December

**Baptism, Confirmation, Renewal of Baptism Vows
&
First Communion**

9.00am

*Please keep,
Garrin, Holly, Jane, Robyn, Stephen & Zach
in your prayers.*

Please bring some morning tea to share with them and their families.



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF WARRNAMBOOL

First Service 1847



*Celebrating the Love of God for all People
&
Serving our Community*



Christ Church

Corner Koroit & Henna Streets



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7TH December 2025



We welcome you to the Anglican Parish of Warrnambool.

We want to be a place of transformation for our community and church where all people can come to experience and know God's love in Christ Jesus.

We are an international community and are delighted that you're here!

We hope that in today's celebration of the Eucharist you will encounter something of God's love for you.



We acknowledge the Peek Whurrong People, of the Maar Nations, the First Nations people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered. We give our respect to the local Elders: past, present & emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



Notices



Annual Empty Christmas Tree Appeal

Members of our Parish are invited to please consider making their donations to the Empty Christmas Tree Appeal which aims to assist those local clients of Anglicare Warrnambool who are genuinely in need of special support in the lead up to Christmas 2025. All donations over \$2 to Anglicare Warrnambool are tax deductible. Your support for this most worthwhile annual appeal will be very much appreciated.

+ Scott, Chairman



From the Ministry Development Committee

Advent Studies

This Advent the MDC is offering two options

1. Four reflections on Advent themes using well known hymns.
2. A retreat in Daily Life - a series of eight reflections on the Christmas story written by James Wood. This excellent material provides something for those who want something more "meaty". It could be used either during Advent or during the Christmas season.



Faithful unto Death

I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the launch of the book 'Faithful Unto Death' last Sunday. I would specially acknowledge the work of James Affleck on his work in researching and writing the text and all involved in the publication. I would also like to thank Peter Yule for launching the book with such enthusiasm. I would also like to acknowledge History House and the Vedmore Foundation for making significant contribution to this project. *Bp. Scott*

Copies of the Book can be purchased from the Parish Office.



Australian Anglican Church Calendars 2026

2026 Anglican Church calendars may be ordered at

<https://www.stpetersbookroom.com.au/aacc-purchase-online>



Mothers Union

Tuesday Dec 9th

Meeting for lunch at 12 noon at The Lady Bay.



December Anglicare Donations

With Christmas fast approaching people still need the basics, so we are continuing with jam, vegemite, etc. However, if you wish to give something else 'Christmassy', that would also be greatly appreciated.



Christmas Community Lunch - Help Required

Christmas seems to come round quicker every year and this year is no different. For some years now Christ Church has been cooking the baked potatoes and pumpkin for the Christmas lunch that is held in St Joseph's Parish Hall for those who would be alone on Christmas Day. It's really a chance for you to ensure that those less fortunate have what you would wish for yourself.

To do this we need people who are prepared to help cook the potatoes and pumpkin on Christmas morning and deliver them hot to St Josephs at 11.30am on Christmas morning. The meal starts at 12. The more helpers we have the easier it is for everyone. The vegetables will be delivered to you a few days before Christmas so all that you need to do is prepare them and deliver them.

If you would like to help just get in touch with me either seeing me at the 9.30 service or phone me **0400 779 283**.

We'd love to have you in the team. - Marilyn Woodward.



Christ Church @ 5

Pause, Reflect, Pray & Act

Weaving together the richness of the Anglican liturgical tradition with contemplation, silence and prayer.

Whether you're new to church or seeking a different way to worship, you'll find a welcoming space to explore faith, ask questions, and build meaningful relationships.

Thought For the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Two Comings

'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light...' (*Isaiah 9:2a*)

Walking in darkness can be nerve wracking. All the more so in the world before electric light and good torches. To see the light was a wonderful, breath-taking moment. Jesus tells us that he is the Light of the World. He brings the light of his message and work into a world made gloomy by sin and evil. When we think of this, we are reminded that many people around us know little or nothing of the true Light and we have an obligation to share that light with them. Christmas can be a good opportunity to do this. The first step is to pray constantly for our friends and neighbours.

Question for thought:

How do I love my close neighbours?

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for members in Namibia in Southern Africa who have become a vibrant organisation, keen to reach out and support family life especially those affected by HIV/AIDS. May they share the hope and comfort of knowing you. **Amen.**



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

Mothers Union - MU

Prayer Brochure available in Hammond Fellowship Centre



Matthew's Gospel - Learnings

Sessions exploring Matthew's Gospel

Fr Keith Purdie

Thursday 11th & 18th December 2025

11.00am - Hammond Fellowship Centre.



Christmas Decorations To Share.

As a part of our year of celebrating our diocese's 150th anniversary, I thought it would be lovely to decorate our church this Christmas with some traditional decorations and to give each person who comes to our Christmas services a decoration with a message of hope. Thank you to those who made paper chains last week. I am inviting everyone to donate favourite decorations or make decorations, and attach to them a message of hope. Please bring them over the next two weeks. *Thank you. Canon Robyn.*



Flower Roster - Christmas Flowers

People are urgently needed to go on the flower roster. You just need to do one vase and can use flowers from the church garden if necessary. Also we need lots of flowers and helpers for our Christmas flowers. Please come at **10.30 on Christmas Eve**. People who don't want to do flowers, but who can help tidy up, are also needed.



Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra present their
2025 Annual Children's Concert
Peter & The Wolf

The poster features a colorful illustration of a young boy in a red shirt and blue shorts climbing a large tree. A wolf is howling at the base of the tree, and a duck is quacking nearby. A man in a blue hat is standing next to a fence. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with trees and a small house in the background.

11:30 and 2:30pm
Sunday 14th December

Conducted by Stefan Cassomenos
Featuring Dean Cameron, Dr Nick
the Magician and Friends

Tickets \$15 / \$10 / \$45 family - www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Carols & Readings @ Christ Church



Sunday 21st December 2025

7.00pm

All Welcome



Christmas Services @ Christ Church



CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

6.00pm Blessing of the Crib & Family Eucharist

10.30pm Blessing of the Crib & Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

8.00am Blessing of the Crib & Eucharist

9.30am Blessing of the Crib & Eucharist



The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath has four red or blue candles in a ring around a white or gold candle. Alternatively, there may be three purple candles, reflecting the liturgical colour for Advent, with a pink candle for the Third Sunday, when rose-pink vestments are traditionally worn. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white or gold one on Christmas Day.

The new candle each week may appropriately be lit during the Prayers of Penitence. In this case the material entitled 'Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath' is used. Alternatively, the candles may be lit after the Gospel Reading, before the Peace, or after Communion, where the prayer(s) used at the lighting becomes a natural Post-Communion prayer. All five candles may appropriately be alight during services through the Christmas season.

There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Principal Service Lectionary is:

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| Advent 1. | The Patriarchs. |
| Advent 2. | The Prophets. |
| Advent 3. | John the Baptist. |
| Advent 4. | The Blessed Virgin Mary. |
| Christmas Day. | The Christ-child. |

Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. 'The Patriarchs' can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, the ancestor in whose city Jesus was born. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.



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Preventing Violence Against Women 16 Days of Activism

Each year, from 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women to 10 December, World Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism campaign calls for action against one of the world's most persistent violations of human rights – violence against women.

*Almighty and everlasting God,
We pray to you with hearts burdened for those
who suffer from gender-based violence, especially
women and their children. We pray for the victims
of such abuse and ask that you will heal, renew
and guard them. We ask that they will bring their
cares to you, who care for them and that churches
everywhere will welcome and support them. We
pray that we may see the end to such evil and
a new day of peace and sacrificial love in all
our homes. And this we ask in the name of
our Lord Jesus. Amen.*

*But I will sing of your strength, in
the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress, my refuge in
times of trouble.*

Psalm 59:16

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Web site: anglicanparishw.wixsite.com/Christchurch-wbool



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Mothers Union: Marion McDonald & Val Saffin.

Parish Guild: Jenny Gent.

Wednesday Coffee: Phillipa Caulfield.

Safe Church Officers: Marilyn Woodward. Jenny Gent.

Parish Office Volunteers: Jenny Baptiste, Phil Carter.

Anglicare Warrnambool:

For Our Prayers

THE CHURCH

Diocese: Bishop Garry: Bishop of Ballarat. Bishop Scott: Assistant Bishop of Ballarat.
Hamilton: David Oulton & Jannie Ryan (Deacon).

Parish: Mothers Union. Anglicare Warrnambool: Staff and volunteers.

Region: Parish of Mortlake: Fr Hayden.

Parish of Colac: Fr Jeremy Morgan, Deacon Claire Morgan.

Parish of Port Fairy: Rev'd Netta Hill.

Parish of Hamilton: Fr David Oulton, Deacon Jannie Ryan.

Parish of the Otways: Locum Ministry – Fr Russell Trickey.

Parish of Glenelg Wannon & Kowree: Fr Wayne Corker.

Parish of Portland: Rev'd Wendy Morecroft. Deacons Allan, Brian, Judy.

Mission District St Francis: Fr Matthew Jones, Deacon Kaye Hanks.

Link Diocese: **Aipo Rongo & Dogura:** Ginjiji.

National: Primate - Bishop Mark Short.

Canberra and Goulburn: Mark Short, Carol Wagner, Stephen Pickard,
Vanessa Bennett.

International: The Diocese of Pungue River, Angola.

Mission: Ethiopia, Myanmar, ABM, Bush Church Aid Society.

Religious: St Marks Abbey Camperdown – Sr Raphael.

St Mary's Abbey - West Malling. The Society of Saint Francis.

Community of the Holy Name.

THE WORLD

Australia: Sam Mostyn – Governor General of Australia.

United Nations: Secretary General: António Guterres. Refugee Organisations.

Countries: Libya, Sudan, China, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Iraq, Iran,
Sri Lanka, Syria, Israel, Afghanistan, Palestine, West Papua, Ukraine.

COMMUNITY

Local: City of Warrnambool, Moyne Shire, Francis Foundation, South-West Health Care, Palliative Care Workers, St John of God, M Power, MacKillop Family Services, OzChild, Brophy, Emma House, NDIS recipients & workers, the elderly, students, teachers, chaplains, Service Clubs, emergency services, tourism & hospitality industry.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Peggy & John, Geoffrey, Rosalynd, Susan, Philip, Liz, Patricia, Roger & Kate, Allan, Bruce, Reginald, Michael, Nadamir, Valentina, Victoria, Judy, Annthea, Sally, Tamsin, Brianna, Catherine, Chris & Lynette, Vicki, Nicole, Sherril, Gwenda, Valda, Anna, Lyndoch, Mercy Place, Opal Nursing Home, Heatherlie & Christ Church Close, Themar Heights, Opal Gillin Park.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

8th Robert McNally 2015.

9th Stewart Henry 2007, Valmai McLean 2009, Helen Clark 2010.

10th Anthony "Tony" Warren 2001, John Parker 2003.

11th Frank Henry 1997, Irene Ward 2005, Irene McDowall 2012
Janette Scott 2013, Norman Preston 2019.

12th Reginald "Jeff" Hicks 2009, Beatrice Rowley 2012, Alan Johnstone 2016.

13th Muriel Robson 2004.

THIS WEEK

Monday **8th December** *The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Tuesday **9th December**
5.00pm **EUCCHARIST**
Wednesday **10th December**
10.00am **EUCCHARIST**
5.00pm Parish Council - HFC
Thursday **11th December**
10.00am **EUCCHARIST**
Friday **12th December**
Saturday **13th December** *Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304*

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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14th December 2025

Christ Church **8.00am** **Holy Eucharist**
 9.30am **Sung Eucharist**

Live streaming on Facebook – Christ Church Warrnambool

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Next Week's Theme & Readings

Theme: **Rejoice! The Lord is near!**
First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10.
Psalms: Song of Mary – Luke 1:46-55.
Second Reading: James 5:7-10.
Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11.

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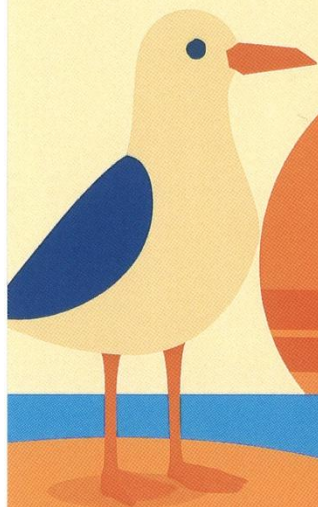
BANKING DETAILS

Banking details are below if you would like to make a direct deposit as part of your offertory to the Mission & Ministry of Christ Church.

Bank: **Bendigo Bank.**
Account Name: **The Anglican Parish of Warrnambool**
BSB #: **633 000** **Account #:** **191644061**

Bank: **Bendigo Bank.**
Account Name: **Anglicare Warrnambool**
BSB #: **633 000** **Account #:** **194392858**

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Mornings: 10am-12pm

Afternoons: 4pm-6pm

Where: Lake Pertobe (opposite the Kiosk)

Age groups: Prep - Grade 6

Price: FREE!! - you just need to register via the QR code

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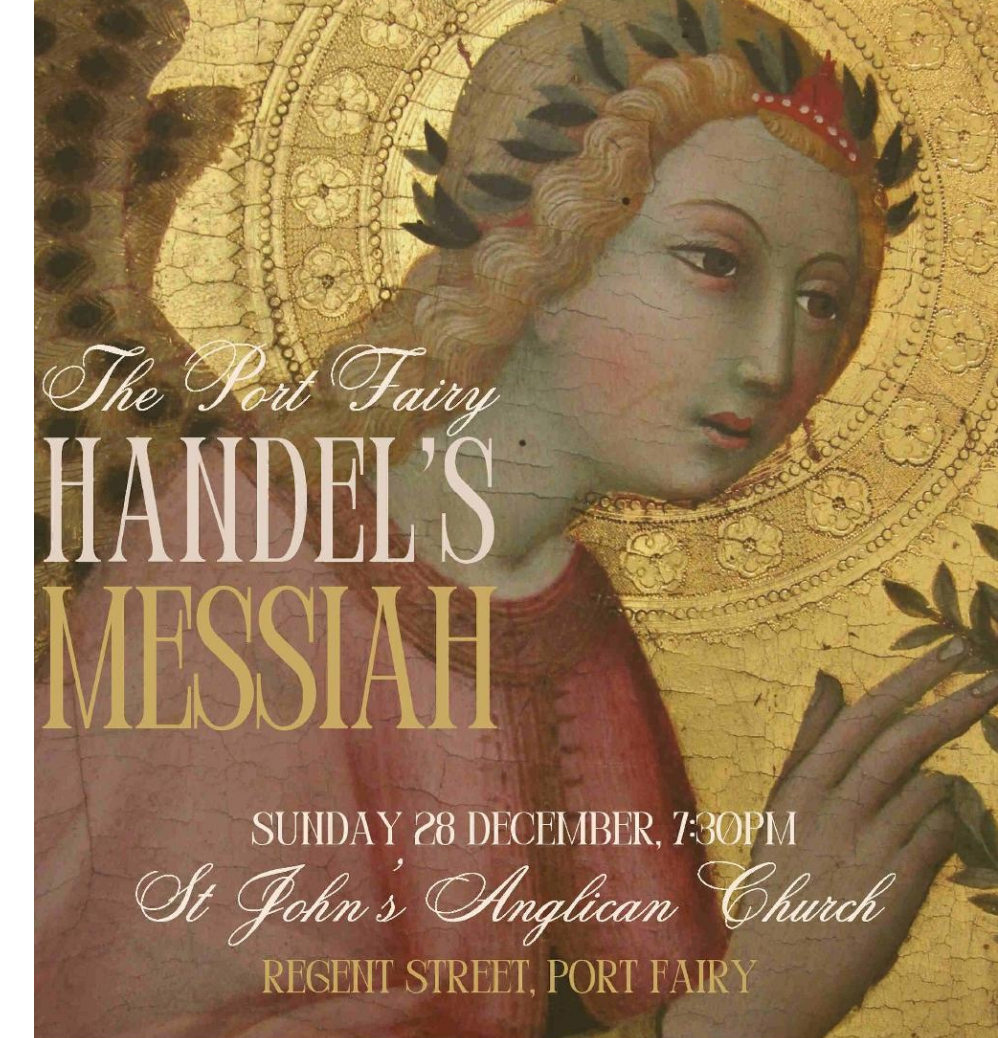
Hamilton Singers



Christmas Concert

Sunday 7th December 2025, 2:30pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Hamilton
Afternoon Tea provided
Tickets: \$20





The Port Fairy
HANDEL'S
MESSIAH

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER, 7:30PM

St John's Anglican Church

REGENT STREET, PORT FAIRY

Tickets: \$30 for audience - \$10 for choristers - Under 18 free

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For more information please call 0437 955 887

Christmas is a time for sharing with family and friends, although for many of us this is not possible. We invite you to celebrate with us at the

Community Christmas Day Lunch



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
(entrance via Raglan Parade carpark)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

12 noon - 1.30pm

COST: FREE - Booking essential

RSVP: 20/12/2025 Mary 0409 158 177 or Parish Office 5562 2231

*Christmas is a time of joy and celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.
The luncheon will be in keeping with the spirit of Christmas and all are welcome.*

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