

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF WARRNAMBOOL

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*Celebrating the Love of God for all People*

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*Serving our Community*



*Christ Church*

*Corner Kororoit & Henna Streets*



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**21<sup>st</sup> 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.*



## HOLY EUCHARIST



### GATHERING & INTRODUCTORY RITE

**Entrance Hymn:** Sing we of the Blessed Mother      NEH 185

1. Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to the summons bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast the child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.
2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning from the awful tree,  
Saw the price of our redemption paid to set the sinner free.
3. Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word;  
From on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being, tokened in the wind and flame.
4. Sing the greatest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home;  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

George B. Timms 1910-1997 ©1975 Oxford University Press

**Priest:** In the Name of the Father, and of the ✺ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Dear friends, Advent is a time to celebrate God's nearness.  
Let us reflect on God's goodness to us  
and open our hearts to give thanks and praise.      **Silence.**

**Sentence:** *Let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES IN THE ADVENT WREATH

**Priest:** As we celebrate the season of Advent we think again of God's love for us.  
A love that is endless and ever new, symbolized in the circle of the  
Advent Candle stand. The candles of the wreath signify how this eternal  
and all-embracing love has been manifested in time and will be manifest  
forever when the Lord appears in glory.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - THE LORD IS NEAR

#### ANNOUNCING THE INCARNATION

**Priest:** Today we light the fourth of the candles,  
looking forward to the day of the Lord.

**Chant:** Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

Taize

**Priest:** People of God: prepare!  
God, above all, maker of all,  
is one with us in Christ.  
Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God, the mighty God,  
bends down in love to earth.  
Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God with us, God beside us,  
comes soon to the world he has made.  
Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

We are God's children,  
we seek the coming Christ.  
Maranatha!

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

#### **PENITENTIAL RITE AT THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Priest:** When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's compassion and forgiveness. **Silence.**

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive ~~you~~ your sins, open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE TRISAGION

Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

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## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray:

***Silence.***

**Priest:** Gracious God,  
you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, by your grace,  
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:  
so fill us with your grace,  
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,  
and in all things embrace your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7:10-16.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah[a] said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 23:1-6.

**Response:** **Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

**Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things.

**Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the those who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Acclamation:** Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Mangan.*

**Gradual Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:18-25.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Priest:** Let us stand and together affirm the faith of the Church:

**Priest:** Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest:** Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world

**Intercessor:** Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.** *Or as introduced.*

**Priest:** Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

**Priest:** Please stand for the greeting of peace.

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Priest:** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn:** Lord Jesus Christ. TIS 526.

1. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
Mary's son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
living Lord.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
into our lives your power breaks through,  
living Lord.
3. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us,  
Mary's son;  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
you are Lord.
4. Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through,  
living Lord.

*Patrick Robert Norman Appleford 1925–2018*

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

**Priest:** *Pray, my friends, that your sacrifice and mine,  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

***May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and for the good of all his Church and world.***

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Priest:** Father,  
from all that you give us  
we present this bread and wine.  
As we serve you now, accept our offering,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
May this celebration nourish and enable us,  
to grow in faith, hope and love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, ...

... for ever praising you and saying/singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or be seated.*

Holy and gracious God, ...

... do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

Therefore, ...

....all glory and honour is yours,  
gracious Father, for ever and ever

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
***The Lord's Prayer or Our Father***

**Priest:** Preparing for the Coming Kingdom, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be thy name.  
**Thy kingdom come.**  
**Thy will be done on earth,**  
as it is in heaven.  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
**And lead us not into temptation:**  
but deliver us from evil.

***Our Loving God in heaven,***  
***hallowed be your name,***  
***your kingdom come,***  
***your will be done,***  
***on earth as in heaven.***  
***Give us today our daily bread.***  
***And forgive us our sins,***  
***as we forgive those who sin***  
***against us.***  
***Save us in a time of trial***  
***and deliver us from evil.***

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days, that,  
by the help of your mercy and love,  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now  
and for ever. Amen.**

**Priest:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
bring eternal life to all God's people.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*The Prayer of Humble Access may be said*

***We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our  
own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not  
worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you  
are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us,  
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus  
Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and  
he in us. Amen.***

Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed 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.**  
God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

## Communion Anthem:

**Communion Hymn:** Come As You Are.

TIS 693.

1. 'Come as you are: that's how I want you.  
Come as you are; feel quite at home,  
close to my heart, loved and forgiven.  
Come as you are: why stand alone?'
2. 'No need to fear, love sets no limits;  
no need to fear, love never ends;  
don't run away shamed and disheartened,  
rest in my love, trust me again.'
3. 'I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
why do you think I'd love you the less?'
4. 'Come as you are; that's how I love you;  
come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;  
all will be well, just come as you are.'

Deirdre Browne 1936-

**Communion Chants:** O Lord hear my prayer.

TIS 741

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r: when I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. Come and listen to me.

From the Taizé Community (1991) *Psalm 102: 1,2*

Laudate Dominum TIS 73

*Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum,  
omnes gentes. Alleluia!*

or Sing, praise and bless the Lord, sing, praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations. Alleluia!

Longing For Light. The Revised English Hymnal 12.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts; shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts; shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

**R.**

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

**R.**

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

**R.**

Songwriter: Bernadette Farrell (1957-)  
*Christ, Be Our Light.*

Eat this bread TIS 714

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

**Sentence:** *Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.*

**Post Communion Antiphon:** Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart! X3

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Priest:** Having received the precious Body and Blood of Christ,  
let us stand, to give thanks and pray. **Silence.**

**Priest:** Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised Saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will.  
Receive our prayers and praises,  
and help us to protect,  
care for and renew life on our plant.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices:

### ACCLAMATION, BLESSING & DISMISSAL

**Priest:** Let us stand and pray for God's blessing. ***Silence.***

**Priest:** With love and compassion,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** May God the Father,  
judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son,  
coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit  
make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty  
Father, ~~¶~~ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
enfold you, uphold you, empower you  
and enable you to live your faith,  
witnessing to Christ's love for all people,  
now and always. **Amen.**

**Priest:** As we await the coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ,  
glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn:** We will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my brothers,  
we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters,  
we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing, till the kingdom has come  
We will go rejoicing, till the kingdom has come.

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Resources: A Prayer Book for Australia, Roman Missal, Common Worship, CW Times & Seasons, Together in Song, Common Praise, Traces of Glory, Janet Morley. The Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyrighted, 1989, by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved. Printed at the Anglican Benedictine Abbey, Camperdown. 3260. www.anglicanbenedictine.org.au



*Thank you for joining us today.*

*We pray that you have experienced,  
in some small measure, something of God's love for you today.*

*If you are a visitor to the Parish or new to our region  
please make yourself known to us.*

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## Notices

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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## 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.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so positively to assisting with the Christmas Community Lunch. *Marilyn Woodward.*



## 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 week. *Thank you. Canon Robyn.*



## Christmas decorations thanks

Many thanks to all those people who have brought Christmas decorations to the Church.



## Book stall

Book stall in 2026 will be held on...

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026      10am - 3pm**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026      9am - 2pm**

Books are needed but only in good condition.



## 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.



## Thought For the Week from Mothers Union Australia

### **He came to save**

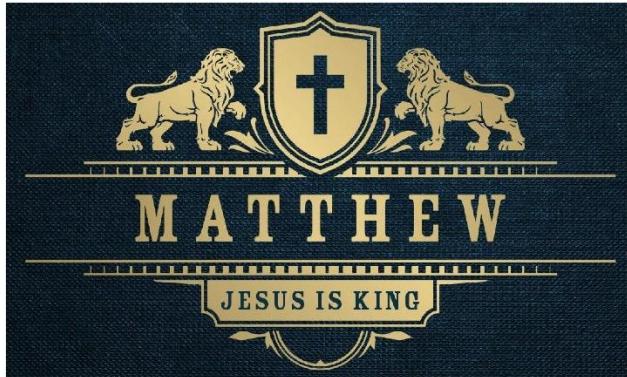
'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21)

In the Old Testament language of Hebrew, 'Jesus' was 'Joshua', a word meaning 'Saviour' and reminiscent, of course, of the great leader called Joshua and described in the book that bears his name. Thus, Jesus is the Lord who is the Saviour. But his task was even more important than that of leading the people into the Promised Land. It was 'to save his people from their sins'. We deserve nothing but condemnation and judgement on our sins. But in his mercy and grace, though Jesus and his death on the cross, the Lord brought about the forgiveness of our sins and eternal safety. We can never cease to be grateful for what he has done for us.

### **Question for thought: Is Jesus my Lord and my Saviour?**

Almighty God, we pray for the Anglican Church worldwide and particularly the Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy that they will uphold your Word and lead with faithfulness, justice and mercy. We particularly pray for those nations where there is conflict and persecution of believers that you will give them courage and steadfastness. **Amen.**





# **MATTHEW**

## **A GOSPEL FOR ALL NATIONS**

### **Three studies**

This year the gospel readings at the Eucharist are drawn mainly from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Bishop Scott has proposed that we should all have an opportunity to introduce ourselves to Matthew. This will take the form of three studies:

Thursday mornings: 10.45AM

- Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

A cuppa will be had half way through. No biblical knowledge is required and no need to bring your own bible.

Plenty of time for discussion.

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**Who wrote it?**

**Why?**

**When?**

**What are its major concerns?**

**How does it illuminate faith for us?**

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# Carols & Readings @ Christ Church



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**7.00pm**

**All Welcome**



## Christmas Services @ Christ Church



### CHRISTMAS EVE

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**6.00pm**      Blessing of the Crib & Family Eucharist

**10.30pm**      Blessing of the Crib & Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**8.00am**      Blessing of the Crib & Eucharist

**9.30am**      Blessing of the Crib & Eucharist



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**Parish Treasure:** Malcolm Brodie

**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.  
**Parish:** Guild Members. 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:** Movi.

**National:** Primate - Bishop Mark Short.  
Wangaratta: Clarence Bester.

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

**Religious:** St Marks Abbey Camperdown – Sr Raphael.  
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### 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, Anthea, 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:** Those killed at Bondi Beach.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Charles Cutlack 1994, Margaret Woole 1998, James Rule 2007  
Bradley Menz 2008, Leighton Buzzard 2017, Daphne Lee 2020  
Florence "Ruth" Ross 2020.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Ethel Wines 1977, Jean Sproul 1998.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Evereen Mahood 1994, Charles Lawrence 2006, Eric Knight 2009  
John "Jocka" Baillie 2014.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Ollie Johnson 1976, Jessie Bridgeman 2005.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Roy Johnson 2007.

**26<sup>th</sup>** Beatrice Walker 1998.

**27<sup>th</sup>** Edna Mewha 2006, Petriva Kiellerup 2011.

## THIS WEEK

<u>Monday</u>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<i>Thomas, apostle and martyr</i>
<u>Tuesday</u> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <b>EUCHARIST</b>	
<u>Wednesday</u> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>EUCHARIST</b>	<b>Blessing of the crib &amp; Family Eucharist</b>
<b>10.30pm</b>		<b>Blessing of the crib &amp; Midnight Mass</b>
<u>Thursday</u> <b>8.00am</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Blessing of the crib &amp; Eucharist</b>	<b>Blessing of the crib &amp; Eucharist</b>
<u>Friday</u>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>Stephen, deacon and first martyr</i>
<u>Saturday</u>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>John, apostle and evangelist</i>

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## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY**

**THE HOLY FAMILY – JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist*</b>

*\*Live streaming on Facebook – Christ Church Warrnambool*

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## **Next Week's Theme & Readings**

<b>Theme:</b>	<b>The Holy Family</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 128:1-5.
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Colossians 3:12-21.
<b>Gospel Reading:</b>	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

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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.**

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**BSB #:** **633 000**      **Account #:** **191644061**

**Bank:** **Bendigo Bank.**

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**BSB #:** **633 000**      **Account #:** **194392858**

## 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:

<b>Advent 1.</b>	The Patriarchs.
<b>Advent 2.</b>	The Prophets.
<b>Advent 3.</b>	John the Baptist.
<b>Advent 4.</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary.
<b>Christmas Day.</b>	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.



# *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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Age groups: Prep - Grade 6

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

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# 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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