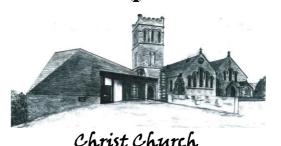
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Celebrating the Love of God for all People &
Serving our Community



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 14th December 2025

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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.

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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

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GATHERING & INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Hymn: The Kingdom Is Upon You.

- the voice of Jesus cries, fulfilling with its message the wisdom of the wise; it lightens with fresh insight the striving human mind, creating new dimensions of purpose for mankind.
- 2. 'God's kingdom is upon you!'
 the message sounds today,
 it summons every pilgrim
 to take the questing way,
 with eyes intent on Jesus,
 our leader and our friend,
 who trod faith's road before us,
 and trod it to the end.
- 3. The kingdom is upon us! stirred by the Spirit's breath, we glory in its freedom from emptiness and death; we celebrate its purpose, its mission and its goal, alive with the conviction that Christ can make us whole.

Aurelia 167 NEH Robert Andrew Willis (b 1947) Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the **\Pi** 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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - THE LORD IS NEAR

THE MESSIAH'S REIGN

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Priest: Today we light the third 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!

Priest: People of God: return!

You are called to be God's own.

From the mountains announce the good news.

God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow his ways.
You are God's children.

Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ today and for ever. Amen.

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: Almighty God,

you have made us and all things to serve you:

come quickly to save us,

so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace,

honouring one another with justice and love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reign 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 35:1-10.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145.

Response: Lord, come and save us.

The Lord God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets captives free.

Lord, come and save us.

The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.

Lord, come and save us.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of James 5:7-10.

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.

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

Gradual Acclamation: Alleluia.

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

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Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:

He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 11:2-11.

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.

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

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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: Hail to the Lord's Anointed. TIS 275.

- Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son; hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to let the captive free, and take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- 2. He comes with help and mercy to those who suffer wrong, to raise the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong, to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight.
- 3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go, and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4. Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
- 5. O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand for ever, that name to us is love.

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, sustain with you promise of eternal life. May this celebration nourish and enable us, to serve you in faith, hope and love.

We ask this as we await the coming of 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.

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God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Communion Anthem:

Communion Hymn: Come thou long-expected Jesus. TIS 272.

- Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free, from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
- 3. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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

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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!

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: Say to the anxious; be strong and fear not,

our God will come to save us.

Post Communion Antiphon: Wait for the Lord

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest: Having received the precious Body and Blood of Christ,

let us stand, to give thanks and pray. **Silence.**

Priest: O Lord our God,

make us watchful and keep us faithful

as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;

that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping,

but active in his service and joyful in his praise.

May our communion teach us to love heaven

and nourish and enable us, to grow in faith, hope and love.

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.

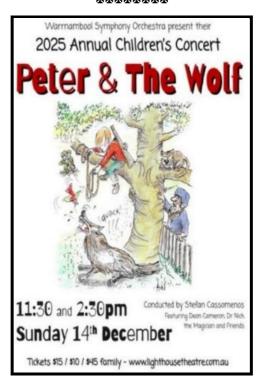
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Resources: A Prayer Book for Australia, Roman Missal, Common Worship, CW Times & Seasons, Together in Song, Common Praise, Traces of Glory. Janet Morley.

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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.



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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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.

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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.

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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.

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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. 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.

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Faithful unto Death

<u>C</u>opies of the Book 'Faithful unto Death' can be purchased from the Parish Office

Matthew's Gospel - Learnings

Sessions exploring Matthew's Gospel

Fr Keith Purdie

Session 2: 10.45am - Thursday 18th December

Session 3: 10.45am - Thursday 8th January

Hammond Fellowship Centre.

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Thought For the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Naming a child

'and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us")' (Matthew 1:21)

It is not always easy for parents to find the right name for a new-born. There are many mistakes made, where a strange name, difficult to spell, is given or a name with the same initial as a close sibling, to take two examples. As we know, names also have meanings, and sometimes such a meaning is unwelcome. Jesus received the name Immanuel', following the prophecy in the book of Isaiah. But the name seems not to have been used. It was recorded so that we would remember from the meaning of the name who he is, namely God with us'. For that is the truly astonishing and wonderful thing about Christmas – it reminds us that we are not alone, but that God himself has entered human history by becoming one of us. And from then on, Immanuel will never leave us.

Question for thought:

What comfort do you draw from the name Immanuel applied to Jesus?

Father of All, we pray for the Diocese of Banks and Torres in Vanuatu where they face many challenges to family life including adultery, family breakdown, widespread drug and alcohol abuse and gender-based violence. As members seek to care for those suffering may they share the hope which you alone can give. We also pray for members in the Diocese of The Murray, for the Families Equip program and for the way members in Mt Barker record Mia Mia for the visually impaired. **Amen**.

Carols & Readings @ Christ Church



Sunday 21st December 2025 7.00pm All Welcome

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Christmas Services @ Christ Church



CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday $\mathbf{24}^{\text{TH}}$ December

6.00pm Blessing of the Crib & Family Eucharist10.30pm Blessing of the Crib & Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

8.00am Blessing of the Crib & Eucharist9.30am Blessing of the Crib & Eucharist

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Anglicare Warrnambool:

FOR OUR PRAYERS

THE CHURCH

Diocese: Bishop Garry: Bishop of Ballarat. Bishop Scott: Assistant Bishop of Ballarat.

Wendouree: Fr Denis Sotiriadis.

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 Camperdown & Holy Apostles: Fr Matthew Jones, Deacon Kaye Hanks.

Link Diocese: Aipo Rongo & Dogura: Koko. National: Primate - Bishop Mark Short.

Perth: Archbp Kay Goldsworthy, Bps. Kate Wilmot, David Bassett Hans Christiansen. North West Australia: Bp Darrell Parker.

International: The Diocese of Rajasthan – The Church of North India.

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.

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.

THOSE WO 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: Charles Rivett. Evora Goldstraw.

14th Arthur Bedford 2011, Bonnie Murnane 2019, Susan Henry 2021.

15th Constance Brownlee 2005.

16th Samuel McGeorge (Priest) 1905, Ken Toogood 1984, Cecil Clarke Waring (Priest) 1988, Phyllis Nosworthy 2001.

17th Delma "Del" Clapp 2019.

18th Charles Wall 2009, Robert Lucas 2011.

19th Margaret "Maggie" Stuart 1985, Edith Foote 1987, Dennis Kirkby 2003, William "Ean" Downing 2009, Jean Baillie 2011, Mavis Morse 2013,

Dianne Waterson 2013, Jessie Lake 2014.

20th Gladys Goldie 2005, Kathleen Hare 2005, Anthony "Tony" Kelly 2017.

THIS WEEK

Monday 15th December

Tuesday 16th December

5.00pm EUCHARIST

Wednesday 10.00am 17th December EUCHARIST

Thursday 18th December 10.00am EUCHARIST

<u>Friday</u> 19th December

Saturday 20th December

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21st December 2025

Christ Church 8.00am Holy Eucharist

9.30am Sung Eucharist*7.00pm Carols and Readings

Next Week's Theme & Readings

Theme: The promised Saviour

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16.

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7. **Matthew 1:18-25.**

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

^{*}Live streaming on Facebook – Christ Church Warrnambool

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:

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.



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

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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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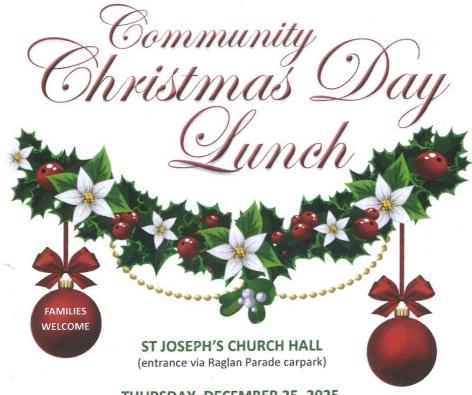
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

12 noon - 1.30pm

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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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