

# BCP EUCHARIST PROPERS

## THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024

8 AM

Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral. We are delighted to have you worship with us today for this Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer. The order of service is in the separate booklet.

St Peter's Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kurna people. We give thanks for their ancestors and acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country. We are committed to work and pray towards a more just settlement for all Indigenous people and pay our respect to First Nations people with us.

**St Peter's Cathedral is a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented faith community.**

This Sunday, the Third Sunday in Advent, we spend a little more time with John the Baptist, that prophet who lived in the wilderness dressed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, interestingly eating locusts and wild honey. We spend some time with John the Baptist and we also spend time with readings characterised by joy. The prophet Zephaniah speaks of joy deep in the knowledge that God will bring the people home. Paul, writing to the people of Philippi, encourages rejoicing in all things, however difficult they might be. Our pink candle and our pink vestments remind us this *Gaudate* Sunday that our reflections on repentance take place in the midst of whisperings of joy. As we hear John the Baptist exhorting us to a time of reflection and repentance, may we do so, sensing the deep joy that comes from sitting with the truth of our frailty, knowing we are held in the love of God.

Blessings,

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson  
Canon Precentor

**Celebrant:** The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod

**Preacher:** The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

**Reader:** Ian Clarke

Please use this Propers booklet in conjunction with the yellow Order of Service

## CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Priest* Today is the third Sunday in Advent. We light a candle each week to remind us that Jesus brings light into the dark places of the world.

*The first candle (purple, the Candle of Hope) is lit*

*Reader* We light the candle of hope to proclaim that God's light is coming into the world.

*The second candle (purple, the Candle of Peace) is lit*

*Reader* We light the candle of peace to proclaim that God's promises will be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus – Prince of Peace.

*The third candle (rose-pink, the Candle of Joy) is lit*

*Celebrant* We rejoice and sing out with gladness at the message of God's salvation.

*Reader* We light the candle of joy to celebrate that God's saving power is coming into the world.

**All** **God of joy, we rejoice as we look forward to your breaking into human history, revealing in person your justice and your love. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

ZEPHANIAH 3.14-20

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.  
Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## A SONG OF ISAIAH

*Please respond with the words in bold*

‘Behold, God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid;  
**‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.’**  
With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.  
**On that day you will say:**  
**‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;**  
‘Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
**‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.**  
‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

## SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 3.7-18

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd Chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at verse 7.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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is made possible through the  
generosity of individuals like you.*



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## NOTICES

### Tea/coffee after worship

- The Sunday 8 am community offers tea and coffee after the Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month. The next gathering will take place on 5 January.
- The Wednesday 10 am community offers tea and coffee after the Eucharist on the first Wednesday each month. The next gathering will take place on Wednesday 1 January.

### Morning Tea after the 10:30am Eucharist

Today after the 10:30 am Choral Eucharist delicious mince pies will be served. In the coming few weeks, tea and coffee will be served as usual on Sunday 22 December, but not on Sunday 29 December. Usual arrangements for tea and coffee after 10:30 am will resume on Sunday 5 January.



### Advent 3 Choral Evensong - Story Reading from Caravan by Steve Daughtry

Tonight at Choral Evensong in place of the sermon we will hear a narrated story from a book of Advent stories entitled *Caravan* (stories about Jesus' birth set in an Australian landscape) written by the Rev'd Canon Steve Daughtry for the Anglican Board of Mission. Following Choral Evensong all are warmly invited to the launch of the book at St Mark's College.

### January Office and Worship Schedule

The weekday worship schedule from Christmas to the end of January is according to the "January" pattern with Morning and Evening Prayer said privately, and the Eucharist celebrated on Wednesday at 7:30 am and 10 am (BCP), and Friday at 7:30 am. This pattern will commence from Thursday 26 December until Friday 31 January.

On Sunday 29 December the Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 am and 10:30 am as usual, but there will be no 6 pm service. On Wednesday 1 January, there will be no 7:30 am Eucharist, but the BCP Eucharist will be celebrated as usual at 10 am.

During January, Sunday worship will be at the usual times of 8 am (BCP Eucharist), 10:30 am (Sung Eucharist) and 6 pm (Night Prayer).





# Christmas at St Peter's Cathedral



All Welcome

**Sunday 22 December 2024**

**6pm: Blue Christmas Service**  
(Evening service with hymns)

A service for those who are struggling this Christmas. The simple act of lighting a candle serves to remind us that the darkness has not overcome the light. (John 1:5)  
With Festival Statesmen Chorus and Organ.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Tuesday 24 December 2024**

**4pm: Children's Crib Service**

Children are invited to come dressed as characters from the Christmas story. This service will last approximately one hour.

**7pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

With the Cathedral Choir, Organ, and Brass

**11pm: The First Eucharist of Christmas**

(Midnight Mass)  
Doors open at 10.15pm  
With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**Wednesday 25 December 2024**

**8am: Holy Communion (BCP) with Carols**

**10am: Festal Choral Eucharist**  
With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.

# Cathedral Retreat 2025

## at Sevenhill, Clare Valley

Are you looking to strengthen your faith within a supportive community that provides solace in silence and nature?

Applications are currently being accepted for the St. Peter's Cathedral retreat at the Ignatian Centre in Sevenhill, taking place from Monday, May 12th to Friday, May 16th, 2025.

The retreat will be guided by Franciscan brother, Brother Alfred. There are 10 places available.

The cost for accommodation and meals is \$580. A \$150 deposit will be required.

Please email Rosie Hamilton to secure your place.

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# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

## For the Church

### International

The Anglican Church of Tanzania  
Primate: Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa

### National

Melbourne: Archbishop Philip Freier (Joy)

### South Australia

#### Diocese of Adelaide

Area Deanery of South-Eastern Suburbs: Ali Wurm

#### Diocese of Willochra

Leigh Creek (Blinman, Hawker): vacant, Blinman - David Amery (Coralie), Hawker - Arthur Tanner (Jane)

#### Diocese of The Murray

The Southern Suburbs (Aberfoyle Park, Christies Beach, Morphett Vale, O'Halloran Hill): Andrew Forder (Debra), Carol Cornwall (John), Deacon Rory Westgarth

## For the People

We hold before God all those who have asked for our prayers, particularly:

**Short Term Prayer:** Bruce Williams, Bill Ashman, Francis Brooks, Keith Rayner.

**Long Term Prayer:** Max Lennard, Chris, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Vernon Lewis, Pauline Van Buren, Alisha Coe-Fox, Anne Hogben, Helena Fernandez, Cricket Fox, Daniella, Peter Black, Norton & Judy Schenscher, John Hankin, Brooke Garry, David, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Edna Allison, Jane Mitchell, Garry Weatherill, Helen Scotcher, Fay Ballard, Joseph Burgess (WCH).

**Those who have died recently**, especially Margie Chittleborough.

**Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:**

15th Betty Gurney

Samuel Raymond Baron Cornish

David Robin

Gordon Hugh St Aidan Oakey

Colin Brown

17th Reginald William Mathews

18th Harold Aubrey Williams

Alan Hayward

19th Geoffrey Tremayne Sambell

Kenneth William George Treagus

20th Hazel Shirley Whittney

21st Kate Abel Smith

Richard Frederick Haselgrove

*The Cathedral is compiling a database of the lives of those whose names appear on the Year's Mind list.*

*If you have any biographical details of any of the people remembered today,*

*please contact Stuart Langshaw - [langshawstuart@gmail.com](mailto:langshawstuart@gmail.com)*

# THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

For some services, the West Doors of the Cathedral are not opened. Please make your way to the northern (carpark) side of the Cathedral and enter through the St Barnabas Porch.

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 9:15 am Morning Prayer (at St Barnabas College) 10:30am-1pm Open for visiting and private prayer
TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10 am Eucharist (BCP) (Lady Chapel) 10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10:30am-3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER	7:30 am Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 8:45 am Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel) 10:30 am – 3:30pm Open for visiting and private prayer
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER ST THOMAS	Closed
SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER ADVENT 4	8 am Eucharist (BCP) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Rev'd Margaret Peel-Shakespeare 6 pm Blue Christmas Preacher – The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

## CATHEDRAL STAFF

Dean	The Right Reverend Chris McLeod
Canon Precentor	The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson
Assistant Priest	The Reverend Dr Susan Straub
Assistant Priest	The Reverend Margaret Peel-Shakespeare
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Dr Lynn Arnold AO
Honorary Assistant Priest	The Reverend Joan Claring-Bould
Honorary Assistant Deacon	The Reverend Ben Falcon
Cathedral Administrator	Peter Burdon
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Director of Music	Anthony Hunt
Cathedral Organist	Andrew Georg
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