

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

11TH DECEMBER 2016

ST PAUL'S: 10AM

CONFIRMATION AND ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EUCHARIST

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ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MANUKA
DIOCESE OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Welcome! On behalf of the clergy and people of St Paul's Church.

A large-print version of this bulletin is available from the sidespeople and a hearing loop is installed in the first five rows. *Please silence all phones and pagers for our worship.*

Visitors. If you are visiting, let us know. We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Hall.

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Gathering and Preparation

INTROIT (CHOIR) - Plainsong Advent prose

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour, and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. Drop down...

HYMN — TIS 270

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| <p>1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.</p> <p>2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.</p> <p>3 For you are our salvation, Lord
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.</p> | <p>4 To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.</p> <p>5 To him who left the throne of heaven
to free us all, let praise be given;
and praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.</p> |
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- Words: Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt.
Tune: *Winchester New*

THE THIRD CANDLE – THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: Today is the third Sunday in Advent and we light the candle of love.

John the Baptist spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comfort and being ready to die for what he believed. John taught we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

The third candle is lit

Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people. Give us peace in our hearts. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

The Bishop says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

There is one body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

One God and father of all.

The Deacon says:

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,

and confess that we need forgiveness.

Let us pray

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The choir sings

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,**

with the Holy Spirit,

✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

The Ministry of the Word

A READING FROM ISAIAH 35:1-10

Please be seated

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.

For the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

SONG OF MARY (APBA P. 31) *(Led by the choir using the setting Mayenziwe)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me:

and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:

and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

A READING FROM 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.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

HYMN — TIS 580

**1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe:
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

Words: James Edmeston 1791-1867. Tune: *Mannheim*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Congregation: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Choir: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Congregation: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

THE HOLY GOSPEL — MATTHEW 11:2-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

✠Glory to you, ✠Lord Jesus ✠Christ

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see?

A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON - THE RIGHT REVEREND DR MATT BRAIN

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

The Presentation

The Bishop invites the candidates for confirmation and their sponsors to gather at the front of the church.

The Bishop invites the sponsors of confirmation candidates to present the candidates by saying:
We welcome those who have come to be confirmed. I invite their sponsor to present them now.

The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas says

I present Giles, Peta and Diya who come to be confirmed.

The Decision

The Bishop says to those who are to receive the laying on of hands

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

The Bishop says to the candidates

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live your whole life as a disciple of Christ, loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The Bishop says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters renew their response to Christ. Will you support them?

We will.

Let us pray for those who have affirmed their baptism and are to receive the laying on of hands.

Merciful God, deliver them from all evil that they may walk in the way of truth and life;

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Open their hearts by the Holy Spirit to your grace and truth;

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church;

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Send them into the world to witness to your love and justice;

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Bring them and us all into the fullness of peace and glory;

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

The Profession of Faith

The Bishop says to the candidates and the congregation

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Bishop says

This is the faith of the Church.

The candidates and the congregation respond

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Confirmation

The Bishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop continues

Almighty and everliving God,

you have given your servants

new birth by water and the Spirit,

and have forgiven them their sins.

Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit

that they may grow in grace.

Increase in them the spirit of wisdom

and understanding,

the spirit of discernment and inner strength,

the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,

and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those who are to be confirmed are presented by the Rector and kneel before the Bishop, who lays a hand upon each of them saying

Strengthen Lord, your servant,

with your Holy Spirit.

Empower and sustain her/him for your service.

And each of them answers with the congregation

Amen.

The Bishop anoints each candidate with the oil of Chrism.

The congregation joins with the Bishop in saying this prayer after all the candidates have received the laying on of hands

Defend, O Lord, these your servants

with your heavenly grace,

that they may continue yours for ever,

and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more

until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Rite of Admission to Holy Communion

Christopher, William and Xavier, wishing to receive communion for the first time, stand before the priest.

The congregation is invited to sit.

The Rector says:

Our Lord Jesus Christ told his followers to take bread and wine and to remember him. He told them that the bread was his body and the wine his blood. Since that time Christians have followed his command and celebrated this meal called the Eucharist together, giving thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and receiving the very presence of Christ into themselves to strengthen and encourage them in the life of faith. Today we come together to follow that command and to admit these baptised members of our congregation to the joy of receiving Holy Communion.

I therefore ask you, Christopher, William and Xavier, do you wish to be admitted to receiving Holy Communion?

Christopher, William and Xavier reply Yes I wish to be admitted

The Rector speaks to the congregation saying

Will you the members of this congregation willingly support Christopher, William and Xavier who wish to be admitted to Holy Communion?

The congregation answers **We will with God's help.**

Rector: I therefore welcome you Christopher, William and Xavier as fellow baptised Christians, and I admit you to Holy Communion in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Gracious God of love and justice, we thank you for our baptism, and for the call to grow in faith. We thank you for the life and gifts of Christopher, William and Xavier, and we pray for her as she enters more fully into the mystery of your love.

The Rector blesses Christopher, William and Xavier.

Rector: God stir up the Spirit within you, that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and proclaim the joy of the everlasting Gospel wherever you may be.

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Conferring of Honorary Title of Archdeacon Emeritus

The Rector says

Bishop Matt, I present to you The Rev'd Hartley Hansford who is celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry. Fr Hartley has served in the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, as a parish priest in several dioceses, as a school chaplain, as an Archdeacon in this Diocese and as a Chaplain, Senior Chaplain and State Chaplain in the New South Wales Police. He now serves as an honorary priest in this parish. I ask that in recognition of his significant service and dedication to the Gospel of Christ that you confer on him the honorary title of Archdeacon Emeritus.

The Bishop says

Fr Hartley, I am aware of the fiftieth anniversary of your ordination and of the significant service to Christ's church that you have offered in this Diocese and beyond. I therefore confer on you the title of Archdeacon Emeritus and present you with this licence. May Christ continue to bless and strengthen you in your ministry in the Church of God.

The Bishop hands the licence to Fr Hartley.

The congregation is invited to respond with applause.

The Greeting of Peace

All stand and the Bishop greets the congregation

In baptism, God has made us one with Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

and also with you.

All may share a greeting of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN — TIS 272 (*During the singing of this hymn, the gifts of bread, wine and money are brought to the altar*)

**1 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.**

**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.**

**2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88. Tune: *Stuttgart*

The Prayers and the Gifts

Response: **Blessed by God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Bishop says the following Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

In baptism you have united us to him
and brought us out of darkness into light.
You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,
and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

The choir sings
Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bishop says
As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and the Communion

The Bishop breaks the bread, saying

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.

The Bishop says

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

All are welcome to receive Communion

COMMUNION (CHOIR): Anon (16th century) *Rejoice in the Lord always*

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. [Philippians 4: 4-7]

After Communion

The Bishop says

Gracious God, in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and his blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly. We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. I invite all of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

**We will gladly do so,
in the strength of the Holy Spirit.**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN — TIS 161

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926– based on Luke 1:46–55 in *The New English Bible* Tune: *Woodlands*. CCLI licence: 286646

DISMISSAL

The deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE (ORGAN) : Mozart *Church Sonata in B flat*, K. 212

Please remember in your prayers: The Sick: Lea Chapuis, Diana Hanna, Alya Henry, Peta Hill, Andrew Livingston, Irene Mhogolo.

To add a name, call or email the parish office. The person's permission is required. Names remain on the prayer list for four Sundays only, unless the parish office is advised otherwise.

News and Announcements

*To add a notice, email or call the Parish Office by 1.30pm on the **Tuesday** before the notice is to appear.*

Advent. We continue the more sombre season of Advent today as we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas. In this mood we use purple and use the Kyries (Lord, have mercy) instead of the Gloria.

Parish pot-luck lunch Sunday 11th December at 12 noon in the St Paul's hall. A chance for the whole parish to get together to share fellowship and food. Bring food to share and your own drinks. Tea, coffee and punch will be provided. Collaboration in the clean-up will ensure that we all enjoy the day. No charge.

Order of St Luke Healing Ministries (OSL): The final meeting for the year will be held in the Mollison Room on Tuesday 13th December at 2pm. Bible reflection and prayers for healing and the opportunity for anyone who would like anointing and laying on of hands. All welcome to attend. Information from the chaplain Fr John Gibson whose contact details are in the bulletin.

Christmas gifts for Anglicare can be left at the church until 18th December. We are especially looking for gifts for people from 0 to 21. Gift vouchers and movie tickets are very acceptable for teens and young adults. Anglicare are supporting a number of people turning 18 and about to transition from out-of-home care to independent living and suitable gifts for them would be appreciated too.

Community: The summer issue of *Community* is now available on St Paul's web site (where it can be viewed in colour) and in print form. A focus of this issue is on language in all its forms: the mix of fresh insights, the branches of the vine which nurtures our faith and reaches out to others to which all are invited to contribute. Editor.

Trading Table. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Trading Table in any way last Sunday. \$643.30 was raised to assist the after school coaching program for refugee and migrant children which is one of our outreach programs. We very much appreciated everyone's help, with particular thanks to those who provided many wonderful items of craft, cakes, biscuits, cards and jams. The Noah's Ark was won by Sue Parker.

Christmas service times

St Paul's

Saturday 24 December, 2016

6 pm Children's Eucharist and Nativity Play
11pm Midnight Eucharist (please note earlier time)

Sunday 25 December, 2016

7 am Holy Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer
8 am Holy Eucharist - A Prayer Book for Australia
10 am Sung Eucharist - A Prayer Book for Australia

St David's

Sunday 25 December, 2016

8.30 am Holy Eucharist - A Prayer Book for Australia

NEXT SUNDAY – 18TH DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY TEXTS: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

10AM - ST PAUL'S

CELEBRANT

The Venerable Hartley Hansford

PREACHER

The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas

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