

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014

ST PAUL'S: 8 & 10AM

ST DAVID'S 8.30 AM



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

## WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S AND ST DAVID'S CHURCHES

**W**elcome! On behalf of the clergy and people of St Paul's Church, Manuka and St David's, Red Hill. A large-print version of this bulletin is available from the sidespeople and at St Paul's 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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#### 8AM - ST PAUL'S

CELEBRANT  
The Rev'd Susan Bridge

PREACHER  
The Rev'd Susan Bridge

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# Gathering in God's Name

**INTROIT (10AM ONLY - CHOIR)** Plainsong *Creator of the Stars of Night*

## **HYMN TIS 270**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Words: Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 *alt.*  
Tune: *Winchester New*

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### *THE SECOND CANDLE – THE CANDLE OF PEACE*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. The prophets called Christ 'the Prince of Peace'. They told of how he would rule the world wisely and bless the nations with his peace. We light this candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

*The second candle is lit*

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the peace 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 service continues on page 119.*

### **SENTENCE (8.30 AM ONLY)**

**P**repare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together. *Luke 3:4,6*

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

**M**erciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Ministry of the Word

## A READING FROM ISAIAH 40:1-11

*Please be seated*

COMFORT, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the LORD God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13** *(Said by the congregation in alternate verses at 8 am, by all the congregation at 8.30am and led by the choir at 10am)*

1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.**

8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

**9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:  
and our land shall yield its plenty.

**13 For righteousness shall go before him:  
and tread the path before his feet.**

## A READING FROM 2 PETER 3:8-15A

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore,

beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God**

### **HYMN — TIS 691**

**1. Have faith in God, my heart,  
trust and be unafraid;  
God will fulfil in every part  
each promise he has made.**

**2. Have faith in God, my mind,  
though oft your light burns low;  
God's mercy holds a wiser plan  
Than you can fully know.**

**3. Have faith in God, my soul,  
his cross for ever stands;  
and neither life nor death can pluck  
his children from his hands.**

**4. Lord Jesus, make me whole;  
grant me no resting place  
until I rest, heart, mind and soul,  
the captive of your grace.**

Words: Bryn Austin Rees 1911-83 Tune: *Dunedin* LicenSing licence no: 620243 (St Paul's) 621476 (St David's)

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10am only)**

*Choir:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Congregation:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Choir:* Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*Congregation:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL — MARK 1:1-8**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**✠Glory to you, ✠Lord Jesus ✠Christ**

**T**he beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE SERMON - ST PAUL'S 8AM - THE REV'D SUSAN BRIDGE**

**- ST PAUL'S 10AM - THE REV'D DR BRIAN DOUGLAS**

**- ST DAVID'S - THE REV'D DR BRIAN DOUGLAS**

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

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**The PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Page 124**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - Pages 147 and then page 126**

**THE GREETING OF PEACE - Page 127**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY HYMN — TIS 517** (*During the singing of this hymn, the gifts of bread, wine and money are brought to the altar*)

**1 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,**  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
hallelujah! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.'

**2 Hallelujah! not as orphans,**  
are we left in sorrow now;  
hallelujah! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1837–98 Tune: *Hyfrydol*

**3 Hallelujah! bread of heaven,**  
and on earth our food, our stay;  
hallelujah! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

**4 Hallelujah! King eternal,**  
you the Lord of lords we own;  
hallelujah! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:  
you within the veil have entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
you on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

## OFFERTORY PRAYERS

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Page 147 and then page 128**

**COMMUNION** (Choir at 10am - Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759) *And the glory of the Lord* from *Messiah*)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Page 148 and then page 143**

**BLESSING - Page 148**

**HYMN — TIS 309**

**1 Angels, from the realms of glory,**  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
heralds of creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
*come and worship Christ,*  
*the new-born King,*  
*come and worship,*  
*worship Christ, the new-born King,*

**2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,**  
watching over flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light:  
*come and worship Christ, ...*

**3 Wise men, leave your contemplations,**  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations,  
you have seen his natal star:  
*come and worship Christ, ...*

**4 Though an infant now we view him,**  
he shall fill his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him:  
every knee shall then bow down:  
*come and worship Christ, ...*

Words: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 *alt.*  
Tune: *Iris*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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*Please remember in your prayers: Georgina Emanuel, Monica Freeman, Rosemary King, Ella Nicholls, Barbara Osborne, Norma Rigby.*

*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.*

*Pastoral visits for the sick. Please let the Parish office know if you know of someone who is sick who may appreciate a pastoral visit.*

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## 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.*

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**St David's** will hold its service of Advent Lessons and Carols **today** at 7pm. Traditional carols and works by Ireland, Rachmaninov, Wesley, Stanford, Mokranjac and others will complement readings from the Old and New Testaments. All are welcome to come along with families and friends and also to stay for supper after the service.

**Trading Table today.** The trading table is on **today** after the 8am and 10am services. Please bring and buy.

**Fork & Talk. Today,** 12 noon in the Hall. Bring a plate to share with family and friends. Punch provided. \$15/head, \$45/family. A begonia has been donated to be raffled. Tickets available in the Mollison Room after St Paul's 10am service, or in the Hall before lunch.

**ACT Christian-Jewish dialogue** will meet at the Wesley Centre, National Circuit Forrest on Monday **8<sup>th</sup> December** at 8 pm. The speaker will be The Rev'd Dr Ockert Meyer who will speak on the topic *The contribution to religious thought of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks*.

**Rectory Open House.** Brian and Jane invite all parishioners for Christmas cake and champagne in the Rectory on Tuesday **9<sup>th</sup> December** from 5-7pm. Please join them before you go on to the Carols.

**Carols in Manuka** this year will take place on Tuesday **9<sup>th</sup> December** at St Paul's, and Thursday **11<sup>th</sup> December** at St Christopher's, with an uplifting array of seasonal readings and music by the joint choirs, organ and brass. Both services commence at 7.30pm.

**Christmas Goodies.** Chocolate fudge, small Christmas cakes and other good fare available after St Paul's 10am service Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Mollison Room. Proceeds in aid of the Hall Restoration Fund.

**Anglicare Christmas Appeal:** Our *Teen's, Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal* is a way for Parish members and the general public to donate so we can help some of the people who may not otherwise have something special for Christmas Day. A poster with suggested gifts is on the notice board in the Mollison Room and digital copies of all the above are available from [penelopelowery@hotmail.com](mailto:penelopelowery@hotmail.com). Food gifts can be left for The Verandah and other gifts will be sent to Anglicare for Christmas distribution. A box for gifts is available in St Paul's church until 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Walking Group** - The season has now finished for 2014, so many thanks to the Leaders and Walkers for their efforts. 2015 walks will be under consideration in the New Year, so be sure of interesting and sometimes challenging walks!

**The Bible Reading Fellowship** has a long tradition of publishing daily bible reading notes and other biblical material. The daily bible reading notes are due to be ordered for 2015. Leaflets giving details of the Bible Reading Fellowship and its publication are available at the rear of the church. To subscribe/re-order please contact Jill Elliot on 0409 662 819 by 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Meditation on Mondays.** St Alban's, Woden's regular Meditation take a break from 15<sup>th</sup> December and will start again on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**Used stamps** can be used to raise funds for Anglicare projects. Please save all your used stamps and place them in the red box on the bookcase at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Anglicare** has terminated the contract of The Rev'd Brad Lovegrove. As a result he is no longer the Warden of St David's Close and consequently, under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with Anglicare, he is no longer the priest at St David's. The Rev'd John Campbell has been appointed Warden of St David's Close and will also carry out duties at St David's Church as Associate Priest in the Parish of Manuka.

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**NEXT SUNDAY – 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**LECTIONARY TEXTS:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28; John 1:6-8, 19-28

**8AM - ST PAUL'S**

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**10AM - ST PAUL'S**

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