

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14TH 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

Welcome! 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

8AM - ST PAUL'S

CELEBRANT

The Rev'd Sonia Neville

PREACHER

The Rev'd Susan Bridge

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT

Wendy Lones

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Clergy

READER

Toni Clark

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Len Goodwin, Les Whaley

BREAKFAST

Claudia Hyles

ORGANIST

Mary Anne Neilsen

8.30AM - ST DAVID'S

CELEBRANT

The Rev'd Dr Brian Douglas

PREACHER

The Rev'd John Campbell

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

Gillian King, Adrian Dennison

INTERCESSOR

Eleanor Scott-Findlay

SIDESPEOPLE & READERS

Irene Mather, John Mather

MORNING TEA

Suzanne Curtis, Gwen Benson

ORGANIST

Robert Goodrick

10AM - ST PAUL'S

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PREACHER

The Rev'd Susan Bridge

DEACON

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Setting at 10am: (choir) Charles Wood (1866-1926) *Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode*

Gathering in God's Name

INTROIT AT 10AM ADVENT PROSE (PLAINSONG) (*Drop down, ye heavens*)

HYMN TIS 447

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| 1 Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light. | 3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light. |
| 2 Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light. | 4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light. |

Words: John Marriott 1780-1825 *alt.* Tune: *Moscow*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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 God, your witness John the Baptist grew strong in spirit and prepared people|
for the coming of the Lord. John loved people and baptised them to wash away their
sins. Help us to have the same love so that we too can be witnesses to our Lord and
spread the good news of Christ's love for all. 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)

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim
the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God. *Isaiah 61:1-2*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom
to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who

is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, 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 61:1-4, 8-11

Please be seated

THE spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations... For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

thanks be to God.

PSALM 126 (*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 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.**
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 **Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.**
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 **Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words

of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

HYMN — TIS 272

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| <p>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.</p> <p>2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.</p> |
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Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88 Tune: *Stuttgart*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10am only)

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Choir: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL — JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

✠Glory to you, ✠Lord Jesus ✠Christ

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light... This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptising if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON - ST PAUL'S - THE REV'D SUSAN BRIDGE

- ST DAVID'S - THE REV'D JOHN CAMPBELL

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 283 (*During the singing of this hymn, the gifts of bread, wine and money are brought to the altar*)

1 Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes,

when he comes.

who will make him welcome?

2 God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Refrain

3 Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.

Refrain

4 Journey ends: where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

Jesus comes,

Jesus comes:

we will make him welcome.

Words: Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000 Tune: *Theodoric*. CCLI Licence 286646 (St Paul's) 286653 (St David's)

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Page 147 and then page 128

COMMUNION (Choir at 10am - Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) *This is the record of John* [text: John 1:19-23])

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Page 148 and then page 143

BLESSING - Page 148

HYMN — TIS 276

1 There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,
but his triumph day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.

2 There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air,
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.

3 He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way,
he is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
but his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
for the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.

**4 Hark, we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell —
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring
all your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!**

Words: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 *alt.* Tune: *There's a light upon the mountains*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers: Monica Freeman, 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.*

Christmas Eve. This year at the midnight Eucharist (11.30pm, Wednesday 24th December) the choir will be singing the *Messe de minuit pour Noël* (ie. *Midnight Mass for Christmas*) by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704), with orchestra.

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. 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 tomorrow.

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 18th December.

Education for Ministry. Would you like to join a group of fellow-parishioners exploring our faith and its implications? The 2015 *Education for Ministry* group will meet on Monday evenings, starting **16th February**. No, it's not about being ordained - but it is about why Exploring faith Matters. Revised curriculum materials and program make 2015 a great time to join. Talk to Michael Richards, St Paul's EfM mentor (6227 5769) or to any member of this year's group.

Trading Table. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Trading Table in any way last Sunday. \$620.30 was raised to assist the after school coaching program for refugee children.

Fork & Talk. A most enjoyable end of year gathering with an even larger gathering than last time. I am sure all who attended would express their thanks for the camaraderie and the delightful food. The begonia that was kindly donated raised \$80 and the function \$635 for the Restoration Fund.

Carpenter's Kids: Thank you. Many thanks to those who purchased digital or hard copy *Entertainment Books* this year. We raised \$300 for our Carpenter's Kids and appreciate your support. Don't forget to use your discounts!

We thank our Director of Music, Matthew Stuckings, our organists Chris Erskine and James Porteous, and our wonderful choir for such outstanding work at both our Carols services. A truly great ministry.

We welcome the Rev'd John Campbell to our parish ministry team. John is taking up the position of Warden of St David's Close and under the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding with Anglicare will also be the priest at St David's Church.

NEXT SUNDAY – 21ST DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY TEXTS: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Song of Mary (ABPA p. 31); Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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Rob Lones, Heather McDermott
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ORGANIST
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8.30AM - ST DAVID'S

CELEBRANT
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PREACHER
The Rev'd Susan Bridge
LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS
The Rev'd Jill Elliot,
Penny Hebbard
INTERCESSOR
Heather Schmitzer
SIDESPEOPLE & READERS
Amanda Lynch,
Beverley McLeod
MORNING TEA
Lilian Lander, Caroline Shelton
ORGANIST
Robert Goodrick

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Helen Raymond, Tony Ralli
INTERCESSOR
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Roz Bruhn
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