

WELCOME

We are glad you can join us today.

Activities for children to do during the service are provided in the foyer.

A Hearing Loop is installed in the church; please use your T switch.

An offering will be received during the service, to support the ongoing work of the church. Other ways of giving are included on the next page.

If you are visiting with us today, we encourage all who are baptised to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, please still come forward for a blessing.

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.

Worship & Parish events will be automatically cancelled during a code red day.

A copy of this weeks sermon will be available on the website.

PEW SHEET

10th December 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation who are the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, and we pay our respects to their elders past and present.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK


Sun 10th	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist
Mon 11th	1:00pm	Monday Circle
	7:30pm	Book Club
Wed 13th	9:30am	Meditation
	10:30am	Eucharist
	12:00pm	Anglicare Christmas Lunch
Thu 14th	9:30am	Finance Committee meeting
Fri 15th	8:00am	Meditation
Sat 16th	8:00am	Meditation
	10:00am	Parish Council Induction Day
	10:00am	Do Justice meeting
Sun 17th	8:00am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Eucharist



Call for Volunteers for Christmas Services Sides People 9am, 5pm, 10.30 pm on 24th, 9am 25th, CAs, Intercessors, Readers and LAs all except 5 pm. Please advise coordinators if you are available. Thanks, Harry.

PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish office is inside Dendy House at the rear of the church. Office hours are 10am—2pm Monday to Friday. Please leave us a message or email us if the office is unattended.

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CLERGY

VICAR
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Day off Tuesday

HONORARY ASSOCIATE CLERGY
The Reverend Robert Street
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HONORARY ASSISTANT CURATE
The Reverend Kirsten Winkett

The clergy are available for emergencies at all hours.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets once a month and these dates are published in the calendar.

Your councillors are: Mandy Stevens; Sandra Brown-Holt.

If you have anything to raise at Parish Council, either contact a councillor or fill in the feedback form in the foyer and place it in the box. If you are hoping to host an event, complete an Event Planning Sheet from the office first to speed up the process.

Parish Matters is a newsletter produced regularly, and copies are maintained on the website. Please contact Harry Watson or Sally Petty if you have a contribution to make.

GIVING

St Margaret's encourages the exercise of our discipleship by generous giving to God's work and mission here. If you don't want to contribute through the open plate, there are direct debit forms in the foyer to be able to give anonymously through the Anglican Development Fund. If you wish to make a bequest, there is information in the

PASTORAL CARE

The pastoral care team members are available to provide a telephone call or visit people in need in their home, hospital, rehabilitation, aged or palliative care facility. These contacts seek to enable people to share their needs and concerns in order to discern appropriate channels for them to receive spiritual, emotional and/or practical support as desired. A member of the Pastoral Care team may be contacted at any time (24/7) on **0455 610 692**.

WARDENS

Our Church Wardens are:

Shirley Nash 9432 9510

David Tuke 0408 017 962

To Be Advised

COMMUNICATIONS

If you have any information you would like to share with the Parish, contact the office for assistance. Consider asking to use the pew sheet; the website; social media; group text messages; or advertising material.

Please submit all material for the pew sheet no later than 11am on the preceding Wednesday.

KEY PARISH CONTACTS

Do Justice Group:	Jenny Disney
Faith Formation Network:	Annette Street
Property & Maintenance:	Graham Constantine
Pastoral Care Team:	Adrienne Watson
Discovering Spirituality:	Shirley Nash
Finance Committee:	John Humann
Communications Committee	Mary Lynton-Moll

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 8am: Reflective service of Holy Communion followed by morning tea.

Sunday 10am: Family service of Holy Communion with music, children's activities, morning tea

Wednesday 10:30am: Holy Communion, morning tea. Meditation prior to this service.

Saturday 5pm: Short evening prayer service to prepare for worship the next day.

WORSHIP

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

Prepare 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; Isaiah 40.5

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful 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.**

TODAY'S HYMNS

Comfort, comfort all my people - TiS647
Lighting of Advent Candle I (verse 1 & 2 only) - TiS289
The heavens shall declare - TiS746
On Jordan's bank - TiS270
Wait for the Lord (Taize) - CH276
There's a light upon the mountains - TiS276

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

TODAY'S GOSPEL

2 Peter 3: 8-15a



ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

Sunday 10th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

The Isaiah reading not only forms the background to the ministry of John, the Baptizer, but also fills out his cryptic message in the Gospel reading. It is a message of forgiveness, comfort and liberation breaking forth with the coming of the Lord to the people of the Covenant. John, indeed prepared the way for the coming of the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Pray for those who cry out in the wilderness in our generation; for those with a deliberate lifestyle that reflect the message they bear from God.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.



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Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer requests

Glenys Collis

0407 398 948

NOTICES

LinC

Please could contributions of non-perishable food for the (at least) 22 Christmas Hampers LinC prepares for distribution to families and others in need in Nillumbik and Banyule be placed in the LinC basket which is in the Church foyer. Small toys are also welcome. We try to include tinned food with the Christmas goodies to help the recipients over the month following Christmas. LinC thanks you in anticipation.

Safe Church Training



For all parishioners with a Working With Children Check, you are required to undergo Safe Church training by the 1st February 2018. You are invited to attend a Safe Church training session at Eltham Montmorency Uniting Church on Thursday 14th December, 1:00pm to 3.30pm. There will be another daytime session and an evening session offered in the second half of January for those who can't make it to the 14th.

Morning Prayer Recess

Morning Prayer has concluded for 2017 and will recommence on February 14th 2018 (Ash Wednesday).

The Melbourne Anglican

December issue now available in the Church foyer.

This month features:

- ♦ A front cover painting 'The Star of Bethlehem' by Indigenous Anglican priest and artist Robyn Davis;
- ♦ The recent ordination of 21 priests, including interviews with two of them (including Kirsten Winkett) about their journey towards ordination;
- ♦ Anglican responses to the Same-Sex Marriage Postal Vote;
- ♦ Reactions to the passing of assisted dying legislation in the Victorian Parliament;

Plus much more.

Christmas Donations

Parishioners for many years have been donating Christmas foods to be given to Anglicare families.

There is a short donation period from 25th November to 10th December for donations of foods for the Christmas period and socks for some of the homeless men and women. You may prefer to wait until we collect items for our "Educational packs" during the summer sales of January. Gifts are much appreciated.



ROSTER	10th December 8:00am Advent II	10th December 10:00am Advent II	17th December 8:00am Advent III	17th December 10am Advent III
Celebrant	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Preacher	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra	Keren Terpstra
Sacristan Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Annette Street	Vacant	Diana Warrell
Liturgical Assistant	Robert Brazenor	Adrienne Watson	Robert Brazenor	Adrienne Watson
Communion Assistants	Jo Norman	Sylvia Gilbert Sandra Brown-Holt	Coralie Carew Neil Andrewartha	Tony Michaelson Jan Kerr
Greeters & Sides People	Gwen Sharp Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant Lillian Lloyd	John Winkett Margaret Alexander	Geoff & Elizabeth Milgate
First Reading	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Glenys Collis	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Helen Symons	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Fay Gravenall	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 David Pryor
Second Reading	2 Peter 3: 8-15a Michael Tucker	2 Peter 3: 8-15a Lyn Clements	1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 Coralie Carew	1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 Lyn Clements
Intercessor	Graham & Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt	Gwen Sharp	Vacant
Morning Tea	Elizabeth Ainsworth	Lyn Clements	Gwen Sharp The Carews	Jean & Margaret
Banking	David Pryor	Vacant	Jo Norman	Vacant
Flowers	N/A		N/A	
Powerpoint	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann	Felicity Wiltshire	John Humann

WHAT'S COMING UP		
12/12/17	7:30pm	Book Club
14/12/17	9:30am	Finance Committee meeting
19/12/17	1:00pm	Embryonic Dabblers
21/12/17	7:30pm	Taize
24/12/17	9:00am	Combined Eucharist
	5:00pm	Children's Christmas service
	10:30pm	Christmas Carols
	11:00pm	Midnight Mass (with incense)
25/12/17	9:00am	Combined Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Roster			
Date	Greeting	Reading	Morning Tea
29/11/17	Helen Costello	Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28 Gwen Sharp	Jennifer Constantine & Fay Gravenall
6/12/17	Jenny Disney	Isaiah 25: 6-10 Rae Kerr	Margaret A & Margaret C
13/12/17	Jennifer Constantine	Isaiah 40: 25-31 Gwen Sharp	Vacant
20/12/17	Helen Costello	Isaiah 7: 10-14 Gwen Sharp	Barbara Alexander & Jenny Disney



Christmas Bowl

Prepare the way

Second Sunday of Advent



John brings a message of hope and healing to a world that is hurting.

Today's reading from Mark was written when the Jewish people were living under the oppression of the Roman Empire – through heavy taxes, conflict and religious persecution. John brought a message of hope to a world that was hurting. He had good news to share, the Lord was coming! His message was one of hope and healing that the people were longing to hear.

Today, millions of people around the world have had to flee their homes in fear due to conflict and violence. When civil war broke out in Sri Lanka in 1983, many families fled to India in search of safety. The conflict raged on and off for 26 years, before ending in a final brutal series of violent conflicts in 2009. Throughout this time and even still today, Sri Lankan families living in refugee camps in India live in uncertainty but, cling to hope for the future.

After nearly three decades away from their homes, refugee families in India have real concerns about what their future will look like if they do decide to return home, including whether their house is still standing! These barriers often leave refugees completely overwhelmed and returning home can seem impossible.

Janarthan is one refugee who, through your support, has recently made the trip home with his family.

"In the last year your generous support has assisted my family to prepare and return safely to our home in Sri Lanka. When we arrived back in our village, it was an emotional homecoming to see my parents and sisters after so many years apart."



With your support, Janarthan and his family have recently returned home to Sri Lanka, after living as refugees in India. Today he is rebuilding his home, growing rice and vegetables on his land and working to support his family.

When Janarthan returned home with his family, they were met by a welcome group organised by Act for Peace's partner the Organisation for Eelam Refugee Rehabilitation (OfERR). OfERR helps recently returned refugees solve problems as a community and provides them with the knowledge they need to access essential government services. For many returning Sri Lankans like Janarthan, this interaction provides a sense of belonging, a role in the community and an opportunity to rebuild their nation.

"The support from the Welcome Group and OfERR staff has instilled confidence in me to persevere with resettlement for my family."

Janarthan is now busy growing rice and vegetables on his family's land and doing day labour to support his family. His two eldest children are enrolled in the nearby school.

By collectively mapping out and overcoming barriers in the way, their journey home was far less daunting. Your support through the Christmas Bowl is bringing hope and good news to refugee families in Sri Lanka and helping to prepare a way home.

Making the return home

After more than 25 years of violence, the civil war in Sri Lanka ended in May 2009. The country now faces huge challenges in resettlement, rehabilitation and reconciliation between ethnic communities. Your support is helping to provide protection to newly returned refugees in Sri Lanka to support them through the difficult reintegration process.



\$1,600

Help returning refugees rebuild their lives

\$1,600 can cover the costs of materials such as tin sheets, cement and bricks to build transitional shelters for refugees as they rebuild their lives in Sri Lanka.