

PEW SHEET
13th December 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 13th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent III
Mon 14th	9:30am 1:00pm	Morning Prayer Monday Circle
Wed 16th	9:30am 10:30am	Meditation Eucharist at St Margaret's
Thu 17th	9:30am 7:30pm	Morning Prayer Taize Service
Sat 19th	8:30am 4:00pm	Meditation Evening Prayer
Sun 20th	8:00am & 10:00am	Advent IV

Audio Visual operators required

We need some more people to undertake the roles of Zoom/Powerpoint Operator and/or Camera Operator. Training will be provided. Please contact John Humann on 0438 871 357 if you are interested in the Zoom/Powerpoint role, or Rob Mackenzie on 0401 356 244 for the Camera Operator role.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St Margaret's Anglican Parish Eltham acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship. We commit to working for reconciliation and justice for Aboriginal people. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us at St Margaret's.

ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

In this week's Gospel we have part of John's stunning Prologue. We also have John's introduction of John the Baptist. The one who sets the scene for the coming Messiah. John's appearance is prophesied. In fact, he is the last of the Old Testament style of prophets, coming out of the wilderness and preaching judgement and repentance. John makes it very clear that he is not the Messiah and points to the one to come. Jesus will turn up soon enough.

From the very beginning of the narrative in John's Gospel there is a tension with the Jewish leaders who want to know "who are you?" - first John and then Jesus himself. The rest of the Gospel is taken up with answering this question.

- We give thanks to God for John the evangelist and his Gospel of profound wisdom and witness.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.



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NOTICES

Christmas Rosters

As yet we are unsure about Christmas service rostered positions. We will need **welcomers/sides duty assistance** at the 7.30 and 11.00pm and 9.30am services using the COVID instructions. Please if you are even only probably available let Harry know on 0418 322 347.

There is also a roster in the foyer this week for people to put their name down as **Readers** etc over the Christmas / New Year period.

Zoom link for Sunday Services:

<https://zoom.us/j/732357170?pwd=UTZuR1JKK1U1WkVKdm9uZVFLZFR6dz09>

Passcode: 433645

Other Zoom links:

Morning Prayer - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30am

<https://zoom.us/j/923263779?pwd=Tml3WUgwZVRBbU42SzdzVTNvVDN4UT09>

Passcode: 278879

Evening Prayer - Saturday at 4:00pm

<https://zoom.us/j/443167432?pwd=eFIUWIV4eTdicCtUaUdGV0RBd0x6dz09>

Passcode: 686422

Saturday Meditation -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85446097030?pwd=dDUuMjE2ckFRtZEaCtHdUpHcDILdz09>

Passcode: 586005

YouTube channel link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWewMdRslRq70IA6MUIg>

What's Coming Up

Mon 21st	7:30pm	Faith Issues Discussions
Thu 24th	5:30pm	Children's Christmas Service - YouTube
Fri 25th	9:30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Sun 27th	8:00 & 10:00am	Christmas I
Sat 2nd Jan	9:00am	Men's Breakfast
Sun 3rd	8:00 & 10:00am	The Epiphany of our Lord
Sun 10th	8:00 & 10:00am	The Baptism of our Lord
Sun 17th	8:00 & 10:00am	Epiphany II



Taize Service

Thursday 17th December at 7:30pm

Welcome back to basking in the warmth and compassion of God's presence through meditative music, icons, readings and silence at St Margaret's Taize service. All welcome.

Giving Envelopes

Have you picked up your new Planned Giving envelopes? Please ask sides person on duty. Thankyou.



Parish Fire Policy: Code Red Days

The Fire Danger Period in Eltham and surrounding suburbs commences on Monday 14th December. If a code red day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy applies every day of the week. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone follows their own fire plan. Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

MASSG Pre-Christmas Food Drive for the ASRC Foodbank

The ASRC Food bank currently provides free groceries to around 1600 people every week, most of whom have no income. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Our ten most needed groceries are-

Tins of tuna in oil, tinned legumes- chick peas, red beans, white beans, tinned tomatoes, Spices- cumin, chili, turmeric, unsalted nuts eg cashews, walnuts, almonds, biscuits- sweet and savoury, Black tea bags/ instant coffee, honey, toothbrushes and toothpaste- single or twin, soap bars.

You can also donate supermarket vouchers / gift cards

Deliver your donations to:

**52 Looker Road, Montmorency
any time until Wednesday 16th December**



Thank you for your compassion in action
Enquiries: Pam 9439 1853 or Jocelyn 9432 0416

More about MASSG at <https://massgblog.wordpress.com/>

ROSTER	13th December 2020 Advent III 8:00am	13th December 2020 Advent III 10:00am	16th December 2020 Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Christopher Garcia	Keren Terpstra	Christopher Garcia
Preacher Gospel	Keren Terpstra John 1: 6-8, 19-28	Keren Terpstra John 1: 6-8, 19-28	Christopher Garcia Luke 7: 19-23
Sacristan Assistant	N/A	N/A	
Liturgical Assistant	N/A	N/A	
Communion Assistants	N/A	N/A	
Greeters & Sides People	Michael Tucker	Anne Bryant	Helen Costello
First Reading	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Mary Lynton-Moll	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Helen Symons	Isaiah 45: 6-26 TBA
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 Michael Tucker	1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28 Annette Street	
Psalm	Psalm 126	Psalm 126	Psalm 85: 8-13
Intercessor	Coralie Carew	Sandra Brown-Holt	
Banking	David Pryor		
Powerpoint	Felicity Wiltshire	Mandy Stevens & Rob Mackenzie	
Flowers	N/A		

20th December 2020 Advent IV 8:00am	20th December 2020 Advent IV 10:00am	23rd December 2020 Wednesday/Advent IV 10:30am
Keren Terpstra	Christopher Garcia	Keren Terpstra
Christopher Garcia Luke 1: 26-38	Christopher Garcia Luke 1: 26-38	Keren Terpstra Luke 1: 57-66
N/A	N/A	
N/A	N/A	
N/A	N/A	
		Margaret Charles Margaret Alexander
2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 TBA	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 David Pryor	Betty Cooper Malachi 3: 1-4, 4: 2-3
Romans 16: 25-27 Coralie Carew	Romans 16: 25-27 Lyn Clements	
Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-27	Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-27	Psalm 25: 3-9
Lyn Clements		
Felicity Wiltshire		
N/A		

WORSHIP 13/12/2020—ADVENT III

SENTENCE

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

PRAYER OF 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.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 126

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

GOSPEL

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

TODAY'S MUSIC

Musical Reflection



Dancing to the beat of God's heart 2020

God of love,
Your compassion for people knows no bounds.
Give us grace that we may know
the presence of Jesus in us and with us:
in words of scripture,
in water, bread and wine,
in the face of each other.
Transform our lives by your Spirit
and give us your heart of compassion,
so that we may make the transforming love of Christ
known to all. **Amen.**

Prayer Chain

**For any prayer
requests**

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