

Prayer 2021 - Following Jesus

O God,
out of your great love for us
you sent your Son Jesus into this world
to bring us back to you:
give us grace to follow him,
to take his yoke upon us and learn from him,
and so to find both rest for our souls
and the courage to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly,
so that others may be brought to your light;
we ask this in his name. Amen.

Prayer Chain

For any prayer
requests

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Pew Sheet 12th December 2021 Advent III

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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| Sun 12th | 8:00 & 10:00am | Ad vent III |
| Mon 13th | 9:30am | Morning Prayer |
| Tue 14th | 9:45am 11.30am | Anglicare Meeting LinC Hamper Packing |
| Wed 15th | 9:30am 10:30am | Morning Prayer & Meditation Wednesday Service |
| Thu 16th | 9:30am | Morning Prayer |
| Sat 18th | 8:00am 4:00pm | Meditation Evening Prayer |
| Sun 19th Dec | 8:00am & 10:00am | Advent III |

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 First Peoples. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us at St Margaret's. Everyone is welcome here, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or ability.

ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

John the Baptist used harsh words of criticism and warning and it seemed to have caught the attention of those he was addressing. "Even tax collectors came to be baptised and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'" They knew that their corruption had been exposed and they were now at a point of decision making, to keep being corrupt or 'repent', i.e., change direction. I wonder what there is in our lives that needs to change direction?

- Give thanks for the unconditional love and forgiveness of God who does not hold our past sins against us.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.



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Hearing Loop

A Hearing Loop is installed in the Church, please use the T switch on your hearing aid.



WORSHIP 12/12/2021 - ADVENT III

SENTENCE

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. *Zephaniah 3.16-17*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3.14-20

TODAY'S PSALM

A Song of Isaiah

SECOND READING

Philippians 4.4-7

GOSPEL

Luke 3.7-18



TODAY'S MUSIC

Introit: Soon and very soon AAH193

Lighting of Advent candle III: TiS289 verse 1-3

Offertory: On Jordan's bank - TiS270

Mission Hymn: Shout for joy - TiS545

Anglicare

- 8 parishioners attended the Anglicare luncheon in Hawthorn last week.
- 140 little lego envelopes have been collected for Bundoora AVPG.
- Thanks to all parishioners who so generously have contributed for the Anglicare food collection for people in care.
- Tuesday 14th Christmas morning tea: please wear a memorable hat! (and bring proof of vaccination)
- A packing chest of wools for knitting and crocheting has been donated. See Jenny if you would like to knit for Anglicare children in care.

Do Justice Group

Arrangements are in place for the construction of the Yarning Circle.

Hall

Please note two doors in the hall were left open on Sunday and tables left out.

The hall is booked by a delightful group on Monday who need the hall secure, clear and clean. Please help and if you are the last to leave the building, please ensure all doors are locked and tables away. Thankyou.

Zoom Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service

<https://zoom.us/j/732357170?pwd=UTZuR1JkK1U1WkVKdm9uZVFLZFR6dz09>

Anglicare Christmas Morning Tea

The Anglicare function planned for Tuesday 14th will be from 10.00am -11:30. Please wear a memorable hat! (and bring proof of vaccination)

Please note there is NO overlap with the LinC people using the hall as the supplies will be delivered on Monday 13th after 3 :00pm and the hamper packing will commence at 11:30 am after the morning tea.



Anglicare Food Collection

Please bring any items you are able to donate to add to our Anglicare Food Collection. All donations are very welcome.



NOTICES

Learning to Pray Group

A reminder that the next sessions of Linda's prayer group focusing on the James Martin book "Learning To Pray" are held on Monday afternoon at 3pm in the church. Alternatively you can join on Zoom on Thursdays at 9 am.

Use the Ignatian Exercises

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87390647541?pwd=OWlpakkzZFNsT2hwdFExbEFzSenFsZz09>

Hardback copies of the book are available for \$30.00. Sessions are held weekly

LinC Christmas Hampers

We are asking for non-perishable food donations for the LinC Christmas hampers. If you wish to make a money donation please put it in a sealed envelope and give it to Diana Warrell or Jo Norman. The list of suggested suitable items will be put with the donation basket in the church foyer. Toys and treats such as chocolates, perfume etc. can be donated as we will put in the basic items and top up with these things to make it more like Christmas.

Thanks. You all are all always so generous and it is really appreciated by the recipients. Diana (LinC).

What's Coming Up

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| Sun 19th | 8:00 & 10:00am | Ad vent III |
| Mon 20th | 9:30am 1.00pm 2.00pm 4.00pm 7.30pm | Morning Prayer Monday Circle Carols at SVCS Welcome to Eltham Faith Issues Discussion Event |
| Wed 22nd | 9:30am 10:30am | Morning Prayer and Meditation Wednesday Service |
| Thur 23rd | 9:30am | Morning Prayer |
| Fri 24th | 5:15pm 7:30pm | Children's Service Christmas Eve Communion |
| Sat 25th | 8:00am 9:30am | Meditation Christmas Communion |
| Sun 26th | 9:30am | Eucharist |

2021 ADVENT COURSE

Under the auspices of HeartEdge Melbourne, you are invited to pause each Sunday through Advent to reflect on beautiful art from the National Gallery London, and to consider how it connects with life and faith.

Location: St Margaret's Eltham

Time: 2.30pm

Dates: Sunday 12 December (*Advent III: John the Baptist*)

Sunday 19 December (*Advent IV: Mary*)

Note: Face to face attendance will require proof of vaccination for entry. Please register using the link below.

[Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

This will also be offered by Zoom.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163464229?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163464229?pwd=T2JsaGNBWnZ3UUhBbFBkcGICWXU4QT09)

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READING GROUP

It is not too late to join this group

A Future That's Bigger Than the Past: Towards the Renewal of the Church
by Samuel Wells

What do you dream for the future of the church? Join us in reading the groundbreaking book by Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin in the Fields, as he articulates a vision for renewal.

Remaining sessions are all offered by Zoom - 6pm-7.30pm, each session.

- Wednesday 15 December 2021 - Chapter 2:

Investing in the Kingdom: the Divine Economy

- Wednesday 19 January 2022 - Chapter 3: - *Minding God's Business: Becoming a Parable*

- Wednesday 2 February 2022 - Chapter 4: - *Entertaining Angels Unawares: it is More Blessed to Receive*

- Wednesday 16 February 2022 - Chapter 5: - *Making our Hearts Sing: Let All the People Praise Thee*

- Wednesday 2 March 2022 - Chapter 6: - *Realizing God's Presence: On Earth as it is in Heaven*

- Wednesday 16 March 2022 - Where to next?

Booking Link <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/reading-group-a-future-thats-bigger-than-the-past-tickets-199576557857>

| 19th Dec 2021 Advent IV 8:00am | 19th Dec 2021 Advent IV 10:00am | 22nd Wednesday 10:30am |
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| Linda Fiske | Linda Fiske | |
| Keren Terpstra | Keren Terpstra | |
| Alan Coutts | Diana Warrell | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |
| John Winkett | Harry Watson Roger Alcock | |
| Elizabeth Ainsworth Micah 5: 2-5a | David Pryor | |
| Coralie Carew Hebrews 10: 5-10 | Lyn Clements Hebrews 10: 5-10 | N/A |
| <i>Song of Mary</i> | <i>Song of Mary</i> | |
| Felicity Wiltshire | Geoff Sandy | N/A |
| Coralie Carew | Jan Kerr | |
| Lyn Clements | | |
| | Liz Pryor Rob MacKenzie | |
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| ROSTER | 12th Dec 2021 Advent III 8:00am | 12th Dec 2021 Advent III 10:00am | 15th Dec 2021 Wednesday 10:30am |
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| Celebrant | Keren Terpstra | Keren Terpstra | |
| Preacher Gospel | Linda Fiske | Linda Fiske | |
| Sacristan Assistant | Sally Petty | Jan Gack | N/A |
| Liturgical Assistant | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Communion Assistants | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Greeters & Sides People | | Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell | |
| First Reading | Mary Lynton-Moll Zephaniah 3: 14-20 | Adrienne Watson Zephaniah 3: 14-20 | |
| Second Reading | Philippians 4.4-7 | Jan Kerr Philippians 4.4-7 | N/A |
| Psalms | <i>A Song of Isaiah</i> | <i>A Song of Isaiah</i> | |
| Intercessor | Coralie Crew | Sandra Brown-Holt | N/A |
| Morning Tea | Elizabeth Ainsworth | Linda McKenzie | |
| Banking | David Pryor | | |
| Zoom/Ppt Cameras | | John Humann Mandy Stevens | |
| Flowers | | | |


Pew Bulletin

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like this bulletin posted to receive it hard copy, please email
communications@stmargaretseltham.org.au

Battery donation

We have received a donation of some excellent hearing aid batteries, which are in a small box in the foyer, please help yourself.

" Sometimes your mind plays tricks on you. It can tell you you're no good, that it's all hopeless. But remember this; You are loved,



and important and you bring to this world things no one else can. So hold on "

Image : Charlie Mackesy