



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 December 2024

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

8:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M.

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (The “Green” or “Blue” book);
seasonal material for Advent is to be found on p. 147*

*Please stand when the bell is rung and as the ministers move to the Advent wreath.
The second candle on the wreath is lit as the following prayer is said:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

All: God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever!

Celebrant: Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets
but in our days you speak through your Son
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

All: Blessèd be God for ever!

Words: The Archbishops' Council (Church of England)

SENTENCE

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78–79

We say together:

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Confession and Absolution follow.

During Advent, instead of the Gloria, we say together:

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

COLLECTS OF THE DAY AND SEASON

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through 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.**

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility:
that, on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1–4, 8–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight —
indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;
he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,
until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD
as in the days of old and as in former years...

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me!

But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings!

You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me — the whole nation of you!

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house,
and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts;

see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you
and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Luke 1:68–79

Response: Blessed be the LORD, who sets his people free.

Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

R.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our forebears
and to remember his holy covenant.

R.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our life.

R.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the LORD to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation,
by the forgiveness of their sins.

R.

In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

R.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,
because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.
I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you,
because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me,
both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.
For God is my witness, how I long for all of you
with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer,
that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight
to help you to determine what is best,
so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,
having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1–6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee,
and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,
during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Willochra; our Archdeaconry of Stonnington; Holy Trinity, Upwey; St George's, Monbulk; Holy Trinity, Doncaster; St John's, Footscray; St Peter's, Brighton Beach; St Dunstan's, Camberwell; St Alban the Martyr St Alban's; and St Andrew's Corio.

For all in need

Bethany and family; Denise; Helen; Jan; Jane; Jodie; John; Kaye; Pam; Ravi; and Roma.

For the Faithful Departed

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: John Lindley Daish; Frederick Davis; Vera Eastaugh; Harriet Hood; Cecil Macnaughtan; Colin Prain; Janette Mary Ray; Peter Reid; Wendy Kim Stone; and Maurice Street.

Scripture Readings next week

Zephaniah 3:14–20
Philippians 4:4–7

Third Sunday of Advent

Song of Isaiah
Luke 3:7–18

The Week Ahead

Friday	<i>Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)</i>
Saturday	<i>John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d. 1591)</i>

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined via Zoom at:

Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09>

NOTICES

A **huge thank you** to our Director of Music Tom Baldwin and our faithful parish choir (with some supplemental voices) for a splendid **Advent Carols** service last Sunday evening. Thank you, too, to those who read, served, welcomed, and to all who assisted in the preparation and serving of supper afterwards. Thanks are also due to long-standing friend of the parish, Christopher Cook, who struggled with a dreadful cold/flu to play the organ for us. It was a most enjoyable and uplifting evening.

This **Tuesday, our weekly service at Cabrini Hospital** will feature **Christmas carols by the Cabrini Choir**. Join the parish's pastoral care team at 12 noon in the Chapel to prepare for and celebrate the coming of Christ.

On **Sunday 15 December at 2:00 p.m.**, the **Choir of St George's together with Stonnington City Brass** will present a concert entitled *Celebrate Christmas with Brass and Voice*. Tickets (free) can be booked here: **www.trybooking.com/CXGPP**

A Working Bee to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas will take place on **Saturday December 21 from 9:30 a.m.** Why not come for Morning Prayer before we start the polishing, sweeping and other cleaning? Morning tea will obviously occur!

There is a collection of goods for the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** on **Sunday 22 December**. This does wonderful work in assisting those waiting to hear of their applications for asylum, and the work continues despite many difficulties. They always appreciate our collections of money, vouchers and food. Please refer to the flyers on the entrance counter for items of particular need.

Tudor Choristers present Sing Nowell! 2024. 10 December 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Basilica of Our Lady of Victories 548 Burke Road, Camberwell; and 14 December 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at St George's Anglican Church 47-51 Warncliffe Road, Ivanhoe East. Tickets full price \$40, concession \$35. www.tudorchoristers.org.au or call Joy 0424 750 778 or purchase at the door.

First Sunday of Christmas, December 29

There will be a combined service on this morning, which will be an opportunity for all in the parish to say "thank you and farewell" to our Assistant Curate, Aaron Ghiloni, and Jodi. Do ensure you are present to mark a sad day for us in one way, but a day also on which to give thanks for all that has been given to us in the past two years.

Please: (1) collect an envelope from the sidespersons' desk from today in which to offer money towards a 'thank you' gift for Aaron, **or use the tap and go machine**, ensuring you record the date and amount given (no names necessary), so that your gift offering is not caught up with other funds received via tap and go;

(2) let Sandra Morgan know of anything you are willing to bring to a 'brunch' after the service.

Roster for today SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8 December 2024		Roster for next Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15 December 2024	
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Campell Paine
Acolyte	Ravi Renjen	Acolyte	Bryan Elmes
Eucharistic Assistants	Betty Renjen Simon Dickie	Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Leigh Mackay
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay	Intercessor	Jenny Robertson
Readers	Charles Tegner Simon Dickie	Readers	Leonie Bird David Sheppard
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist		10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins	Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos	Acolytes	Andrew Murray Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Pam Felgate	Eucharistic Assistants	Andrew Murray Judy Mallinson
Intercessor	Meg Winter	Intercessor	Judy Wright
Readers	Jenny Macpherson Riley Brooks	Readers	Andrea King David Powell
Morning Tea	Cynthia Kunaratnam Robin Barrett	Morning Tea	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan
Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist		Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry	Sides-person	Judy Wright
Reader	Miriam Cherry	Reader	Judy Wright

Of your charity, please continue to pray for those in long term need or sickness:
His Majesty the King; HRH The Princess of Wales; Angus; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Sarah;
and Simon.

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



St George's Anglican Church

St George's Anglican Church is accepting applications for Choral Scholars of all voice parts to commence immediately.

- Develop your singing and musicianship in a friendly and supportive environment
- Opportunities for solo singing
- Receive an honorarium of up to \$4,500 p.a.
- Flexible arrangements for leave
- Regular Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning service
- Occasional Evensongs and special services for Easter and Christmas

Contact Tom Baldwin (Director of Music) at music@stgeorgesmalvern.org

In our Parish Profile, members of the parish identified that 'our rich choral tradition' was an element of parish life people wished to continue and support.

As you will see above, we are still advertising for talented singers who might receive a choral scholarship to sing in the parish choir.

Parishioners can assist in raising money for this, by donating to the special account we hold for Choir and Music with the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO).

Donations, which are tax-deductible, can be made here:

<https://melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/donate-melbourne-anglican-cultural-organisation/>

Please note the following:

Under 'I. Select a Program in MACO', scroll down and select St George's Malvern - Music Fund and complete the details required then click on "Go to Payment" button.

Please **also** note: you are warmly encouraged to speak with any singers you know who may be looking for a friendly, welcoming choir to sing with and join.



We received news that the National Trust Appeal has reached just over \$33,000. That is a significant milestone. We have also received a generous donation of \$20,000. We are very grateful to all who have given, especially to our anonymous benefactor.

We still need to raise 60% of the total budgeted amount.

Please consider again whether you can donate to assist in this vital work. And many thanks to those who have already done so.



Donations to the St. George's external appeal through the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) are allowable as deductions for tax purposes.

Donations can be made by scanning the QR Code, visiting our website <https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/support-donations> or going directly to <http://www.givenow.com.au/stgeorgemalvernroof>

Your full donation will fund this important work as administration and platform costs have been absorbed by the church.

Publicity is vital for the success of this appeal and volunteers are still needed for "Flyer-Drops" in local letterboxes.

Please **do not** make your cheques payable to St George's but to the **National Trust of Australia (Victoria)** and include a note of your name and the address/email to which you wish the receipt sent.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

COME CELEBRATE THE PRINCE OF PEACE!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WITH STONNINGTON CITY BRASS

Sunday 15 December at 2pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Children's Service

10:30pm Carols in the Church

**11pm First Communion of Christmas
("Midnight Mass")**

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am Traditional Christmas Service



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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of this unceded land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.