



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MALVERN**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

22 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 fourth candle on the wreath is lit as the following prayer is said:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord.

**All: Merciful and gentle to you be praised and glory forever.**

Celebrant: Your light has shone in our darkened world  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we who have seen your glory  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,  
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

**All: Blessed be God for ever!**

*Words: The Archbishops' Council (Church of England)*

### **SENTENCE**

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

*Luke 1:45*

*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**

Gracious God,  
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,  
and move us by your spirit to bless your wonderful works.  
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**

*Micah 5:2–5a*

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG OF MARY**

*Luke 1:46b–55*

**Response: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:  
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:  
from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
The Almighty has done great things for me:  
and holy is his name.

**R.**

God has mercy on those who fear him:  
from generation to generation.  
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**R.**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:  
and lifting up the lowly.  
God has filled the hungry with good things:  
and sent the rich away empty.

**R.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:  
to remember the promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**R.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,  
‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–45

Alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

**Alleluia, alleluia, 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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

For the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## For the Anglican Church

The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn; Archdeaconry of Williamstown; St Eanswythe's, Altona w. St Clement's, Laverton; St Augustine's Mentone; St Michael's & St Luke's Dandenong; St Peter's Mornington; Clyde North & Casey Dinka Congregation; and The Melbourne Assessment Prison West Melbourne.

## For all in need

Ann; Bethany and family; Denise; Helen; Jan; Jane; John; Kaye; David, Helen, Lois and all the Goodes family; Ravi; Robin; and Roma.

## For the Faithful Departed

We remember those who have died recently: Pamela Jean Goodes and Esther Tracy and whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Renee Briggs; Elgin Dahlenburg; Judith Daish; Simonette Guest; Edward Lesh; Yvonne Elisabeth Lester ; John Richard McPherson; Derrick Osmond; Ron Plant; Beryl Pringle; Archelaus Richards; Ellen (Nellie) Richards; Mary Monica Smith; Josiah Tyssen; and Adam Walker

## Scripture Readings next week

I Samuel 2:18–20, 26  
Colossians 3:12–17

## First Sunday After Christmas

Psalm 148  
Luke 2:41–52

## The Week Ahead

Tuesday	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 5:00 p.m. Children's Service 10:30 p.m. Carols in the Church 11:00 p.m. First Communion of Christmas ("Midnight Mass")
Wednesday	<b>The Birth of Our Lord - Christmas Day</b> 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eucharist
Thursday	<b>STEPHEN, DEACON &amp; MARTYR.</b>
Friday	<b>JOHN, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</b>
Saturday	<b>HOLY INNOCENTS</b>

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=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

### **Evening Prayer**

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

## **NOTICES**

**There is a collection today** of goods for the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**. 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.

**Our Parish Administrator**, Adrian, will be **on leave from December 27 returning on Thursday January 2, 2025. During this time the Parish Office will be closed.**

For all general inquiries, please contact Judy Mallinson on 0414 752 957 or Geraldine Powell on 0414 831 968. For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals or urgent matters please contact the Vicar, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach on 0408 505 646.

### **First Sunday of Christmas, December 29**

There will be a combined service at 9:30 a.m. (**NB. No 8:00 a.m. OR 5:00 p.m. services**), which will be an opportunity for all in the parish to say “thank you and farewell” to our Assistant Curate, Aaron Ghiloni, and Jodie.

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 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.



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.

<b>Roster for today</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>22 December 2024</b>		<b>Roster for</b> <b>FIRST COMMUNION OF</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>24 December 2024</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Bryan Elmes	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry Leigh Mackay
Acolyte	Malcolm Tadgell	Acolytes	Philip Jenkins Pam Felgate Malcolm Tadgell (TH)
Eucharistic Assistants	Miriam Cherry Betty Renjen	Eucharistic Assistants	Leigh Mackay Malcolm Tadgell
Intercessor	Leonie Bird		
Readers	Jenny Weller-Newton Judy Mallinson	Readers	Ray Lester Leonie Bird
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell Grant Rowlands	Sides-persons	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Meg Winter	Acolytes	Vincent Amos Bryan Elmes Malcolm Tadgell (TH)
Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Clergy	Eucharistic Assistants	Ewan Morgan Bryan Elmes
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Robyn Whitehouse Grant Rowlands	Readers	Brian Tobin David Powell
Morning Tea	Pam Felgate David Amos		

<b>Roster for next Sunday</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>29 December 2024</b>	
<b>9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b><u>Combined Service</u></b>	
Sides-person	Geraldine Powell David Powell
Acolytes	Judy Mallinson Meg Winter
Eucharistic Assistants	Miriam Cherry Ewan Morgan
Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Brian Tobin David Powell

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

**COME CELEBRATE THE PRINCE OF PEACE!**

### 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





# Children's Christmas Service



We're telling the story of the first Christmas with carols, candles, dress ups and refreshments.

We suggest coming dressed as **a sheep, an angel, a king, or queen.**  
(But don't worry if you don't have a costume, we will have other props to use!)

*When:* Tuesday 24 December  
*Starts:* 5:00 pm – approx. 5:45pm  
*Where:* St George's Anglican Church  
296 Glenferrie Road, Malvern  
(Next to the Police Station)

## Services in the days after Christmas:

### December 26

*(St Stephen's day, aka Boxing Day)*

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### December 27

*(St John, Apostle & Martyr)*

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### December 28

*(Holy Innocents)*

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### December 29

*(First Sunday After Christmas)*

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### December 30

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### December 31

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### January 1

*(Feast of the  
Naming and Circumcision of our Lord)*

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### January 2–4

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### January 5

*(The Feast of the Epiphany transferred:  
the 'Twelfth day of Christmas')*

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with meditation

### From January 6

*Normal services resume:*

#### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with  
meditation

#### Monday to Saturday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

*both also via Zoom:*

#### **Morning & Evening Prayer**

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Thursday 10:15 a.m. Eucharist

with additional eucharists at 9:00 a.m.  
on Festivals (and as announced)



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Monday-Friday

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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.*