

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S
Tuesday to Saturday, 8.30am: Morning Prayer
Wednesdays, 10am: Holy Communion & discussion

Dates For Your Diary...

<p>TODAY 2pm</p> 	<p>Fundraising Concert for St Luke's Christmas Lunch! Again, our friends at St Luke's Whitmore Square will be serving Christmas lunches to over 100 people, and this year they'd really appreciate donations of frozen, boned turkey rolls, pork for roasting or frozen chickens as the basis for those meals. Michael Cant takes our food donations to St Luke's Mission each week and is in close communication with their manager, Stuart Eves. So any questions, please direct them to Michael. This afternoon at 2pm, there is a wonderful fundraising concert for St Luke's featuring Anthony Newcombe on piano and John White on marimba, vibraphone and percussion. This is very kind of these fine musicians, and you're in for a major treat. We welcome your support! Tickets \$20/\$10 available at the door.</p>
<p>Thu 12 Dec 2.30pm</p>	<p>Centring Prayer Group (A Prayer of Quiet) St John's Church <i>For more information, please see Lynne Rokkas.</i></p>
<p>Fri 13 Dec 9pm Sun 15 Dec 3pm</p>	<p>The Corinthian Singers Christmas Concerts 'This Little Babe' Welcome the Christmas season with beautiful carols, featuring Benjamin Britten's <i>A Ceremony of Carols</i>. Two performances -  Friday evening (with candles) and Sunday afternoon. Tickets \$30/\$25 available via TryBooking or at the door (cash only)</p>
<p>Fri 20 Dec 7.30pm</p>	<p>Kapelle Singers 'Carols Around the World' With Guest Director Peter Kelsall, joined by Andrew Georg on piano and organ. Tickets \$30/\$25 available via TryBooking or at the door, unless sold out.</p>
<p>Sun 22 Dec 3pm</p>	<p>Quire St Nicolas - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Traditional Christmas service made famous by the choir of Kings College Cambridge. Retiring collection goes to the parish.</p>
<p>Tue 24 Dec 10pm 10.30pm Wed 25 Dec 9.30am</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Congregational Carols Midnight Mass Christmas Day Sung Eucharist</p> 



We acknowledge the Kooragang people who are the traditional owners of the land on which we meet. The Kooragang people have loved and cared for this land for many thousands of years, continuing into the present and on into the future. We who have come later also love and care for this land and together we can work to make it a better place for us all to live.

St John's Church

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Second Sunday of Advent 08 December, 2019

9.30am
 Celebrant
 Preacher

SUNG EUCHARIST
 Rev'd Dr John Beiers
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**The service begins on p.119 of the green prayer book*

HYMNS		<i>(Together in Song)</i>
Introit	459	In Christ there is no East or West
Gradual	270	On Jordan's bank
Offertory	275	Hail to the Lord's anointed
Recessional	613	Lord of all hopefulness
Setting		Matthias + Trisagion
Anthem		People look East
Postlude		Matthew Atherton

Communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

Following the service, morning tea will be served in the hall.

In the event of an emergency, please leave the church and assemble outside the Victoria Grove Apartments, directly east of the church on Halifax Street.

PARISH CONTACTS

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ABM Reflections

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12
John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

Prayers

Pray for:

- ♦ The Mothers' Union throughout the world and *Worldwide President* Sheran Harper;
- ♦ The Parish of Magill and priests Mike Russell and Rob McEwin;
- ♦ The Community of SS Barnabas and Cecilia in its Ministry of Encouragement: (*Nabas Community House, Gladstone*) the Rev'd Sister Sandra, (*Dispersed Community Members*) Brother Martyn, the Rev'd Sister Sal, Sisters Sue, Riccarda, Bev, Pauline, Cheryl, Katherine, *Chaplain* Simon Bailey, and the Friends of the Community;
- ♦ The Parish of Lower Limestone Coast (Millicent & Penola) - vacant at present.

Pray for those recovering from illness or surgery:

David, Anna, Donald, Jilifi, David, Milton, Rosemary, Rachel, Ann, Lynette, Martyn, Julie, Fatimeh, Chris, Jo, Joan, John, Jane, Nicola, Norman, Thomas, Brittany, Atrina, Judith, Dorothy and Eve.

Pray for those who are unable to make it to our weekly services:

Tony and Pauline, Doug, Pamala and Fae.

Today

A big thank you to John Beiers for presiding and preaching this morning.

Thanks also to Lynne Rokkas for offering to be 'on the door' at this afternoon's concert.

And... a big thanks to all involved in Super Saturday which raised \$3,600 ~ a stupendous result!

Christmas Flowers: Donations of flowers, or money to buy flowers, or offers to arrange a vase of flowers for Christmas, would be very welcome. *Please see Joan Gilbert for details.*



Congratulations Ruth Mathieson!

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy will be awarded to Archdeacon Ruth Mathieson at the CSU graduation in Canberra on Monday. That is fantastic in itself but even better is that Ruth will also receive the university medal for her thesis. This is a wonderful achievement and we congratulate Ruth and celebrate that she is one of our colleagues and Diocesan leaders.

Dear friends,

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent and the theme for this week is Peace.

The prophet Isaiah told the people who had lost their homeland and had been through enormous suffering that they would live in peace again. His message resonates with the Christmas Bowl, as we support Sri Lankan refugees to return home and build peaceful new lives after years of bloody civil war.

After years of living in a refugee camp, Vijayakanth and his family returned to Sri Lanka with only a few belongings. They had to live in an unsafe area, in a run-down rental home that flooded in the rainy season.

Thanks to your kind gifts, Act for Peace's local partner OfERR is helping returnees like Vijayakanth's family to find new livelihoods and restart their lives in a country that has been shattered by war.

With blessings and gratitude,

Janet Cousens, CEO, Act for Peace

Second Sunday of Advent

Bringing peace to Sri Lankan refugees returning home

When ethnic violence swept across Sri Lanka, the poorest and most vulnerable families fled to India. With the war now over, many of them wish to return to their homeland to live in peace and freedom, and to help rebuild their nation. Your gifts can help provide skills training and financial assistance, and can support welcome groups that help families to make the return home. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Anglican Diocese of Adelaide

The following motion was carried at the 165th Annual Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide on Saturday the 19th of October 2019:

In view of recent examples of 'hate speech' in the media and social media which targets LGBTIQ+ communities, this Synod reiterates its apology to LGBTIQ+ communities moved in the Synod of 2017 as follows:



We apologise to, and seek forgiveness from, people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex or queer whom we have hurt by words and behaviour that have not displayed the love of God. We are deeply sorry for any harm we have done and repent of such ungodly behaviour.