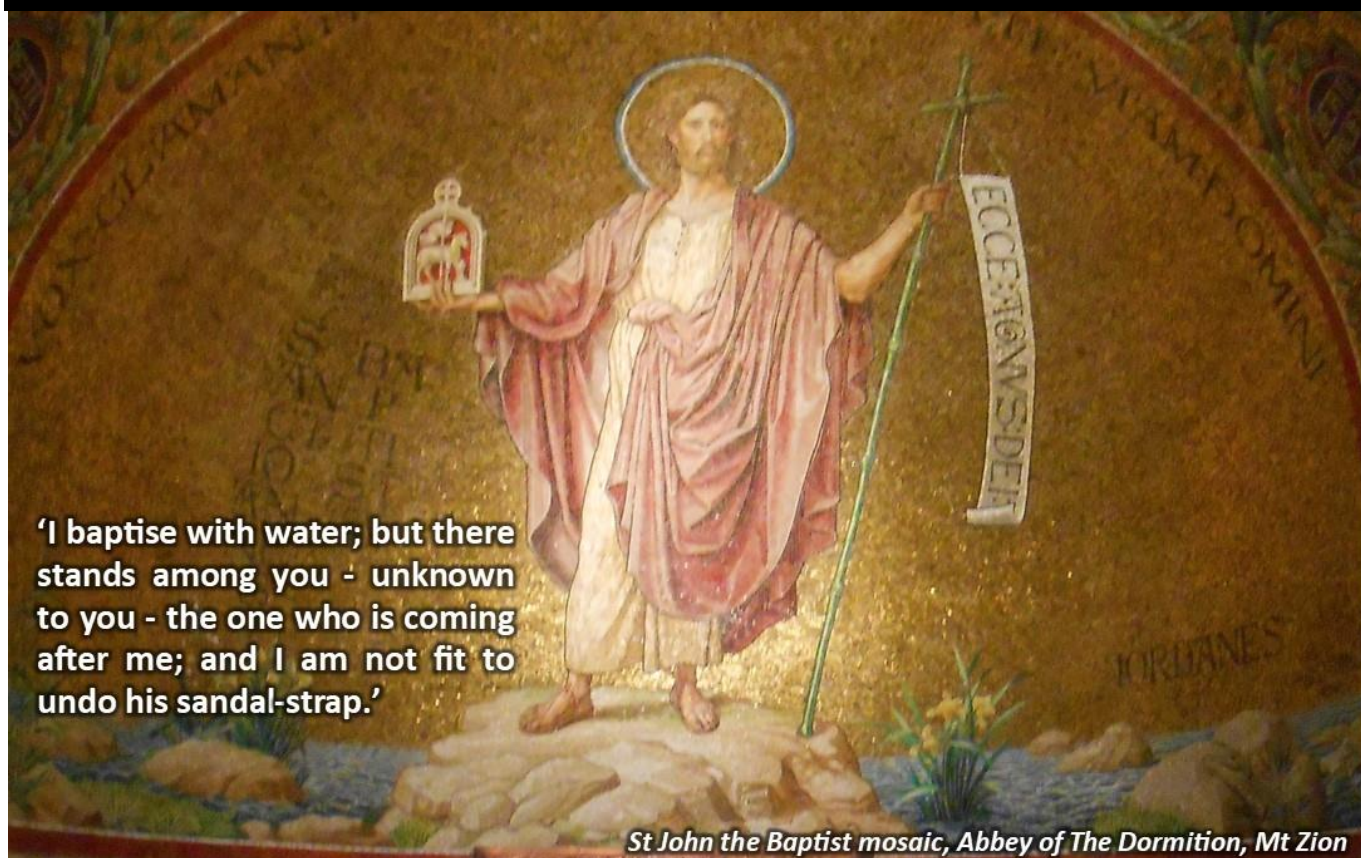




ANGLICAN PARISH OF MOUNT BARKER

St James' Blakiston; St Mary's Echunga; Christ the King Mt Barker; St John the Baptist, Macclesfield; St John the Evangelist, Mylor

Sunday 13th December 2020 Third Sunday of Advent



Acknowledging Country

As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge the Peramangk people, the first inhabitants of this place from a time beyond remembering. We honour and respect them and their elders, past and present, for their custodianship of the land on which our churches are built. As we continue to learn to live together on these ancestral lands, we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation and justice.

This Week's Worship

Sunday 13th December HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am at St James, Blakiston. To book your place, please phone Ian Newman on 8398 2636.

10:00am at Christ the King, Mt Barker. This service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

Tuesday 8th December ZOOM MORNING PRAYER

9:30am Use this link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81863688562>

Thursday 10th December MORNING PRAYER

9:30am live on our Facebook page and later on our website (see last page for links).

Next Sunday's Worship

Sunday 20th December HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am at St John the Baptist, Macclesfield. To book your place, please phone Bev Slack on 8388 9998.

10:00am at Christ the King, Mt Barker. This service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

Opening Hymn *CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International) #143193*

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| 1 God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea. | 3 March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea. |
| 2 What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the love of God in all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
what can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea. | 4 All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea. |

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P: On this third Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ,
 we light the candle of joy.
 When Christ comes into our lives, He brings the fullness of joy.
 He anoints our hearts with the oil of gladness. (*Isaiah 61:3*)
 Because Christ has come to us, we can live every day in the joy of the Lord.
 Praise to His name!

The candle is lit.



All: Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.

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.

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.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (61:1-2. 10-11)

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

This is the word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R**
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (3:8-14)

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat gifts of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything, - hold on to what is good, and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

This is the word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18))

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **R And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:6-8. 19-28)

R Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is

how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Prayers of the Faithful

For the Holy Catholic Church, her members and her mission:

Bp Keith, Fr Thomas, Fr Daniel and Dn Margo;

Lower Limestone Pastoral District: Christ Church, Mount Gambier; St Thomas, Port MacDonnell; St Luke, Mount Schank and Fr Neil Fernando;

Anglican Board of Missions Australia: Diocesan ABM Auxiliary; the Provincial ABM Committee; for the encouragement of Parish projects; for success of the Lenten Appeal;

the Happiness Home, Nepal, Nanu, the children and its workers;

the Anglican Church of Australia: Newcastle and Bp Peter Stuart;

the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury): The Rt Rev'd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands;

For the nation and all in authority and the welfare of the world: for justice, peace and liberty

For the community: for those who suffer and for those who mourn

For the aged and the infirm: Fr Peter Atherton, Kath Both, Chris Dunn, Aileen May, Janette Orchard, June Shepherd

For the sick and the suffering and for those in need: for Howard Bishop, Fr Peter Carlsson; Brenda Carthew, Pauline Cornelissen, Dee Cuthbertson, Fr John Devenport, Pat Duxbury, Margaret Fiebig, Nicollete Fitzgerald, Heather Galpin, Leigh Green, Jean Kuyk, Gemma Levey, Bob Locke, Bp David McCall, Pat Mahomet, Vivienne and John Pfitzner, Bruce Potter, Jonathan Radford, Helen Salmon, Rosemary Tonkin, Harold Venner, Maureen Venner, Thelma Walmsley, Pauline Ward, Susie Waters

For those who have died: Fr Ted Huffam 15.12.2005, Sydney Maloney 17.12.2000, Topsy Smith 18.12.2007
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Be people of joy. Let joy live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you meet. Share joy by seeing the good in each other. Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for good times to come. Share joy by praying for our world. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share joy. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share joy, peace, and hope with those you meet. Amen.

St John the Baptist Mosaic

Beautiful mosaics, frescoes and icons can be found in many churches in the Holy Land and the Abbey of the Dormition, Mt Zion, is no exception. Today's front page photo was taken in that church.

The mosaic, titled Behold, the Lamb of God, depicts St John the Baptist standing on the bank of the Jordan River. In his right hand, he holds a symbol of the Lamb of God and in his left hand, he holds a reed staff/cross bearing a banner saying, "Ecce Agnus Dei" - "Behold the Lamb of God".

The references to the Lamb of God denote John's recognition of Jesus as the Son of God and the reed staff/cross denotes his baptismal ministry. *Source: stjohnorthodox.org*

I have not been able to find out if there is any symbolism behind the colour of John's outer garment in this mosaic, but it does seem appropriate for this Sunday in Advent.

Dates Ahead

7:30pm every Tuesday ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Contact Margie Philpott on 0437 738 069/8398 4249 for instructions on how to join.

9:30am every Friday MEN'S MORNING TEA

In the breezeway of the Parish Centre. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please BYO coffee.

Monday 14th December MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS DINNER and WAVE OF PRAYER SERVICE

More details to follow.

Thursday 17th December LONE STARS CHRISTMAS DINNER

6:30pm at Lynn and Darcy's. Please let Liz know that you are coming.

Christmas Service Times

Thursday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00pm Children's Service at Christ the King, Mt Barker

9:00pm Holy Communion at Christ the King, Mt Barker: This service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

Friday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Macclesfield

Saturday 26th December ST STEPHEN

9:30am Holy Communion at Christ the King, Mt Barker

Sunday 27th December ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

8:30am Holy Communion outdoor service at St John the Evangelist, Mylor. If the weather is inclement, service will be held at St James, Blakiston.

10:00am Holy Communion at Christ the King, Mt Barker.

Notices

QR CODES AND CHECKING IN FOR CHURCH SERVICES

When arriving at church, you can choose to check in by scanning the QR code using your smart phone through the mySA Gov app. If you do not have a compatible smart phone, a paper record will be available for you to provide your details.

OUTREACH AND DIRECT DEBIT GIVING

Are you now giving via Direct Debit and missing the Outreach section of the giving envelopes? If so, next time you are making your gift to the Parish, include Outreach and the amount you wish to allocate to Outreach in the description/comment box.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Our Knitted/crocheted Christmas angels will be back again this year adorning the rectory fence and other places in the town if we have enough. Please talk to any Mothers Union member if you have some or need a pattern.

Scripture Readings

Tuesday 15th December MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 37:27-41; 38; Isaiah 11:10-12:end; Colossians 1:15-end

Thursday 17th December MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 45 & 46; Isaiah 14:14:3-20; Colossians 2:16-3:11

Sunday 20th December HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5 8-12 14, 16; Psalm 89:19-29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Weekly Sheet

It has been brought to my attention that occasionally some people don't receive the Weekly Sheet. It's quite random and I suspect that it has something to do with the number of contacts on the group list. I have now split the contacts list in the hope that the problem will be resolved. However, please let me know if you haven't received it by Saturday afternoon.

Prayer requests can be emailed to me or phoned through as per usual. *Annette*.

Parish Website

We have been gradually adding to the parish website and now we have a blog page where you can access sermons etc. to read if you wish. You can find it at: <https://www.mtbarkeranglicans.org/blog>.

Parish Banking

Bank account details for Direct Debits

Account name: Anglican Parish of Mount Barker Account number: 068184240

BSB: 105-025

Description: Giving \$____, Outreach \$____

Outreach for December

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