



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 20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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 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.

Tuesday 22nd December ZOOM MORNING PRAYER

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

Thursday 24th December MORNING PRAYER

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

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

Next Sunday's Worship

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.

Opening Hymn CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International) #143193

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| 1 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin mother undefiled,
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
Takes our nature by His birth. | 3 Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends. |
| 2 Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth,
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love He gave her,
Though He went forth from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary He died. | |

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of love. This is how God showed His love: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

The candle is lit.



All: Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.

Sentence

The child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel (7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16)

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be the leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

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

Responsorial Psalm

R I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

- 1 I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R**
- 2 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' **R**
- 3 He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (16:25-27)

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of the faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Lk 1:38)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:26-38)

R Glory to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom the people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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| 1 The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes. | 3 O brighter than that glorious morn
Shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
And we His face shall see. |
| 2 Not as of old a little child
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky. | 4 The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
Come quickly, King of kings. |

Prayers of the Faithful

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

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

all Parishes, Pastoral Districts and Mission Partnerships;

the Diocesan Registry Registrar - Donna Jones; Bishop's Secretary and Registry Clerk - Jasmine Irvine and all who assist at the Registry occasionally or voluntarily;

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

the Anglican Church of Australia: Sydney and Archbishop Glenn Davies;

for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world;

For the nation and all in authority and the welfare of the world: that the reign of God's peace may be established forever

For the community: for parents and guardians of children

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: June Bransbury 20.12, John Masters 20.12.2003
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Annunciation of The Lord, Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth

Hanging on the walls of the front courtyard and inside the upper church of this beautiful Basilica are mosaics of the Blessed Virgin Mary that were donated by many countries around the world.

Today's front-page photo is of Australia's gift to the Basilica and depicts The Annunciation.

Dates Ahead

9:30am every Friday MEN'S MORNING TEA

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

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 are 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 22nd December MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 57 & 58; Isaiah 25:1-9; 3 John

Thursday 24th December MORNING PRAYER

Psalms 132; Isaiah 58; Philemon

Thursday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 9:1-7; Psalm 96:7-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Friday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Saturday 26th December SAINT STEPHEN

2 Chronicles 24:17; Psalm 31:1-8; Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-60; Matthew 10:17-22

Sunday 27th December SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 97; 1 John 1-5; John 20:1-8

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

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