

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
DIOCESE OF BALLARAT
ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31)

First Sunday of Advent—2nd December 2018
Living our Faith and Witnessing to Christ's Love

Welcome to St Paul's Church! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. Visitors are asked to make themselves known to the Welcomers. You are invited to wear a St Paul's name tag. Communicant members of all Christian traditions are invited to receive communion; anyone is welcome to receive a blessing. Please join us for refreshments after the Parish Eucharist.



8am Holy Eucharist 10am Parish Eucharist

Welcome to our Eucharist.

INTROIT HYMN: O come, O come, Emmanuel : **TIS: 265** "Veni Emmanuel"

John Mason Neale 1818-66

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE: Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21.28

Advent Wreath Liturgy

Advent 1 – Hope

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.
(Light Candle)

We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God. We light this candle in Hope.

On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God,
**to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Penitential Rite

The Kyrie is sung:

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

The celebrant introduces the Prayer of General Confession:

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The celebrant says the Prayer of Absolution:

The Gloria (sung at 10am)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus
Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the
Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

COLLECT OF THE DAY: *(pause for silent prayer)* Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33.14–16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

PSALM 25.1–10 (*We respond with the **bold** verses*).

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Thessalonians 3.9–13

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

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN: Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes: **TIS 269**

“Bristol”

Philip Doddridge 1702-51

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Ps 84.8 **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 21.25–36

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

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this

generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON: Fr Graham

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

[stand]

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became
truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and
his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the world and the Church...

After the prayers:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith

we may by your grace receive,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following Prayer of Humble Access may follow here:

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in
our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We
are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your
table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your
dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE *All stand.*

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**

OFFERTORY HYMN: There's a light upon the mountains: **TIS 276**

"There's a light upon the montains"

Henry Burton 1840-1930

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer (remain standing throughout)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The preface continues... forever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic prayer continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes with ...in songs of never ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body in Christ,

for we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us;**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your
peace.**

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: Be still, my soul: **TIS 123** "Finlandia"

Jane Laurie Borthwick 1813-97

Father **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory, Amen.**

Parish Notices...

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, **Thanks be to God!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The people that in darkness walked: **TIS 274**

"Creditor"

John Morison 1750-98

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Worship & Diary this week (**3rd –9th December**)

Tues – 10.00 am Christian Meditation

Thurs – 10.30 am Holy Eucharist followed by Morning Tea

Readings for next Sunday Malachi 3.1-4, Song of Zechariah, Philippians 1.1-11, Luke 3.1-6



For the Church in every time and place and especially for:

- The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - (Spain) The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano
- Adelaide: Geoff Smith, Tim Harris and Chris McLeod
- Australian Defence Forces.
- The Cathedral: Chris Chataway, assisting clergy: Wayne Dorning, Peter Mather, and Graham Reynolds. Chris Keast (Assistant Curate, priest). Martin Nadarajan (Assistant Curate, deacon). Grace Reynolds (deacon).
- Suffragan Bishop of Aipo Rongo: Denis Ririka
- Those suffering through the abuse of gambling.
- *16 Days - For the police serving in the domestic Violence unit*

For those with Special Needs: among the sick Heather, Eileen, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Emily, Ruth, Julie, Sue, Mylene, Vera, Bennita, Tamsin, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Michele, Gillian, Brigid, Pauline, Margaret. We pray for patients suffering from serious diseases and those who care for them.

For the departed: Joseph Bosworth, William Hutton, Thomas Biggs(1) Lillian Russell, Jack Spencer, Miss E Parsons, Ronald Pentland, Hayden Sharp(2) Jeanette Atkins, Helen Beseughi, Alan Miles, Colin Cobb, Margaret Ludbrook, William Barrett, Thomas Weatherson Rosa Fleet(3) Albert Edwards, William Adams, Thomas Hill, Mrs Froom, Alex Glanor, George Cowland, John Mc Carthy, Mary Hare(4) Arnold Delima, Agnes Miller, Mary Trigg, Charles Gilliam, Rowland Hill (5) Elvie Stevenson, Joan Fry, Norman Gingell, Douglas Gingell, Agnes Kerr (6) Hilda Hill, Florence Blackmore, John Parkes, Harold Stalker, Joan Oldfield (7)



Come and join the fun

Wednesdays during school term
10.30am- 12.30 pm
The Cathedral Function Room
49 Lvdiard Street South.

Playgroup will finish for the year in the last week of the school term.



Advent

When God Almighty came to be one of us,
Masking the glory of his golden train,
Millions of plain things kindled by accident
And they will never be the same again.
Sing all you midwives, dance all the carpenters,
Sing all the publicans and shepherds too,
God in his mercy uses the commonplace,
God on his birthday had a need of you. Michael Hewlett TIS 281;
AHB 214

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. Jeremiah 33: 14-15

Members in Vanuatu are very strong in prayer, so that God is with them while they are deeply involved in community outreach. They also help communities plan for climate change disasters and support those affected by cyclones. They train Sunday School teachers so children can be brought up rooted in faith. Let us praise the Lord for the faith of our sisters.



DECEMBER

Mon 3rd- 3.00pm Eureka commemoration

Sun 9th- 5.00pm Eucharist at the Cathedral to give thanks for the ministry of ordained women in the Diocese

Mon 10th- 7.30pm Ballarat Ecumenical Choir performance at St Paul's

Sun 16th – 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral

Mon 24th – 6.30pm Christmas Eve family and children's service

Mon 24th- 11.00pm Midnight Mass at the Cathedral

Tues 25th – Christmas Day 7.00am Eucharist
9.00am Eucharist

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

REMINDER Raffle tickets and money need to be returned by next Sunday Dec 9th --- options are to place them in an envelope and put in collection plate on Sunday OR give to a parish council member.

ANGLICARE

Anglicare is offering family and single food hampers, toy hampers for children, gift packs for teenagers and care packs for those who may just need a small gift. If anyone knows of someone who would like a hamper, please let Fr Graham know.

Assistance is also requested with delivery of hampers to families within our parish boundaries. If you are able to help, please contact Kim at Anglicare on 5338 8651.

Seeking Christmas dinner volunteers.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the annual Christmas Dinner. The dinner is from 6.30 to 8.30pm Tuesday 25 December and is for people who attend the Community Breakfast program and the wider community. We require assistance with set up and cooking prior to the dinner and waiting and cleaning up on the night. If you are interested please call 5338 8651 or email kimberly,boyd@anglicarevic.org.au by the 30 November. You will need to be signed up as an Anglicare Victoria volunteer to assist with the dinner.

As we are not in the church today, we request that monthly Anglicare donations be brought to church next Sunday.

ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday December 2nd at 4.00 p.m.

The organ recital has been postponed. It will be rescheduled in the new year.



EUREKA BATTLE COMMEMORATION

On Monday 3rd December we will be commemorating the Eureka battle commencing at St Paul's at 3.00pm with prayers and readings, followed by a walk to the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park along Specimen Vale Creek. At the Eureka Memorial there will be a reading of Henry Lawson's "The Battle at Eureka Stockade" followed by afternoon tea in the Eureka Centre, courtesy of the centre management. This event links the site of the Monster Meetings with the site of the battle.

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BALLARAT ECUMENICAL CHOIR

Presents "The Gift of Christmas"

Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm, at St Paul's Bakery Hill
Offertory for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal

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