



# ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

## Burwood

### Welcome to worship

**Sunday 1st of December 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

- 8.00am Said Eucharist with hymns
- 10.00am Choral Eucharist with St Paul's Choir
- 10.30am Midweek Communion in the Chapel of Our Lord's Passion on Wednesdays
- 5.30pm The Office of Evening Prayer every Friday
- 6.00pm Holy Communion every Friday

**W**ELCOME TO ST PAUL'S. We are glad that you have come to worship God with us today. If you are a visitor from another parish, or worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our Rector, Fr James Collins or to anyone wearing a name badge.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ≈ **Today at 12pm** - Advent Lunch
- ≈ **Friday 13th December at 7pm** - BCC Christmas Concert
- ≈ **Sunday 15th December at 5pm** - Carol Service
- ≈ **Tuesday 24th Dec at 9.30pm** - Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist
- ≈ **Wednesday 25th Dec at 9.00am** - Christmas Day Eucharist



### Bible Readings at today's Eucharist

Jeremiah 33.14-16  
 Ps 25.1-10  
 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13  
 Luke 21.25-38

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**The First Reading**  
**The Psalm**  
**The Epistle**  
**The Gospel**

### Bible Readings for next Sunday

Malachi 3.1-4  
 Song of Zechariah  
 APBA p.10 or p.425  
 Philippians 1.1-11  
 Luke 3.1-6

## **Acknowledgement of the Wangal people of the Eora Nation**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet, the Wangal People of the Eora Nation, and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging; and we pray that God will unite us all in the knowledge of his Son, in whom all things were created, in heaven and on earth.

## **We are glad that you have found us!**

We affirm that through God's redeeming love for all, we are one in Christ. We respect the inherent and valuable contributions each member makes to the Body of Christ. We celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability, or social status. We believe that through Christ we are being included and welcomed by God and one another. As we journey towards inclusion, we proclaim this welcome to all God's people, especially to those who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination within the church, affirming that no one is excluded or condemned. We invite all persons to journey with us as we discover the call of God on our lives through the ministries of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood. To that end, St. Paul's Anglican Church commits to the welcome and inclusion of all persons as children of God and declares itself to be a welcoming community of faith.

## **News from St Paul's ...**



### **Trading Table**



The Trading Table takings on Sunday was \$184.55 from the morning and evening services.

We look forward to serving you with our butters, chutneys/pickles and marmalades.

Books \$2 each, near new \$3

DVD's \$1 & CD's available at \$1 each

We also have several pairs white Platform Six brand sports shoes available for \$10 a pair. Sizes 41,42,44, 46. Come and check them out!

Thank you for your support.

Pam Brock

## **Parish Prayer List**

At St Paul's, we pray by name for people who have either asked for our prayers or for whom someone else has made a request. This list is updated every 3 months or when we receive a new request. Some names are on our list on a long-term basis while others reflect a more immediate need and are short term.

We will only be reading the names on the short-term list in the services but the whole list will still be included in the printed prayers for parishioners to use throughout the week. The full list of names will be read in our midweek service.

Names can be added to or removed from the lists at any time.

## **Flowers as a Memorial**

Decorating our church with flowers is one way to remember a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event. If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one, or as an offering of thanksgiving please contact Judith Laurence the week prior to the date at: [judealaurence@gmail.com](mailto:judealaurence@gmail.com) or on 0438041726 and contact Caroline in the parish office at: [office@stpaulsbuwood.org.au](mailto:office@stpaulsbuwood.org.au) to arrange the wording of the memorial notice in the pew bulletin.



## **Morning Tea Donations**

The Credit Card Machine which was in the kitchen is no longer available. Please bring coins as a donation for morning tea.

## **Torches are available for sale**

St Paul's torches are available again at \$3 each or 2 for \$5.



## **Vespers - December 1**

The Vespers Choir invites you to their next service at 4pm in the chapel at Cardinal Freeman Village, Ashfield today. Music will include the Advent carol People Look East, This is the record of John by Orlando Gibbons and the Magnificat from Philip Moore's Third Service. The choir will be directed by Stephen Bydder and accompanied by Mark Bensted. All welcome.

## **The Advent Book Discussion Group on Zoom: The First Christmas**

**Advent Discussion Book:** The First Christmas, What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth by Borg and Crossan. The authors show how history has biased our reading of the nativity story as it appears in the Gospels of Matthew or Luke. They ask 'What do these stories mean from the perspective of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries?' They show that the Christmas story, read in its original context is far richer and more challenging than people imagine.

**The Zoom meeting** is now on each Tuesday night at 7pm until the 17<sup>th</sup> December when will have a break for 3 weeks. We will resume meetings on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The zoom sessions will take around 1 hour.

**Leading the group:** Natalie McDonald

**Obtaining the book:** The book is available from [Amazon](#) or download it on Kindle. Delivery may take time so don't delay.

**For further information:** Contact Phillip Seale, Mob: 0405 198420, Email: [phillip@pscontracting.com.au](mailto:phillip@pscontracting.com.au)

## **Polishing brass and Communion vessels, dusting, cleaning, and gardening**

We will have a busy bee at the Church on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 10.00a.m.

Please come along and help to make St. Paul's look beautiful for Christmas.

Please bring some soft rags with you.

Thank you.

### **Christmas/ January Services times**

Our Christmas Eve Service ('Midnight Mass') will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30 p.m. and our Christmas Day Service will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.00 a.m.



After Christmas there will be just the one Service on Sundays in January at 9.00 a.m. with refreshments available after the Service. This will be the pattern until the Choir returns on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of January when we will revert to our 8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist and the Choral Eucharist to start at 10:00am in lieu of 9.30am.

There will be NO Wednesday Services or Friday Services until Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 when the services will be resumed.





**Burwood Community Choir**  
presents its 2024

Featuring  
the **Marie  
Bashir  
School  
Choir!**

# *Christmas* **CAROL CONCERT**

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with  
our heartwarming Carols concert.

**CAROLS, CHRISTMAS SONGS  
AND FESTIVE TREATS!**

**Friday, December 13th,  
7.00 pm**

St Paul's Anglican Church Burwood  
205-207 Burwood Rd

entry by  
donation

**Contact: 0466 352 611**

## Modern Nativity - November 2024

- By Karen Brown

### Luke 2

#### The Birth of Jesus

Joseph was engaged to Mary, who was expecting a child. They had nowhere to live. So they moved into an empty garage a kind person let them use. The time came for the baby to be born,<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cast-off baby clothes from Vinnies, and she placed him in a drawer in the garage, because there was no room available for them anywhere else.

<sup>8</sup> And there were refugees living out on the football field nearby, watching the game at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the city of Sydney a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in baby clothes and lying in a wardrobe drawer.”

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those of good will.”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the refugees said to one another, “Let’s go to see the baby!”

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the drawer in the garage. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the refugees said to them. But no one believed them, even though they took selfies with Mary and Joseph.

### Matthew 2

#### The Magi

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, Magi<sup>[a]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We have come to worship him.”

*Modern magi: three bishops: Catholic, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox; a Protestant minister; a Hindu priest, an Imam, a Buddhist monk, and a Jewish rabbi.*

*The Magi didn't need a star, they looked it up on google maps.*

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>

*Same gifts: **gold** – royalty wealth and power – Jesus as King; **frankincense** – incense for anointing – Jesus as priest; **myrrh** – for healing and for preparing the dead for burial – Jesus as healer and one who must suffer and die.*

*If there had been 3 wise women they would have done things differently: they would have asked direction, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, brought practical gifts and made a casserole.*

### **When the Road is Rough**

**- A Poem By Christine Mitchell**

When the road is rough,  
Hold on to the words of the Master.  
When your pace has slowed  
And you just can't go any faster.

Put your hand in His  
For He NEVER will let you go;  
On a mountaintop  
Or the lowest depths you know.

Just wait on the Lord  
For He will renew your strength.  
with wings like an eagle,  
Friend – you will rise again.

When you wake or sleep,  
The Lord watches over you;  
Your soul He keeps –  
His word is forever true.

He's the King of Kings;  
Jesus, your greatest Friend  
He's Alpha and Omega,  
There from beginning to end.

## **A Prayer for Peace In the Middle East**

O God of peace, you have established Jerusalem as the Lord's House and a place of peace, and you have called on all who live there to love you and prosper. Instill in her inhabitants - Jews, Christians and Muslims - a hunger for justice and dignity and a resolve to end the distrust that culminates in violence.



## **NICHOLAS FERRAR DAY 2024**

**The Sydney Mission-College of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd** invites you to share with them in the annual celebration of their patronal festival. Nicholas Ferrar and their family are remembered in the Australian Anglican calendar for their witness to prayer and service. The Ferrar family lived in community in the early seventeenth century at Little Gidding, a pioneer venture in dangerous times.

The Oratory of the Good Shepherd's constitution was formulated at Little Gidding, *circa* 1912.

**A sung Eucharist will be held at Christ Church St Laurence, beginning at 6 pm next Wednesday, 4 December, followed by supper in the hall.**

All are very welcome to attend.

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### **Advent 1 C – Sunday 1 December 2024**

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13;  
Luke 21.25-38

As Advent begins, the words of the ancient prophets ring clear for us today as they did when first heard thousands of years ago. God's purposes will be worked out and God will make known the righteousness and justice and mercy which is at the heart of God's love and desire for all people.

~ We pray that we may hear God's call to righteousness and justice, and so live by this way that we are agents too of God's good news of peace and love for all people.

~ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the Bishop-Designate of Port Moresby, the Very Rev'd Wilfred Kekea, as well as the recently-appointed new Principal for the Bishop Newton School of Theology, the Rev'd Dr Ishaya Anthony, as well as the other staff and students.

*Text:* Brother Christopher John SSF © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024

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## **\*For General & Offertory Donations**

**Please use the following account  
details:**

**Account Name: St Pauls Anglican  
Church**

**BSB: 032 062**

**Account #: 250028**

## **\*For Parish Pantry & For Community Choir Donations**

**Please use this account  
details:**

**Account Name: Parish Pantry**

**BSB: 032 062**

**Account #: 812238**

Please clearly mark whether it is for the  
Parish Pantry or the Community Choir.

## **Donations and Bequests**

"I bequeath the sum of \$ to the Rector  
and Wardens of the Anglican parish of  
St Paul's Burwood, to be used at their  
absolute discretion for the charitable or  
other beneficial purposes of the parish."

### **Wills**

Mark Squire (an 8:00am service  
parishioner) is a solicitor experienced in  
drafting Wills. While he does not wish to  
have any commercial association with the  
church and/or its members, he has made an  
offer to assist, at no cost, senior  
parishioners and community members who  
wish to make donations to the parish in their  
Wills. Mark can be contacted on  
[msquire@vindenlawyers.com.au](mailto:msquire@vindenlawyers.com.au) or  
0416022150 by anyone in this category who  
wishes to pursue the matter. Mark is  
concerned to ensure that any senior who  
wants to help our wonderful parish this way  
is not deterred by the potential cost of so  
doing.

## **Offertory -**

Collection given at St Paul's and other  
donations:

21st November 2024 – 27th November 2024

≈ Offertory: \$3,999.80

≈ Parish Pantry: \$ 960.00

**TOTAL OF GIVING: \$4,959.80**

Thank you for responding to God's  
generous love.



## **Donations with Tax Deductibility - National Trust Account**

If you would like to make a donation to the  
Parish for the upkeep and maintenance of the  
Heritage building it can be done through the  
National Trust.

### **Cheques can be made out to:**

National Trust of Australia (NSW) St Paul's  
Anglican Church Burwood

### **Or**

Direct Credit to the above name with bank  
account details: Westpac

**BSB:** 032-044

**Account number:** 742 926

**Branch:** 275 George Street Sydney NSW

Please contact Pam for more details or place a  
donation in an envelope and label with Na-  
tional Trust donation and include your name  
for your receipt and an address to post it to.  
Thank you.

## INTERCESSIONS

**Sunday 1st December - First Sunday of Advent**

**[CELEBRANT] In glad expectation of the coming of Jesus we bring our prayers for the world and for the people of God.**

Sun of Righteousness and Light of the World, come.

Shed your light on those who dwell in sin, that we may put away the works of darkness. Renew your Church, inspire and anoint daily those in servant leadership. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray your blessing on the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, its 61 dioceses and its primate Justin Badi Arama and in our parish prayer cycle, for Archbishop Kanishka Raffel, Bishop Michael Stead and other bishops of our diocese.

Christ, the Light of the world, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Prince of Peace and Wonderful Counsellor, come.

Bring your peace to this troubled world, that nations shall turn away from the tragedy and futility of war. Give your wisdom to all monarchs, presidents and prime ministers, and our own national, state and local leaders. Have mercy on those nations ruled by war criminals, and hasten the day when peace-makers shall transform the earth.

Christ, the Light of the world, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd and Wounded Healer, come.

Gather together your lost and lonely ones, that no one shall feel unwanted or unloved. Bind up all broken bodies and wounded spirits, that the sick and sorrowing may be comforted. We name before you those for whom we have been asked to pray: Belinda, James Budin, Florence, David, Susanna and Richard Gore, Merle Gorman, Graham Griffiths, Gwen Hackett, Lily, Clyde Livingstone, Yolande Phillips, Pam Priest, Fr Ron Silarsah, Tammy, King Charles, Catherine, Princess of Wales, Joyce Bannister, Barry Brandy, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Deb Edmeades, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Kerryanne Graham, Malcolm Green, Barbara Hawkins, Karen, Enid Kell, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Terry and Betsy McKay, Harland Munro, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Michelle Phillips, Robert, John Sorensen, Peter Sorensen, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, others known to us and those who have no one to pray for them.


Christ, the Light of the world, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Dayspring from on High and True Messiah, come.

Waken us from the sleep of night, that at your coming we may be found ready to greet you. We remember before you those who have gone before, especially Bob Gibbs and those whose years' minds occur at this time: Cecil Stephens, David Raines, Peter Walter, Ernest Whittaker, Desmond Jackson, Doug Moran, Dorothy McKenzie, Elsie Miller, Baby Lynne Maddock, Tony Schoer, Audrey Keown and June Harding. May we and all your saints be gathered into your glory and eternal presence.

Christ, the Light of the world, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Advent Prayers: Week One



**ADVENT I PRAYER**

Almighty God, we begin this Advent Season as an 'Advent People' – people of hope, ready to do your will. Let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Grant us the peace and joy we long for, as we await the coming of your Son with patient hearts.

### PAUSE FOR SILENT PRAYER

**[PRESIDER] 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 Week Ahead...

**The midweek communion** is held at the Chapel of Our Lord's Passion every Wednesday at 10.30am.

**Commemorations** noted in the Lectionary this week

- ≈ Monday 2nd of December - Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d.1892)
- ≈ Tuesday 3rd December - Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d.1552)
- ≈ Wednesday 4th December - Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon & Man of Prayer (d.1637)
- ≈ Thursday 6th December - Nicholas of Myra, bishop and Philanthropist (d.c.342)
- ≈ Friday 7th December - Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d.397)

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