



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Burwood

Welcome to worship

Sunday 8th of December 2024

Second 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

WELCOME 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

- ≈ **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

Second Sunday of Advent: The Candle of PEACE



LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Father, as we journey down this Advent road, we relight the candle of hope, and we light the candle of peace. Grant us the courage to make peace: peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, and peace in our communities.

Bible Readings at today's Eucharist

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

Year C

The First Reading
The Psalm
The Epistle
The Gospel

Bible Readings for next Sunday

Zephaniah 3.14-20
A Song of Isaiah
APBA p.391
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18

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 \$340.55.

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

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now available for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

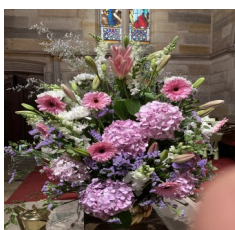
It will be drawn after the Carol service.

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: judealaurance@gmail.com or on 0438041726 and contact Caroline in the parish office at: 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.



Name Badges

Don't forget to wear your name badge so that new comers can get to know you.

If you are a new parishioner and need a name badge, please fill out the form at the back of the church. Thank you.

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 1st and 21st 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 17th December when will have a break for 3 weeks. We will resume meetings on Tuesday 14th 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

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

We will have a busy bee at the Church on Saturday the 21st 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 24th of December at 9.30 p.m. and our Christmas Day Service will be on Wednesday 25th 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 26th 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 29th of January 2025 and Friday 31st 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



St Paul's Advent Lunch

What a welcome the church family of St Paul's gave to the beginning of the new church year!

Over 90 attendees gathered at the Advent lunch to acknowledge and celebrate the start of the season of Advent. As parishioners poured into the church hall, helpers scrambled to add extra places to already full tables and the decibel level from the assembled crowd continued to rise. The air was full of warm and hearty greetings and jovial conversation as everyone found a place and waited until all were seated. As Fr James took centre stage a hush fell and grace was said. Pam Brock took over and directed traffic to the food service station where people were served pork, beef and chicken with gravy, steamed new potatoes and a wonderful variety of salads. Soon the sound of conversation turned to the clinking of cutlery on plates and it was clear that the menu was a success. There were many elements to the success of the Advent lunch – the organisation, the catering, the participation of helpers, the raising of funds for the church and the numbers who attended.

But the real success of the lunch was the joyous cohesion of the people of St Paul's, bound together in the love of Christ and, as His body, celebrating with hope, joy, love and peace Christ's coming into our world.

Special thanks goes to Pam Brock for organising the event and ensuring everything went off without a hitch. The following day Pam entered hospital for hip replacement surgery. Please remember Pam in your prayers.

Quote for the week...

"Jesus stands at the door knocking (Rev. 3:20). In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

A German Lutheran pastor, neo-orthodox theologian

Christmas II - By George Herbert

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?

My God, no hymn for Thee?

My soul's a shepherd too; a flock it feeds

Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.

The pasture is Thy word: the streams, Thy grace

Enriching all the place.

Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my powers

Outsing the daylight hours.

Then will we chide the sun for letting night

Take up his place and right:

We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should

Himself the candle hold.

I will go searching, till I find a sun

Shall stay, till we have done;

A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly,

As frost-nipped suns look sadly.

Then will we sing, and shine all our own day,

And one another pay:

His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine,

Till ev'n His beams sing, and my music shine.

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.



St Paul's Church Archive Search

The archives at St Paul's are very comprehensive and we are regularly asked for baptism, wedding and funeral searches. This is can be very time consuming.

We have decided to have a search fee for this information. It will be \$50 per simple search and \$100 per complex search. The fees will include a copy of documents if available.

Used Stamps

We collect used stamps for Anglican Board of Mission. These are a good source of fund raising for ABM.

Please leave a 2cm margin around them if possible.

Pew
Reflections
REFLECTIONS
BGM

Advent 2 C – Sunday 8 December 2024

~ Malachi 3.1-14; *The Song of Zechariah* (APBA p. 425);
Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6

Malachi's voice rings loud and clear. The Lord is coming. Not as a jolly Santa but coming to cleanse. The Lord's own righteousness will expose and purify that which is not of God. The message is clear: turn from evil and do good by doing justice.

~ May our ears be open to the insistent voice of God calling for us to be people of justice.

~ Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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 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:

28th November 2024 – 4th December 2024

≈ Offertory: \$ 6,245.40

≈ Parish Pantry: \$ 2,105.00

TOTAL OF GIVING: \$ 8,350.40

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 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

[CELEBRANT] Lord, as we wait for your coming, we bring our prayers to you, confident in your love for us.

Lord, we pray for your church throughout the world, especially for the world-wide Anglican communion and for all who carry the burden of authority within it. We commend to you the Episcopal Church of Sudan, its Archbishop, Ezekiel Kumir Kondo and the clergy and people, as it ministers in a region beset with instability and need. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for our sides persons and welcomers and ask your blessing on them. As we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ child, help us to shed the complexities of our lives and contemplate the simplicity of the Christmas message.

Come Jesus, Prince of Peace and in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Lord, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way to you, help us to listen to the present-day voices that seek to bring us closer to you, to increase our understanding, to challenge our misbeliefs and to bring about a more just world where suffering and want are no more, where your creation is cared for and all share its bounty.

Come Jesus, Prince of Peace and in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Lord, you bring peace to the hearts of those who love you, yet we live in a world where war and conflict are a daily reality for millions. Speak to the hearts of leaders who have the capacity to resolve conflict and bring about lasting peace. We continue to pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel, and in Syria, Sudan and other countries suffering civil unrest.

Come Jesus, Prince of Peace and in your mercy: hear our prayer

Lord, we are thankful for all your loving kindness and ask that you give your peace to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, to the unemployed, the lost or lonely, to those who mourn and those who feel despair in their lives. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and all who care for them: Belinda, James Budin, Florence, David, 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, 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.

Come Jesus, Prince of Peace and in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we give thanks for John the Baptist and all the prophets and for those whom we have loved, and who have now departed this life, especially those who have helped to lead us to you. We commend the recently departed, especially Johanthan Bryant, and those who have their year's mind at this time: Tamine Maatouk, June Mansell, William Fawbert, Vincent Rodrigues, Ivan Edworthy, Jordan Hayes, John St George, Elizabeth Thacker and Phyllis Lockward. When you come again in glory, may we with them, John the Baptist and all the saints greet the sunrise of your everlasting day.

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.



ADVENT 2 PRAYER

“God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

≈ Friday 13th December - Lucy, martyr and virgin (d.304)

≈ Saturday 14th December - John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d.1591)

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