



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Burwood

CHRISTMAS EVE

**Tuesday 24 December 2024** 9:30PM CHORAL EUCHARIST

# Welcome to St Paul's

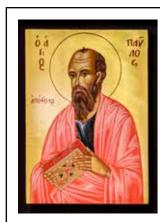
We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us tonight, Christmas Eve, as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord.

I pray that, at this Christmas-tide and through the coming year, you will experience the love of Jesus Christ, the One who comes to us in such humility, and that the tenderness and gentleness of Mary, Jesus' Mother, will fill your lives, and that you will know the peace of God, Jesus' Father and our Heavenly Father, and that God's peace will strengthen and sustain you both now and forever more. Amen.

Peace, Fr James Collins OAM Rector

*Please take this order of service home.* 

The Rector Fr James Collins, and Dr Helen Collins, along with Fr Michael and Mrs Antonia Deasey, together with the Church Wardens and Parish Councillors and the Parish Staff and Ministry Team: Ms Rosemary King, Fr Mark Battison, Fr Jim Pettigrew, Mr David Russell, Mr Bailey Yeates, Mr Brian Luhr, Ms Natalie McDonald, and Mrs Caroline Badra, extend to all Parishioners and their families, and to all friends of St Paul's, every blessing for a holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. May the love of God enfold you.



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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady

Please stand as the bell is rung. The choir sings the introit from the West Door.

# Introit

Stille Nacht

Franz Grüber (1787-1863) arr. Meißner Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, alles schläft einsam wacht, nur das traute hoch heilige Paar, das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war, bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Douce nuit! Sainte nuit! Dans les cieux l'astre luit. Le mystère annoncé 'saccomplit. Cet enfant sur la paille endormi. C'est l'Amour infini.

Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia! Christ the saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night, all are sleeping, only the holy pair in the stable at Bethlehem are awake with the heavenly child.

Sweet night, holy night, in the heavens the star shines, the foretold mystery comes true, this child sleeping on the hay is infinite love.

*Remain standing as the choir, servers and clergy process into the Chancel. The Processional Hymn is introduced with the following:* 

Let us proceed in peace.

**H** In the name of Christ. Amen.

# **Processional Hymn**

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- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him born the King of Angels: *O* come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
  - God of God, Light of Light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten, not created:
  - See how the Shepherds, summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; We too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps:

The Blessing of the Crib occurs at the end of verse 3

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Melody probably by J.F. Wade (1711-86) Descant by Sir David Willcocks CME MC (1919-2015)

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

# **Blessing of the Crib**

H In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her king.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who did cause your only begotten Son to come down to earth from heaven on this night, to be born of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary for our salvation, vouchsafe to H Bless, H Hallow and Sanctify this Crib wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; may we, beholding the same glory, ponder and adore the mystery of His Holy Incarnation and be fulfilled with your heavenly benediction until eternal life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen

Heavenly Father Bless all who visit and look upon this Crib; May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to Him who is God-with-us and Saviour of all and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### Amen

Now let us go to Bethlehem and worship the Christ-Child.

Let us bless the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### The Hymn continues from verse 4:

- Lo! star-led chieftans, Magi, Christ adoring, 4 Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh; We to the Christ Child bring our heart's oblations: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, *O* come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- 5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love; Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
- 6 Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heaven above. Glory to God in the Highest:

# Greeting

H Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The priest continues with the opening sentence: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given. Let us pray:

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.

# **Christmas Wreath Liturgy**

Tonight all the candles of the Advent wreath will blaze with light. We relight the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We light the Christ candle and celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Christ, the Light of the World.

#### Loving God, we are people of hope, peace, joy, love and light. As we hear again the good news of great joy, we pray that your light will shine in our daily lives so that we may bring light to others. Amen.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### Almighty God, ruler of all, in whose kingdom peace and righteousness abound; have mercy on our broken and divided world, especially on the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia and other areas of conflict. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all people and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all may live in peace according to your laws, through him for whom we wait, the Prince of peace. Amen.

#### Kyrie eleison

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# Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory: O Lord God, heavenly King; God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the most high 
♣ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### Remain standing for the collect of the day.

## Collect

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

Please sit for the readings and psalm.

#### First Reading: Isaiah 9.2–7

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Remain seated.

#### **Psalm:** 96

Sung by the choir.

- O sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord all the earth. 1
- Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name: 2 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations: and his wonders among all peoples.

Chant: Stephen Elvey (1805-1860)

- For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: 4 he is more to be feared than all gods.
- As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols: 5 it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- Majesty and glory are before him: beauty and power are in his sanctuary. 6
- Render to the Lord, you families of the nations: 7 render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name: bring offerings and come into his courts.
- O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: 9 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

- Say among the nations that the Lord is king: 10 he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: 11 let the sea roar and all that fills it:
- Let the fields rejoice and everything in them: 12 then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
- For he comes, he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with 13 righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

# Second Reading: Titus 2.11–14

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand with the Celebrant for the gospel acclamation.

## Gospel: Luke 2.1-20

The Alleluia is sung first by the choir and then repeated by all.



Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

#### After the Gospel:

For the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Please sit.

#### Sermon

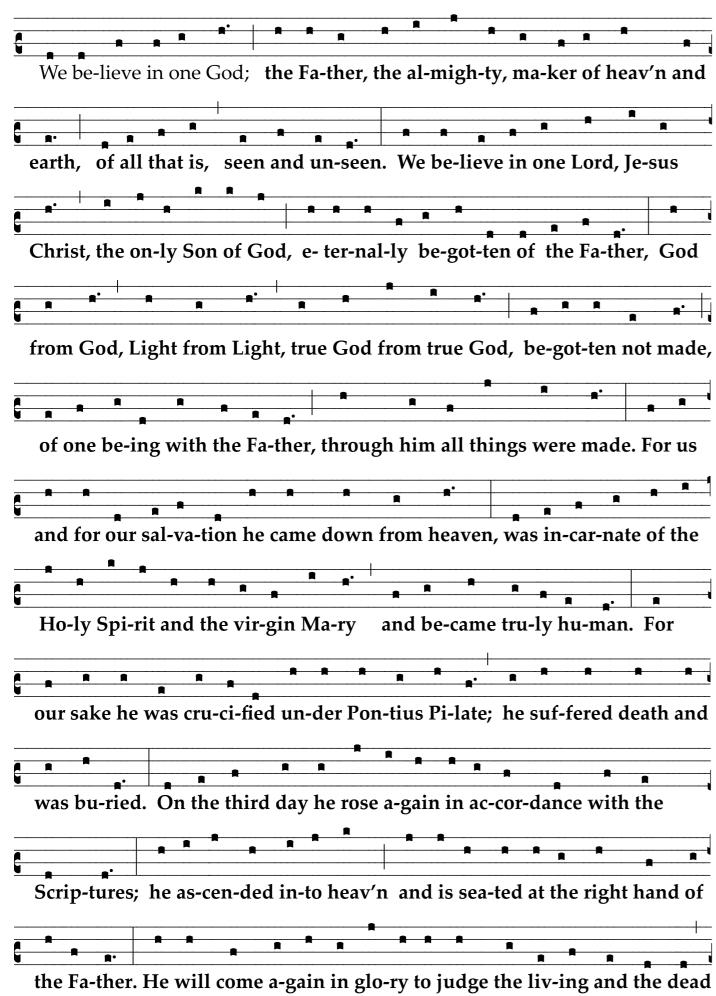
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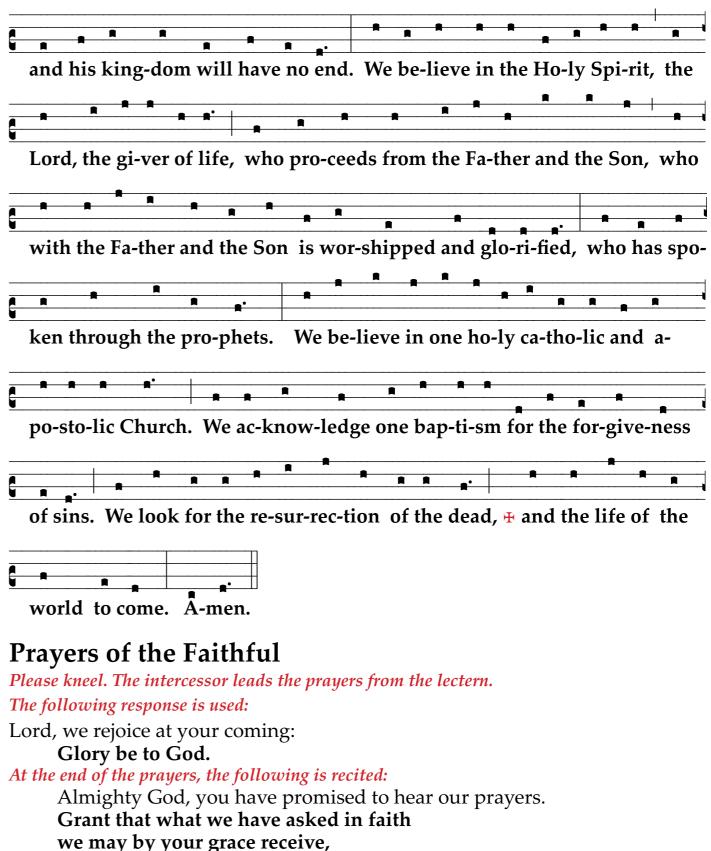
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**Fr James Collins** Rector

#### Creed





A selection of Scripture sentences may be used concluding with the Prayer of Approach recited together:

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The priest introduces the confession.* 

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. (Silence may be kept) Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in

penitence and faith.

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 priest pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: ✤ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### All stand.

#### **Greeting of Peace**

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these words:

This holy night the angels sang, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.'

# We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### And also with you.

*The greeting of peace is exchanged through a silent bow towards those seated around you.* 

*Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.* 

An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 18 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.

There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.

#### **Offertory Hymn** IRBY 87 87 77



- Once in royal David's city 1 Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed: Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ, the little Child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall: With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
- And through all his wondrous childhood 3 Day by day like us he grew, He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see him Through his own redeeming love, For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heaven above: And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see him: but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high, Where like stars his children crowned, All in white shall wait around.



H.J. Ganutlett (1805-76) Revised by A.H. Mann (1850-1929) & Editors

# **The Preparation**

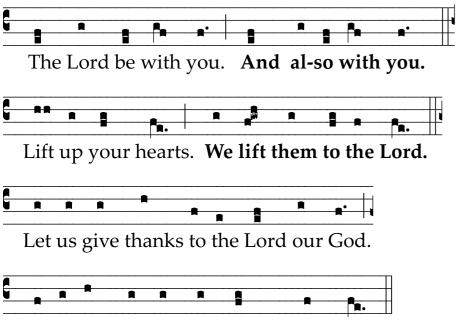
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

#### Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

# **Great Thanksgiving**



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving. Please kneel as the sanctuary bell is rung three times.

# Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by the choir. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

H Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

# Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

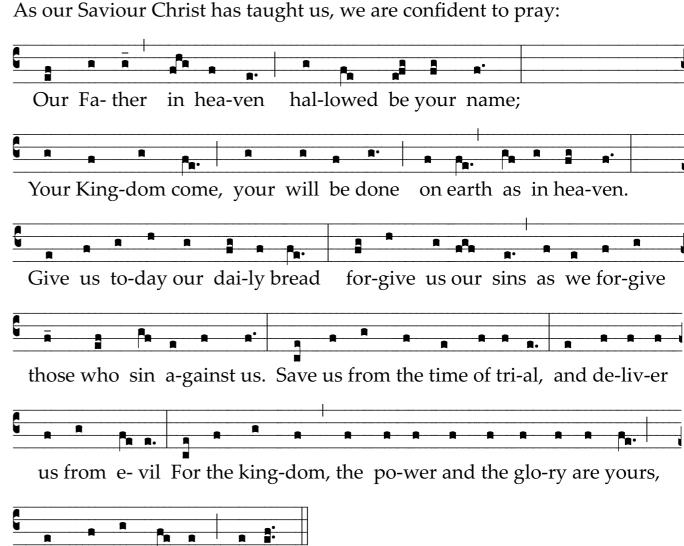
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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

# The Lord's Prayer

The priest says or intones:



now and for e - ver. A-men.

# The breaking of the bread

The priest breaks the bread and says the following: [We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.] We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

# Agnus Dei

#### Sung by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

# **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus 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.

## Communion

*Communion is distributed along the full length of the communion rail.* Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.

# **Communion Motet**

#### I sing of a maiden

I sing of a maiden That is makeless; King of all kings To her son she ches.

He came all so still where his mother was, As dew in April that falleth on the grass.

He came all so still to his mother's bower, As dew in April that falleth on the flower.

He came all so still where his mother lay, As dew in April that falleth on the spray.

Mother and maiden was never none but she; Well may such a lady Godes mother be.

Martha Edith Rickert (1871-1938)

Richard Madden (b.1953)

Please remain kneeling or seated to sing the communion hymn on the following page.

#### **Communion Hymn**

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Traditional English Melody adapted by Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)



- 1 It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: 'Peace on the earth, good-will to men, From heaven's all gracious King!' The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come 4 For lo! the days are hastening on, With peaceful wings unfurled; And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing; And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

# **Post-Communion Prayer**

The priest says the following seasonal prayer: God of heaven, dwelling among us, we thank you for feeding us with this holy food. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh that as his body in the world we may bring your presence to all people.

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.

# Blessing

#### The priest says this seasonal Blessing:

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, 4 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

# Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **↓** In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stand to sing the final hymn.

3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The love-song which they bring: O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing!

By prophet bards foretold, When, with the ever-circling years, Comes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendours fling, And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing. Edmund Sears (1810-76)

# **Final Hymn**

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From a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) Descant by Sir David Willcocks CME MC (1919-2015)



- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies, with the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem: Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.
- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come offspring of a Virgin's womb! Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, **Jesus**, our Emmanuel: Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.
- 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings; Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth: Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Remain standing as the choir sings Tomorrow shall be my dancing day by John Gardner The choir, servers and clergy depart during the postlude.

# Postlude

*Toccata* from Organ Symphony No. 5 Op. 42 Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay, listen or pray.

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Stille nacht (Franz Grüber, 1787-1863) Introit: Missa Eliensis (Arthur Wills, 1926-2020) Setting: I sing of a maiden (Richard Madden, b.1953) Carols: **Tomorrow shall be my dancing day** (John Gardner, 1917-2011) \* \* \* \* \*

#### **UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES:**

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day 9:00am **CHORAL EUCHARIST Communion Service in F** (Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995) Away in a manger (arr. William James Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921)

Sunday 29 December – First Sunday after Christmas Sunday 5 January – The Epiphany Sunday 12 January – Baptism of Our Lord Sunday 19 January – Second Sunday after Epiphany Sung Eucharist 9:00am Communion Service (John Merbecke, c.1510-1585) Sunday 26 January – The Conversion of Paul Said Eucharist 8:00am 10:00am Choral Eucharist

**Communion Service in G** (Francis Jackson, 1917-2022) Teach me, O Lord (Thomas Attwood, 1765-1838)

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# **Parish Prayer List**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Diocese of Kuching – Church of the Province of South East Asia.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for all parishioners of St Paul's.

We bring before God those in our community who need the reassurance of your loving care for them. We pray particularly for:

Monsignor Kerry Bayada, Belinda, Pam Brock, 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, -Peter Sorensen, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We pray too for those we have loved and lost for just a while, particularly John Sorensen, and those who have their year's mind at this time:

Karina Venteman, Rosina Raisbeck, Harry Salisbury, Audrey Darke, Trevor Curtis, Ivia Walker and others known to us.

H May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.



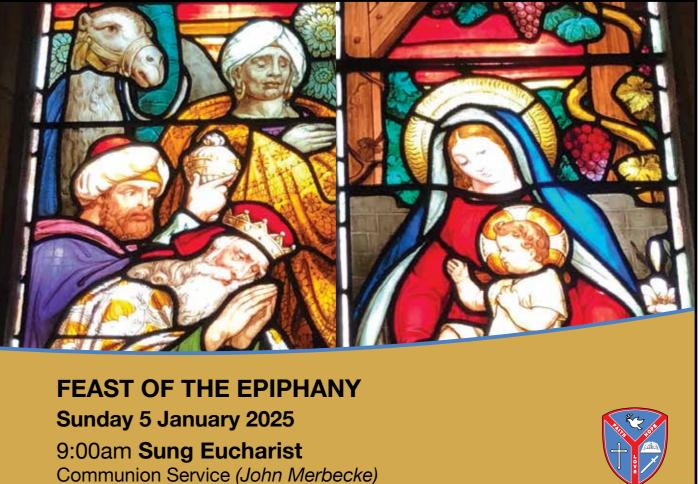
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#### **CONVERSION OF PAUL – Sunday 26 January 2025** 8:00am Said Eucharist with hymns 10:00am Choral Eucharist Setting: **Communion Service in G** Francis Jackson Teach me, O Lord Thomas Attwood Motet:





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#### HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays throughout the year:

8:00am Said Eucharist – with hymns
10:00am Choral Eucharist – with the Choir of St Paul's

#### Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist

#### Fridays:

5:30pm	<b>Evening</b> Prayer
6:00pm	Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

**6:00pm** Choral Eucharist – with the Choir of St Paul's

Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.

#### CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

**5:00pm** Choral Evensong – with the Choir of St Paul's

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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