

## PSALM

### For the Psalm: Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Behold, God is my salvation:

**I will trust and will not be afraid;**

‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song;  
**and has become my salvation.’**

With joy you will draw water:

**from the wells of salvation.**

On that day you will say:

**‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;**

‘Make known his deeds among the nations:  
**proclaim that his name is exalted.**

‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
**let this be known in all the world.**

‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
**for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’**

*A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1995, page 391*

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### Reflection on Advent III

Maria Boulding in her book "The Coming of God" advocates that human beings live an Advent life. If you want God in your life, yet sometimes wonder what this may mean or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no thought of God, yet are dissatisfied when you don't, you are already keeping Advent in your life.

People have begun to take God seriously and have come further towards God than they imagine when they ask with the crowd of this morning's gospel, "What then should we do?" John the Baptist's answer is so obvious it hardly bears thinking about. Yet, for the Christian, it is the starting point of the proof that God is living in them, the point where Martha and Mary begin to become one; and when we look to the disarming practicality of God who washes our feet, binds up our wounds and feeds us to show the depth of God's love.

The Lord is near. We can rejoice in the Lord because he first rejoiced in us, and because he has put his mighty blessing on every word and act of gentleness we offer one another. Let our gentleness be known to everyone. If there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise in your life, ponder upon these things. They are the joy of God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

*Wendy*

Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.  
We respectfully acknowledge Noongar People as the  
original custodians of this land, and their ongoing relationship with it.

**PRAYERS** Gracious God, we ask for your blessing and healing for all.

**In the Diocese we pray for:**

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Bishop Jeremy James and Bishop Kate Wilmot and Bishop Christopher Ruto of our partnered Diocese of Eldoret  
Our partnered parish St Stephens Aturei, priest Rev Josephat Bett and people

**For those in need at this time:**

Prayers of comfort, peace, and company for all we know and love who are in need of prayers of love and support. Prayers have been asked for Ann and Arthur Taylor.

Audrey Kennedy (2008)

*May her portion in paradise be rest and peace.*

The Prayer Diary is available at: <https://www.perth.anglican.org/prayer-diary>

**HYMNS**

TIS 271

TIS 284 or Gospel acclamation

TIS 495

TIS 545

**READINGS**

**THIS WEEK**

Zephaniah 3.14-20

A Song of Isaiah

Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

**NEXT WEEK**

Micah 5:2-5a

Song of Mary

Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

**Applecross Parish is inviting you to a scheduled ADVENT Zoom meeting.**

Topic: Advent Study Group

Time: Dec 7, 2021 07:00 PM Perth Every week on Tue, until Dec 21, 2021

Dec 14, 2021 07:00 PM

Dec 21, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85701209042?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85701209042?pwd=ZGdCRG9mSGc1OWU4aEs3N0twSG4zQT09)

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Meeting ID: 857 0120 9042 Passcode: 35083

**Notices**

**ST BART'S Support for Perth's**

**Homeless at Christmas.** This Sunday is the last day we will be receiving donations for St Bart's. Thank you to all who have contributed to this appeal including the Playgroup families.

**ADVENT** theme is prayer. Three sessions, Preparing, Waiting, Hoping will be held on differing ways of prayer. Lectio Divina, Ignatian Spirituality, and Meditation.  
**14 December** 10.30am St David's and 7.00pm Zoom session.

**21 December** 10.30am St David's and 7.00pm Zoom session.

We will pray the Evening Office after our Zoom meeting. ZOOM meeting details on page 2 of this Bulletin.



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve**

Midnight Mass

11.30pm St David's -

Carols 11.15pm

**Christmas Day**

7.45am St George's

9.30am St David's

**Sunday 26 December**

9am St David's Said Mass



Our candle remains lit for all affected by the Covid pandemic.

**Christmas Carols Evening** under the stars at St George's, with face painting, balloon twisting, free pizza, live entertainment and singalongs. This event is sponsored by the Melville Shire at no cost for anyone. **From 6.00-9.30pm Friday 17 December.** Invite your friends, family and neighbours.

**There will be no parking on the church grounds or verge.**

Applecross Primary School will open their parking for the night.

*Please bring a chair or rug.*

**ANGEL TREE** We have been allocated 7 children, who have a parent in prison, to deliver some Christmas cheer. Gifts to be between \$25-30. We need arts and crafts/puzzles for a 5 year old; Disney Princess or Pink Power Ranger for a 4 year old, and 5 gift vouchers from Kmart. Please see Ann or Wendy if able to assist.

**CHISTMAS BOWL** - There are envelopes at each church for those who would like to support the Christmas Bowl.