

PSALM

Song of Mary (Luke 1:47–55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1995, p. 9.

ADVENT

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Reflection on Advent Four

There are thousands of churches and at least three religious orders named after the famous meeting between the mother of Jesus and the mother of John the Baptist ... The Visitation. Many things drew them together – kinship, fear of their circumstances and perhaps a kind of mutual embarrassment at their 'condition' as the Victorian used to say so coyly. All this as well as understanding and mutual love.

Their meeting is a type of discernment. Mary and Elizabeth are united and drawn to one another, not simply by affection, but by what *grows* in them. In this fantastic time, it is the unborn babes who recognise each other, and this recognition communicates itself to those who nurture and carry them. So they are guided by something they cannot fully understand. In a way, the old woman and the young woman are led on and bonded by their vision of a future they cannot control.

The wisdom of this so easily eludes a society that is too busy to notice things moving within its own womb. But let us, who bear the name of the Incarnate One, be on the lookout for such priceless things.

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.

Jack Hampton, Collin Willis (1979), Geoffrey Sambell, Archbishop (1980), Anna Cullen, Deacon (2014), Alan Bancroft (2014)

May their portion in paradise be rest and peace.

HYMNS

TIS 316
TIS 269 (omit v3)
or Gospel acclamation
TIS 256
TIS 302

READINGS

THIS WEEK

Micah 5:2-5a
Song of Mary
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

NEXT WEEK

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52

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

Topic: Advent Study Group

Time: 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

ADVENT theme is prayer. Three sessions, Preparing, Waiting, Hoping will be held on differing ways of prayer. Lectio Divina, Ignatian Spirituality, and Meditation.
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
Communion will be in one kind at this Mass.

Christmas Day

7.45am St George's
9.30am St David's
Both bread and wine will communicated at these services.

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, This Friday, 17 December, from 6pm - 9pm. Come along even for a moment.

ANGEL TREE Thank you for all who donated gifts for these children. Gifts will be delivered next Tuesday. From us with love.

EPIPHANY

As we did last year, for those who wish we will gather under the stars at St George's to toast the arrival of those wise men. Bring food to share, chair, and all which makes our time a merry one. **Thursday 6 January anytime from 6pm.**

ST DAVID'S CHRISTMAS

WORKING BEE A gardening focused working bee at St David's on **Thursday 23 December 9am-11am.** Bring along a hat, sunscreen and your favourite gardening tools. Let's try and spruce the church in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. For more information contact Nic Templeman.