

The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old:
**to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,**

To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
and you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1995

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.
We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

St David's, Ardress
St George's, Applecross
20 November 2022

**Applecross
Anglican Church**
Diocese of Perth



Reflection for Christ the King (XXIV Sunday after Pentecost)

Gospel– Luke 23: 33-43

Most of the churches celebrate this Sunday as Christ the King Sunday. We left off last week with the stunningly difficult prediction of the Coming of the Son of Man. The season of Pentecost started with the coming of Holy Spirit in its fullness and for all people on the Pentecost Day and will conclude this Sunday with an affirmation of the universality of Christ's sovereignty and grace. God's power and presence is universal and transformative. In an increasingly pluralistic and secular world how do we proclaim the Kingship of Christ? How do we understand the reign of Christ when we ourselves are against all kinds of crusades whether it is Christian, Muslim, Hindu, or any other form?

The words of Jeremiah challenge shepherds who lack a servant's heart and who tend their flocks for their own benefit. Leadership must go beyond self-interest and personal gain, even community interests at certain times, to global loyalty. A good shepherd will arise, replace these misguided leaders, and establish a safe and bountiful haven for everyone. Shepherding is about blessing and justice, not greed and self-promotion. The true shepherd serves rather than dominates and inspires his/her flock toward service and mutuality that promotes community, and well-being. This is the new model for Christ the King – a servant king in pluralistic society.

James

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, and peace for Wimela, Judy, Penny, Shibu, Rekha and for all in our hearts. May company and comfort be theirs with mercy and peace.

Bella Squiers (2001)

May her portion in paradise be rest in peace.

This Sunday—Christ the King (20/11/2022)	St George's	St David's
Welcomers and offering	June R	Nic and Deb
1st reading: <i>Jeremiah 23.1-6</i>	Joe H	Chris
2nd reading: <i>Colossians 1.11-20</i>	Julie G	Mary Marshall
Intercessor	Rupesh	Mary Marshall
Morning Tea	Leonie K	Jill and Ross
Next Sunday – Advent I (27/11/2022)	St George's	St David's
Welcomers and offering	Ann	Sam and Lois
1st reading: <i>Isaiah 2.1-5</i>	Jane	Chris
2nd reading: <i>Romans 13.9-14</i>	Rosemary	Brian
Intercessor	Ann	Daphne P
Morning Tea	Dorothy	Deb and Sam

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Notices

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY This service will be held at **5pm Sunday 20 November** at St David's. This will be a service of celebration of the many ways we are marvellously made. No matter age, race, gender, faith, ability, socio-economic situation, sexual orientation or wellness, we are all welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING 20 November Morning Prayer (with readings as per roster) will be led by James. There will be no music or singing at St David's in the morning, only at the evening service at 5pm.

ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD James will be ordained priest **7pm 30 November at St. George's Cathedral.** His first Mass will be held **9.30am Sunday 4 December** at a combined service in St David's, with a catered lunch organised by James' family. We need to have names and numbers for the sit down celebratory lunch. If attending the lunch please ensure to write your name on the lists available at both churches before **27 November.**

ADAM Next ADAM session will be held on Saturday, 3 December at 10 am at St. David's seminar room. All men are encouraged to attend.

MEDITATION Thursdays 5.30pm

St David's. Come and be with God.

CONTAINERS for CHANGE - fund raising endeavour The parish number is **C10681155.**

Songs from a Strange Land An Australian Advent Calendar. This study is available in book form at the cost of \$10 ; via an App which can be downloaded from the Australian Board of Mission website for free ; and can be read online also at no cost. Speak with James or Wendy. Commences 1 December.

CAFÉ BETHLEHEM The final gathering for the year will be our Christmas celebration on **15 December**

DONATIONS of items for ST BARTS All donations of groceries and those with a more Christmas cheer feel received in the parish over the next 4 weeks **between 13 November - 4 December** will be directed to the good ministry of St Barts with Perth's homeless.

A Service of Listening and a Call for Action to End Gender-Based Violence is to be held at the Church of the Ascension in Midland **5pm Friday 25 November.**

LIVE STREAM Live stream Zoom link The Applecross Anglican Church invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting, every Sunday 9.15am for the 9.30am Service. Join the Zoom Meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055609795?>