

## Adult Advent Announcement

O Lord,  
Let Advent begin again  
In us,  
Not merely in commercials;  
For that first Christmas was not  
Simply for children,  
But for the  
Wise and the strong.  
It was  
Crowded around that cradle,  
With kings kneeling.  
Speak to us  
Who seek an adult seat this year.  
Help us to realize,  
As we fill stockings,  
Christmas is mainly  
For the old folks -  
Bent backs  
And tired eyes  
Need relief and light  
A little more.  
No wonder  
It was grown-ups  
Who were the first  
To notice  
Such a star.

David A. Redding

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  
4 December 2022

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Diocese of Perth



## Reflection on Advent II

In Advent, we hear John the Baptist's message as an invitation to spiritual reflection. Just as we might clean our house in preparation for a special guest, so the Church asks us to take stock of our souls and to be at our best when the special day arrives.

Like John the Baptist, the author Joan Chittister points out all the ways of our lives

“We all tell ourselves that things are just too hectic, ...  
But, if we do nothing to change it, the schedule just gets worse and the noise gets more unrelenting and the fatigue goes deeper into the bone. The fact is that it is our souls, not our bodies, that are tired.”

The hard truth is that for many of us our lives are out of balance. Perhaps that's why we need to confront John the Baptist every Advent. If we are to prepare for the coming of the Lord, we need to spend some time examining our lives and trying to get things in order. The painful truth is that life feels out of balance for many of us today. The promise and the hope, however, is that we can do something about it. We can change, and we can find a rhythm of life for every facet of our lives. It requires our focused intention and attention. And we can do this, together and as individuals. We can move to a greater sense of wholeness and harmony in our lives, in our church community, and in our mission.

Advent is a holy season set aside for this type of spiritual reflection. The really amazing news is that even as we engage in this process of seeking wholeness and balance in our lives, we are also preparing for the greatest of all spiritual gifts: the gift of God coming into our lives at Christmas.

Wendy

**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, Jacquie and her family at the death of her mother, Barbara, and for all in our hearts. May company and comfort be theirs with mercy and peace.

Barbara Gainsford-Brackley (2022) Charles Lehman (2000),  
George Livesey (2008), Jack Manners (2009), The Rev'd Diane Heath (2011)  
*May their portions in paradise be rest in peace.*

This Sunday—Advent II (4/12/2022)	St David's First Mass of The Rev'd James George
Welcomers and offering	Chris and Lois
1st reading: <i>Isaiah 11.1-10</i>	Soji
2nd reading: <i>Romans 15.4-13</i>	Ann
Intercessor	Chris
Morning Tea (No morning Tea)	Lunch after the service

Next Sunday – Advent III (11/12/2022)	St George's	St David's
Welcomers and offering	Phyllis	Jill and Ross
1st reading: <i>Isaiah 35.1-10</i>	Lilian	Deb
2nd reading: <i>James 5.7-10</i>	David	Magdalene
Intercessor	Chris	Chris
Morning Tea	Ann	Anuja and Anchor

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**NOTICES**

**WELCOME**

The Rev'd James George's First Mass will be held at St David's this Sunday, 4 December at 9.30am

We welcome all who gather to witness and bless this auspicious and holy occasion.

For those who have previously indicated their presence a lunch will be held in the church hall.

There is no morning tea this morning.

**ADAM A Dialogue Amongst Men**

The next session will be held on Saturday 3 December at 10am in St David's seminar room.

**THE STABLE**

The winds were scornful,  
Passing by;  
And gathering Angels  
Wondered why  
A burdened Mother  
Did not mind  
That only animals  
Were kind.  
For who in all the world  
Could guess  
That God would search out  
Loneliness.

Sr. M. Chrysostom, O.S.B.



**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. Commenced 1 December.

**CAFÉ BETHLEHEM** The final gathering for the year will be our Christmas celebration on **15 December 11.30am**.

**DONATIONS of items for ST BART'S** All donations of groceries and those with a more Christmas cheer feel received in the parish until **4 December** will be directed to the good ministry of St Bart's with Perth's homeless. These are placed under our Christmas tree.

**STEWARDSHIP** Please return your completed forms as soon as you are able. This enables our Mission to continue as planned and needed.

**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?>