

St George's Cathedral
Anglican Diocese of Perth

The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 27 November 2022

10 o'clock
CHORAL EUCHARIST

*The setting for the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei is
Missa Adventus, plainsong.*



Advent: season of expectation & preparation

The liturgical celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord is not definitely known until the end of the fourth century, but from then on it became the church's custom to prepare for the great festivals of Christmas and the Epiphany with a preparatory period of reflection upon the meaning of Christ's coming. This season is called 'Advent' — 'the coming' — and was originally longer than it is today: six weeks in late antiquity (mirroring the six weeks of Lent, from which Advent borrows its liturgical colour of purple), five weeks in medieval Iberia, but by the eleventh century fixed at about four weeks throughout Western Christendom. It recalls both Christ's first coming among us in Bethlehem of Judea, and also points us toward his coming at the end of time.

The readings throughout the season comprise the messianic prophecies of the Isaiah and excerpts mainly from various Epistles that remind us of the great hope that has been given us in Christ Jesus. The Gospels of the season are from the Gospel of Luke, the main Gospel for this lectionary year, Year C. They begin with Christ's parables about being expectant and watchful. Then we hear of the preaching and ministry of John the Baptist for two weeks, concluding with the Blessed Virgin Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth, who celebrate together the impending birth of Jesus and John. Mary then sings her famous song of praise (called The Magnificat).

Yet Advent also speaks to us of our Lord's coming day by day: in his holy Word, in his presence among all who gather in his name, and in the Eucharist. Advent is not a season of waiting for what we cannot know. It is, rather, a season in which we hope to see our past, our present, and our future through the eyes of God, who was, and is, and is to come: who is at every moment our Maker, our Judge, and our Redeemer.

Advent wreath

The Advent wreath as we know it today almost certainly originates in 19th-century Germany. Its three violet candles and one pink candle represent the four Sundays of Advent, and its central white candle the feast of the Incarnation, and it acts as a liturgical 'count-down' to Christmas. The third Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudate Sunday (Gaudate is Latin for 'rejoice') and is a relaxation of the Advent fast. It is when the pink candle is lit. The origins of Advent are ancient. Mediaeval England knew of the 'Christmas bough', a schematic globe consisting of an equator and a meridian of willow wands covered in evergreen foliage, hung by its pole, with four candles sitting on the equator.

Advent Prose

The Advent Prose is a strophic plainsong setting of texts from the Prophet Isaiah which express the yearning of all the prophets for the fulfilment of the promises of God. The refrain, 'Drop down, ye heavens, from above' (In Latin: *Rorate cœli desuper*) is the proper Gregorian introit for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. At the Cathedral we use the Prose, one verse at a time through the four Sundays of Advent as the Gradual (the text sung as the Gospel procession moves into the nave) at the Choral Eucharist.

WELCOME!

**We're delighted to welcome you here to St George's Cathedral
in the heart of Perth – we're so glad you're here!**

Please join us afterwards for tea, coffee and a chance to meet together and have a chat.

We meet in the Upper Burt Memorial Hall which is right next door and that's where the toilets are too.

We'd love to stay in touch with you. Please complete a Welcome Card (available on the back desk) and hand it to a Steward or one of the clergy.

We also broadcast our 10am service each Sunday live on YouTube, so if you're feeling unwell please do stay at home and join us in worship.

Please use hand sanitiser and there's no problem if you prefer to wear a mask.



*Take a moment to turn your mobile phone off please.
They can be a distraction to those around you.*

The use of photography and recording is strictly not permitted during the service.

While Communion under both forms (bread and wine) is the norm in the Anglican tradition, it is also acceptable to receive only consecrated bread as a fully valid way of making your Communion.

For more information about the wide range of services, activities and events go to www.perthcathedral.org or find us on Facebook.

ADVENT CAKE STALL & CATHEDRAL SHOP SALE
Straight after the service, next door.
Great for some Christmas gifts and delicious homemade cakes.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

Lord Jesus, come! As morning light awakens us to work and pray,
shine, Sun of righteousness,
bright on the path of all who seek justice.

As the days grow longer and the sun's heat increases,
increase our faith, and bring us to worship you:
by your cradle, at your cross, and in your glorious coming again,
with judgement and with mercy. Amen.

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.

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Missa Adventus, plainsong

Confession & absolution

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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.

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.

Collect for Advent

Let us pray.

We pray in silence.

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit.

Old Testament

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths'. For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Isaiah 2:1-5

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

I was glad when they said unto me :
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates :
O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city :
that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord :
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement :
even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls :
and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes :
I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God :
I will seek to do thee good.

*Psalm 122, Lætatus sum;
MUSIC: plainsong.*

Epistle

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

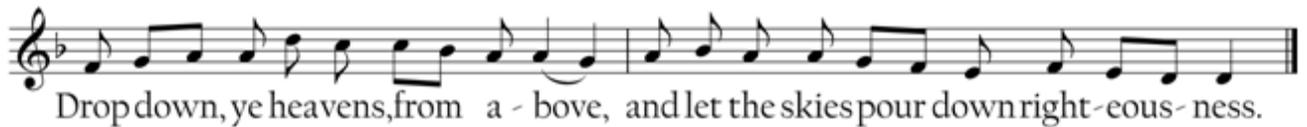
Romans 13:9–14

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

choir



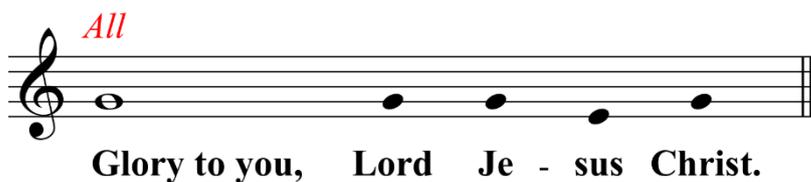
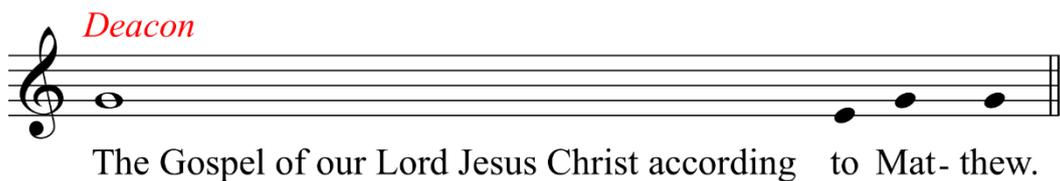
all Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

choir We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

all Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Please remain standing for the Gospel.

Gospel



JESUS SAID, 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would

have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Matthew 24:36-44



This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon

Given by the Very Reverend Chris Chataway, the Dean.

After the sermon, please stand.

Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or sit to pray.

Prayers of the people

Let us pray to God of all time and space,
in whose love we exist
and by whose love we are saved.

As we prepare ourselves
for the time when Christ comes again in glory,
we pray for the grace and honesty
to see what needs transforming in our lives as individuals
and as members of the Church of God.

O come:
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May all church leaders, pastors and teachers be
directed, inspired and upheld by the living Spirit of God,
and may there be a deepening
of love and commitment in all Christians the world over.

O come:
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May the leaders of this nation and of all the nations
be drawn increasingly to understand
God's ways of justice and righteousness,
and be filled with the longing
to do what is right and honest and good.

O come:
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May all the families on earth be blessed with mutual love
and caring consideration one of another;
may arguments and misunderstandings
be properly resolved,
and difficult relationships refreshed and healed.

O come:

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May those for whom the days and nights
creep past in pain or sorrow be given comfort and hope;
may the frightened find reassurance
and the anxious find peace of mind.

At this time we especially pray for those who have asked for our prayer...

Percy, Alex, Marcia, Bishop John and Margaret, Ryker, Colette, Elise, Candice,
Madeleine, Michael, Mark, Sam and Don.

O come:

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May those who have reached the point of death
be given the knowledge of God's closeness
on that last journey;

and may those who have died
know the eternal peace and joy of heaven.

Among the recently departed we pray for

Judith Hollinger and Alan Dutton (priest),
and we remember the year's mind of Sheila Harrison,
Gregory Prentice, Vaughan Selby-Jones and John Hollingworth.

O come:

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May we all be given a new enthusiasm
for walking God's way, clothed in the armour of light.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Greeting of peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn



Lo, he comes, with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

²Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and
sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,

shall the true Messiah see.

³Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

⁴Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and John Cennick (1718–1755);
MUSIC ‘Helmsley’, collected by Thomas Olivers (1725–99).

During the hymn, the bread and wine are placed on the altar, and a collection is taken in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has given us and for the continuing ministry of the Cathedral. You may also place your offering in the collection bowl as you leave today, or use our ‘tap and go’ machines for your credit/debit card. Your generous support is appreciated.

Please remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth;
pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua:
hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini:
hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord:
hosanna in the highest.*

Missa Adventus, plainsong

MERCIFUL GOD, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Christ Church Mass, Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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:

Org. Bless - ing and hon - our and
glo - ry and power are_ yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Christ Church Mass, Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray.

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis. ×2

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
who take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. ×2

Lamb of God,
who take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Missa Adventus, plainsong

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We welcome all those who are baptised and normally receive Communion to the Lord's Table.
If you would rather receive a blessing, please just keep your head bowed.*

We receive Communion under both forms (bread and wine), using the Communion rails where you may kneel to receive Communion. If you are unable, or choose not to kneel, then please stand at the rail. While Communion under both forms is the norm in the Anglican tradition, it is also acceptable to receive only consecrated bread as a fully valid way of making your Communion. No intinction (or dipping) is permitted nor is the touching of the chalice unless you wish to receive the wine. Please follow the directions of the stewards at all times.

Ministry of prayer

A priest is available during the Communion should you require personal prayer for yourself or another. Please go to the north transept (to the left of the nave altar) immediately after receiving Communion if you would like this ministry.

Communion motet

Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.
The Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

TEXT: Psalm 85:12;

MUSIC: plainsong.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Please stand.

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Hymn of thanksgiving



Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!

Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
‘The hour has come!’ we hear them saying,
‘where are ye all, ye virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!

Alleluia!

The wedding song swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!

Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.

Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son!

Alleluia!

Let us prepare to follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

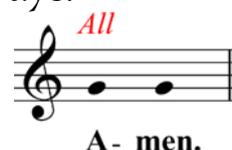
P.T.O.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
 from earth and from angelic voices
 be glory given to thee alone!
 Now the gates of pearl receive us,
 thy presence never more shall leave us,
 we stand with angels round thy throne.
 Earth cannot give below
 the bliss thou dost bestow.
 Alleluia!
 Grant us to raise, to length of days,
 the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

*TEXT: Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608), translated by Francis Crawford Burkitt (1864–1935),
 based on Matthew 25:1–13 and Revelation 19:6–9;
 MUSIC: ‘Wachet Auf’, Melody by Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608),
 adapted and harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).*

Blessing

CHRIST THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS shine upon you,
 and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.



Dismissal

deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
 In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary

The organ voluntary is offered as a gift to God to sit and enjoy. Please exit quietly if you do so during its playing so as not to disturb others. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for worshipping at the Cathedral this morning. Please take this order of service home with you. You are warmly invited to the Burt Memorial Hall following the service for refreshments.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Reverend Steve Hilton, the Precentor
The Reverend Ian Crooks, Honorary Priest
Canon Philip Goldsworthy
The Very Reverend Chris Chataway, the Dean

Ministry

presider

deacon

subdeacon

preacher

David Woods, Lay Clerk
Holly Broadbent, Senior Organ Scholar
Plainsong men

Musicians

conductor

organist

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LATER TODAY — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5pm: SAID EVENING PRAYER (in the Soldiers' Chapel)

7.30pm: ADVENT CAROLS

Music: *Veni Emmanuel* (Peacock), *Virga Jesse* (Bruckner), *The Angel Gabriel* (Archer),
O Oriens (McDowell), *Ave Maria* (Parsons), *Hosanna to the son of David* (Weelkes)

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 am: HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

10 am: CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sermon: The Precentor

Music: *Missa Pariossum* (Noon), *Ave verum corpus* (Elgar)

5pm: CHORAL EVENSONG

Sermon: The Dean

Music: *Populus Sion* (plainsong)

PRAYING GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY

Globally, locally and nationally we pray:

- For the victims of the shooting in Colorado and for the LGBTIQ+ communities in fear.
- For peace and justice in Ukraine and Russia and all places of conflict.
- For Bishop Jeremy as he prepares to become Bishop of Willochra.
- For Andrew, Peregrin, and James as they prepare to be ordained Priest.

In our Cathedral we pray for:

- Search for a new Cathedral Pastor.
- Stephen Day (Dean's Verger)
- Kathryn Simes (Administrative Assistant)
- Right Reverend David Murray (Director, Centre for Spirituality)
- Andrew Day (Assistant Verger)
- Reverend David Noble (Honorary Priest)
- Bellringers
- Readers and Intercessors

In the Diocese we pray for:

- Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy AO
- Bishop Jeremy James and Bishop Kate Wilmot, Assistant Bishops
- the Parish of Bruce Rock
- the Budgeting Group, Philip Teale, Chairman, and members of the Committee
- the Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming, Bruce Hyde and people

In the Province, we pray for:

- the Parish of Kununurra, clergy and people
- the Parish of Boyup Brook, clergy and people

In the Anglican Church of Australia, we pray for:

- Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, Primate and Archbishop of Adelaide

In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, we pray for:

- Legebet, clergy and people

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for:

- Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
- the Diocese of Bukuru, Nigeria, bishop, clergy and people

Those sick, bereaved or in special need:

Percy, Alex, Marcia, Bishop John and Margaret, Ryker, Colette, Elise, Candice, Madeleine, Michael, Mark, Sam and Don

Recently Departed

Judith Hollinger, Alan Dutton (priest)

Years' Mind

Sheila Harrison, Gregory Prentice, Vaughan Selby-Jones, John Hollingworth

ST BART'S CHRISTMAS WISH LIST APPEAL

We are providing a Christmas Box at the west end of the Cathedral for donations from the congregation which in turn will be delivered to St Bart's for distribution. If you are happy to contribute, items will be collected today and on Sunday 4 December.

Gift suggestions include: –

- Small pack (10-20) of coffee sachets
- Sugar cubes
- Packet of nice biscuits (Tim Tams, shortbread, gingerbread people, etc)
- Small box or packet of chocolates
- Packet of nuts or nut mix
- Individual Christmas pudding
- Individual Christmas cake
- Small custard (under 1 litre)
- Packet of nice lollies or candy canes
- Fruit mince pies
- Individually wrapped slice or cakes (Mr Kiplings, Cadbury, etc)
- Fancy chips, crackers or pretzels
- Wafer sticks
- Honey
- Fancy iced tea or individual juices (in plastic)

CHANGES FROM TODAY – ADVENT SUNDAY

- From today, the collection plate returns to being passed among the people. In the coming weeks, it will include a Tap&Go machine so that no one gets caught short and can't make their offering. Please bear with our brilliant Stewards as they remember once again how we do this!
- From today also, we will use the South Transept communion rails once again. Please ensure you keep an eye on the side rails – if there is space, please use the communion rails on each side. We're experiencing a little congestion at the front.
- Finally, we have also changed the instructions in the Order of Service so that those who wish *may* shake hands during The Peace. We are all encouraged to be sensitive with each other: some folks will not wish to shake hands and others will look forward to this moment greatly. Everyone must take this at their own pace. As with most things Anglican: 'all can and no one must!' We are all encouraged to take personal responsibility for our own approach to COVID, remembering that others around us may have a different approach.

Thanks Fr. Steve

ADVENT CAKE STALL & CATHEDRAL SHOP SALE - TODAY

The Friends of St George's Cathedral invite you to an Advent Cake Stall **after the 8am and 10am services TODAY** in the Burt Memorial Hall. Please come and buy lovely homemade cakes that help support the important work of the Friends. For more information, please speak to Gail Fisher.

Also happening: The Cathedral Shop will have a stall at the same time. Christmas cards, nativities etc, gifts and sale items will be available. Please support the Cathedral by supporting our Shop. Cash or card accepted.

And tonight at 7.30pm: Advent Carols

The season of Advent marks the solemn time of preparation and hope for the coming of Christ. This annual Advent Carol Service with readings tells the story of "the people who walked in darkness" to whom has come the Light of Christ.

CHILDREN'S CRECHE & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT 10AM

The Cathedral offers children a program for them during the Sunday 10am service. It is held in the Upper Burt Memorial Hall. **Pre-School children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.** School age children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, but they may be left in the care of leaders. The programme begins after the 'Collect of the Day' and the children return to worship just before communion. The service is live streamed into the hall so parents can monitor the service.

RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The use of any device for recording and/or photography is strictly prohibited during services at St George's Cathedral. Please remember to double-check that your mobile phone is off or, at the very least, on silent. We try to maintain a prayerful and reflective space during the services: unnecessary chatter and mobile phone bleeping are discouraged.

CENTRE FOR SPIRITUALITY NEWS

After nearly 16 years, Bishop David Murray has announced he will be stepping down as Director of the Cathedral's Centre for Spirituality at the end of the year. The Centre was Bishop David's inspiration and he successfully created a space for people from both within and beyond the church, to explore the notion of spirituality in every aspect of life. For many of those years, Bishop David was assisted by Fr David Noble, who helped with the hospitality and worship the Centre provided, inspiring people to 'waste time with God' and spend time on growing our inner life with God. It is an amazing contribution to the life of the Cathedral, and I thank them both sincerely for their devoted service to the Centre, and for encouraging so many in spiritual reflection and wholeness.

The Centre will continue with an interim Director, the Reverend Ian Crooks and next year's programme is being planned. Bishop David is not leaving the Cathedral, only retiring as Director, and he will remain a part of the worshipping life of the Cathedral community. The Centre will acknowledge the work of Bishop David and Fr David Noble at a farewell lunch to be held for him on Wednesday 14 December at 12.30pm.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Ian Crooks has taken on some of our pastoral care ministry. He is based at The Old Deanery on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and can be contacted via the Cathedral Office in the normal way as well as on Sundays.

NAME BADGES

If you don't have a name badge, but would like one, please email Bernadette Liew, bernadette.liew@perthcathedral.org or telephone the Cathedral Office on 9325 5766 by no later than the **28 November 2022**. Bernadette will then place the order. Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAYS

With effect from Wednesday 4 January, our morning service of Holy Communion will permanently change from 10.30am to 10.15am. This is to allow for a smoother programme for the Spirituality Series. Fr. Ian Crooks will continue to preside.

ACT FOR PEACE – CHRISTMAS BOWL 2022

Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. Should you wish to contribute to this year's appeal, envelopes are available on the table at the west end, or alternatively, you may donate online - <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au>

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022

Anglican Board of Mission's Advent and Christmas Appeal 2022 is supporting Wontulp-Bi-Buya and Nungalinya Colleges, which train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to become future leaders, and AID's Sustainable Communities Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme, which provides clean water and sanitation to thousands of people in Kenya, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Myanmar. Should you wish to contribute to this year's appeal, envelopes are available on the table at the west end, or alternatively, you may donate online - www.abmission.org/Christmas2022

MESSENGER

The Messenger is the popular monthly magazine of the Anglican Diocese of Perth. It features an intriguing variety of Anglican news, thought-provoking and heart-warming stories of people, communities and mission, as well as movie reviews, art, events, crosswords, history, youth and wider ministry. The latest edition can be found by going to this link: <https://www.perth.anglican.org/news-and-events/messenger/november-2022>

HOW TO GIVE TO THE CATHEDRAL

No cash? You can now donate by scanning this QR code with your phone camera and tapping on the link that appears.

Alternatively, you can give, as before, by electronic transfer to this account: BSB 706 001 — Acc# 30009261. Please put 'donation' as the description. Thank you for your generosity.



FORTHCOMING EVENT

- **Sunday 4 December – Stewards and Readers Reception and Training**
A note specifically for Stewards and Readers, we will have our training session and reception in the Upper Burt Hall after Morning Tea next Sunday, so 11.45am (ish). Any questions to Eugene via email please.
- **Thursday 8 December at 7.30 pm – Handel’s *Samson* at Perth Concert Hall**
WA’s first professional performance of Handel’s dramatic oratorio – the legendary story of Samson and Delilah – complete with stellar soloists and Baroque orchestra.
Conducted by Dr Joseph Nolan. Featuring Sara Macliver, Fiona Campbell, Paul McMahon, St George’s Cathedral Consort and orchestra led by Paul Wright.
Tickets available via perthconcerthall.com.au.
- **Tuesday 13 December at 11.00am – Morning Melodies in Lower Burt Memorial Hall**
A medley of songs from Theatre 180’s many shows over the years will include numbers from the golden era of musicals such as *The King and I*, *West Side Story*, *Oklahoma*, *My Fair Lady*, *Kismet*, *The Sound of Music* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, as well as songs from popular mid-20th century artists. Tickets: <https://theatre180.com.au/show/christmas-greetings-december-13th/>
- **Wednesday 14 December - A Day in the Spiritual Life of the Cathedral**
9.30 am – 2 pm: **Hand sanitisation/wearing of masks encouraged**, social distancing, tea/coffee, in Upper Burt Memorial Hall, prayers, eucharist “**Spirituality and Language**” with **The Right Reverend David Murray**, St George’s Cathedral Centre for Spirituality, lunch. Reflection on the Word of Life and Contemplative Prayer follow lunch. The day concludes by 2.00pm with Celtic prayers.
Enrolments to Bishop David Murray by Monday 12 December — 9325 5766 or spirituality@perthcathedral.org.
- **Friday 16 December at 7.30pm - A Farmer’s Wife At Christmas**
A costumed radio play by Jenny Davis and presented by The Order of St John Knights Hospitaller and St George’s Cathedral.

It’s 1796, and a farmer’s wife in rural England is preparing for Christmas and looking back over an eventful year, full of details of village life and peopled with wonderful characters. Based on a real 18th century journal, eight actors from THEATRE 180, and the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society, take you back in time to the days of simple pleasures, fun and games and Christmas music around the fireside. Join us for a joyful evening of Christmas celebration in the beautiful surroundings of St George’s Cathedral and start the season of good cheer with a zing!

All proceeds to directly provide Food Hampers for the Homeless at Christmas.

Tickets: \$30/\$25 from <https://www.trybooking.com/CDYXY>



- **Sun. 18, Fri. 23 and Sat. 24 December at 7.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols**
Enjoy a feast of Christmas music, well-loved carols and Bible readings come together to make this Service the perfect immersion into the Christmas spirit before the great services of Christmas itself.

Tickets (free) are essential and are now available through TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CDKYQ> on a 'first come, first served' basis or by clicking this QR code.



We celebrate the joy of Christmas outside the Cathedral on Sunday 18 December. You are welcome to bring your picnic blanket and refreshments to watch and listen to the Carol Service live on the Cathedral Square lawn on an outside screen with your friends and family. (Tickets not required).

- **Wednesday 21 December - Coffee, Prayers & Spirituality**
9.30–11.30 am: Hand sanitisation/wearing of masks encouraged, social distancing, Tea/Coffee, in Upper Burt Memorial Hall, prayers; “Spirituality and The Bow” with Mr Paul Wright, Head of Strings WAAPA. (Entry \$5.) Enrolments by Monday 19 December to Bishop David Murray, Cathedral Centre for Spirituality — Phone 9325 5766 or Email: spirituality@perthcathedral.org

A Gift of Flowers at Christmas

Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Luke 12:27

As Christmas approaches, the Cathedral welcomes contributions to help adorn its great space with floral tributes. Your gift, which can honour someone special, will share the joy and beauty of Christmas with everyone who visits the Cathedral during the season of renewal and hope.

Please complete this form and put it in the collection plate today, or return it to the Cathedral office by Monday 12 December.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If you wish this gift to be acknowledged in the Christmas pew sheet, please indicate whether you would like either or both of the following to be mentioned:

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