

# 10am Pew Sheet

For the week beginning  
Sunday 5 December 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### REFLECTION

Today we hear the voice of John the Baptist calling the people to repentance and in so doing urges us to prepare a way for Christ to come to us. In this Advent season let us prepare a way for the Lord to enter our lives and transform us into his likeness.

*Prepare us to embrace your presence and your leading, O God of promise.*

*Open our hearts to the words of your prophets,*

*who bid us to journey in your wise ways of justice and peace. Amen.*

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship—the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

# *Today's Service Information*

## **Preacher**

The Rev'd Elaine Farmer

### **8:00am Holy Eucharist**

Reader & Intercessor: Richard Cogswell

### **10:00am Choral Eucharist**

Reader & Intercessor: Christopher Richardson

Choir: The Choir of St James'

Organists: Alistair Nelson & Callum Knox

Prelude: Georg Böhm – *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*

Mass Setting: Lobo – *Missa Vox clamantis*

Motet: Palestrina – *Canite tuba*

Postlude: Buxtehude – *Praeludium in E*

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## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

# St James' & COVID-19

## Attendance at Services

Services of worship are open to worshippers, although with restricted numbers.

The following COVID-19 restrictions apply:

- People must register using the QR code or written register at the entrance;
- Physical distancing remains under the 2 sqm rule, with seating at the green dots on the pews unless from the same household;
- Masks must be worn while inside the building;
- Fully vaccinated members of the congregation are permitted to sing during services;
- The use of hand sanitiser is encouraged; and,
- People must not attend worship if feeling unwell.

## Sundays

**8:00am Holy Eucharist:** A maximum number of 50 people may attend this service. Entry is by the North Porch, and all will be seated at the sanctuary end of the nave.

**10:00am Choral Eucharist:** A maximum number of 160 people may attend this service. Entry is by the Tower Porch, and all will be seated at the tower end of the nave. This service is also livestreamed (view online at [sjks.org.au/online-services](https://sjks.org.au/online-services), on [Facebook](#), or the day after on [YouTube](#)).

Refreshments are served after this service.

Communion is available in both kinds but receiving the chalice is optional.

**4:00pm Choral Evensong** (last Sunday of the month):  
same as 10:00am Choral Eucharist.

## Kids @ Church

Kids @ Church will meet via Zoom.

## Weekdays

**12:30pm Lunchtime Eucharist:** A maximum of 12 people may attend this service, entering by the North Porch.

Communion is available in both kinds but receiving the chalice is optional.

**6:15pm Wednesday Evensong:** same as 10:00am Choral Eucharist.

## **Morning and Evening Prayer**

Morning Prayer meets at 8:30am  
and Evening Prayer meets at 5:00pm Monday to Friday [via Zoom](#).

## **Parish Morning Teas**

These informal gatherings are held online on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am until 11:30am [via Zoom](#). See Notices for details.

## **Resting Space**

Resting Space meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7:45pm via Zoom.  
To join, please [contact Nick Ingram](#).

## **Christian Meditation**

The Tuesday and Wednesday groups meet via Zoom. The Friday group is cancelled during lockdown.

## **Lunchtime Concerts**

Lunchtime Concerts are on Wednesdays at 1:15pm. Patrons can attend in person or view online via livestream. For further information, go to [www.sjks.org.au/music/lunchtime-concerts/](http://www.sjks.org.au/music/lunchtime-concerts/)

## **Parish Office**

The Parish Office is open to members of the public, but many office staff will continue to work from home. As with worship, visitors must wear a mask, and register their attendance using the Hall QR code. Only a limited number of people will be allowed in the office area at any time.

Visitors to the office should make appointments before attending to ensure that the person they wish to see will be available.

## **The Church**

The Church is open to members of the public from 10:00am until 4:00pm, Mondays to Fridays. Visitors are required to register upon entering the Church.

[www.sjks.org.au/messages-re-covid-19/](http://www.sjks.org.au/messages-re-covid-19/)

# *The Season of Advent*

*Today marks the beginning of the church's year. Advent is also the four-week period of preparation for Christmas. At one time, Christians observed Advent with fasting but this practice is no longer formally required. Nonetheless, Advent has a more solemn character with this marked by the use of the colour purple and by the omission of the Gloria at the Eucharist. You will also notice that there are some different prayers used in the services. During Advent we focus not only on the coming of the Christ child at Bethlehem but also on the Second Coming of Christ as Judge at the Last Day. In this way, Advent invites us to give thanks for what God has accomplished, and to ponder the fulfilment of God's promises in the future.*

## *Order of Service*

### **Prelude**

Georg Böhm (1661-1733) – *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*

### **Second Sunday of Advent Liturgy**

*Please stand as the servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter.*

*The choir sings the Advent Prose,*

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

*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.*

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

Words: The Advent Prose, RORATE CAELI, from the *Officia Propria*, Paris (1673), translator unknown

Music: Plainsong, mode i [NEH 501]

### **Processional Hymn**

*Fully vaccinated members of the congregation may sing, in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
that into exile drear is gone  
far from the face of God's dear Son.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
creating man from dust and clay:  
to us reveal salvation's way.

*Refrain*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

*The second candle will be lit. It is called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place of the birth of the Messiah.*

Celebrant Today we light the second Advent candle, the Bethlehem Candle. This candle is offered in honour of the birthplace of Jesus as well as of the many places where Christ is born in the hearts of believers. While Bethlehem was so busy with commerce that it had only a stable to offer Jesus, let our Bethlehems be places of warmth and welcome. In honour of Bethlehem we light this candle.

*The second candle is lit.*

Lord Jesus, you are the one who fulfilled the promise of Micah that out of Bethlehem of Judah, the least of the clans of Israel, would come the one who is to rule over Israel.

All Lead us to share your gift of peace.

## Processional Hymn

O come, O come, Adonai,  
who in thy glorious majesty  
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
gavest thy folk the ancient law.

*Refrain*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw  
the quarry from the lion's claw;  
from the dread caverns of the grave,  
from nether hell, thy people save.

*Refrain*

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
and bar the way to death's abode.

*Refrain*

Words: 18th century, *tr.* T.A. Lacey (1853-1931) and others

Music: VENI EMMANUEL Melody 'adapted from a French Missal' by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890);  
CCL licence 552064

## Welcome and Invocation

*The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,*

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Duarte Lobo (1565-1646) – *Missa Vox clamantis*

*The choir sings the Kyrie and the Altar is censed.*

GREEK TEXT

Κύριε ἐλέησον

Χριστέ ἐλέησον

Κύριε ἐλέησον

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

## Confession

*The deacon says,*

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

*A time of silence is kept.*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All

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.

*The celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.*

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 of the Day**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of our salvation,  
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts  
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:  
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,  
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose Day draws near,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **First Reading**

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi*

**3: 1 - 4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*A short silence is observed.*

Reader For the Word of the Lord,  
All **Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sings the canticle to plainsong tone III.ii*

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies :  
and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :  
and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :  
that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies :  
might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him :  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God :  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

LUKE 1: 68 - 79

**Second Reading**

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians*

**3: 1 - 11**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence

and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*A short silence is observed.*

Reader For the Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

## Hymn

*Fully vaccinated members of the congregation may sing, in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.*

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness,  
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;  
speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.
2. For the herald's voice is crying  
in the desert far and near,  
bidding all to full repentance,  
since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way!  
Let the valleys rise to meet him,  
and the hills bow down to greet him.
3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain:  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign,  
For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er the earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that his word is never broken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius, 1671;trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Music: GENEVAN PSALM, Melody and most of the bass by Louis Bourgeois c. 1510-61 in the French edition of the *Genevan Psalter* 1551. [NEH 229] CCL license: 552064

## **Gospel Acclamation**

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

## **Gospel Reading**

**Luke 3: 1 - 6**

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

All **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.

## Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*The following response may be used,*

All Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

*At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,*

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

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

## Greeting of Peace

*The celebrant says,*

All We are the body of Christ.  
His Spirit is with us.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

## Offertory Hymn

*Please consider making an offering at [sjks.org.au](http://sjks.org.au) / donate or via the tap-and-go machines as you leave the church. Fully vaccinated members of the congregation may sing, in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
and furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace our souls must fade,  
and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
and make us rise, to fall no more;  
once more upon thy people shine,  
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) *tr.* John Chandler (1808-1876)

Music: WINCHESTER NEW Adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch* Hamburg 1690 [NEH 12] CCL licence 552064

*The celebrant prays over the bread and wine,*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
Blessed be God for ever!

All

## Sursum Corda and Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who was looked for by the prophets, heralded by the Baptist announced by an angel,  
born of the Virgin Mary, and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Lobo – *Missa Vox clamantis*

*Sung by the choir.*

LATIN TEXT  
*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

PRAYER BOOK TEXT  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant 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.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith  
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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.  
✠ 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:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power.  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*A bell is rung, and silence is kept.*

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:  
All **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the bread and says,*

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

Deacon Jesus is the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

## Agnus Dei

Lobo — *Missavox clamantis*

*Sung by the choir. Please sit.*

### LATIN TEXT

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

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

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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

## Communion

*Communion will be distributed in both kinds from the chancel steps. It is permissible to receive communion in one kind if you prefer. The choir sings the motet,*

### LATIN TEXT

*Canite tuba in Sion,  
quia prope est dies Domini.  
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.  
Erunt prava in directa,  
et aspera in vias planas:  
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.  
Alleluia.*

*Rorate coeli desuper,  
et nubes pluant justum:  
aperiatur terra et germinet Salvatorem.  
Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam,  
et salutare tuum da nobis:  
veni Domine, et noli tardare.  
Alleluia.*

### PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
for the day of the Lord is nigh.  
Lo, He comes to our salvation.  
The crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways plain.  
Come, Lord, and do not delay.  
Alleluia

Drop down dew ye heavens from above  
and let the clouds pour down righteousness:  
let the earth open and bring forth the Saviour.  
Show us thy mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us thy salvation:  
come, O Lord, and do not delay.  
Alleluia.

Words: Vespers Antiphon for Advent IV, Isaiah 45:8, Psalm 85: 8  
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Please stand. The celebrant prays the post-communion prayer.*

Celebrant 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.

All 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. Amen.

## Notices

## Hymn

*Please stand. Fully vaccinated members of the congregation may sing the hymn, in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.*

The voice of God goes out to all the world;  
his glory speaks across the universe.  
The great King's herald cries from star to star:  
'With pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.'

The Lord has said, 'Receive my messenger,  
my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,  
a lamp to every nation, light from light':  
with pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

The broken reed he will not trample down,  
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.  
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:  
with pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,  
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,  
to show the face of justice to the poor:  
with pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,  
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,  
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:  
with pow'r, with justice, he will walk his way.

Words: Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)

Music: WOODLANDS Walter Greatorex (1877-1949) [NEH 186]

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## **Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant 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.  
**Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Postlude**

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707) – *Praeludium in E, BuxWV 141*

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## **A Prayer for a Broken World**

Almighty God, creator, and preserver of our world,  
we pray for peace, justice, and compassion for those in need.

Have mercy on our broken and divided world  
and banish the spirit that makes for war.

We pray especially for all affected by the escalating turmoil  
and tragic events in Afghanistan, the ongoing conflict in Myanmar,  
and the many other places where there is conflict and persecution.

Restrain the forces of evil and protect the vulnerable –  
especially women and children,  
as well as those who seek refuge from oppression and death.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who went to the cross for those in need of salvation. Amen.

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## *Please pray for:*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Burundi.

**Baptism anniversaries:** Cameron Thomas St George Ramsden.

**The sick – Immediate:** John Gillam, Amy Horsburgh, Monsignor James Cronin, Kym Henderson, Peter Johnstone, Frances Rolfe, Grahame Cooksley, Laessia Lysanenko, Julia Martin, Fr Lance Johnston, Oliver Johns, David Cheetham, Sr Jeanette Fox, Baddley Anita, Peter Renwick, Joyce Smith, Bp Andrew St John, Olivia Peck, John Maguire, Barbara Joan Rothery, Graham Smith, David.

**The sick – Long-term:** Colin Middleton, Steven Bell, Candace & Cameron Waters, Paula Behm, Elizabeth Farry, Mthr Elaine Farmer, Warren Trevelyan-Jones, Joan Hillier, Joan Elliston, Kathryn James, Berenice-Eve 'Bibi' Calf, Anahera Chessum, Kellie Wilson, Jillian Morrison, Fay Skuthorpe, The Rev'd Paul Cooper, Bronwyn Thorp, Julie Sheppard, Bernice Lee, Nick De Brett, Geoff Bright, Claire Willmott, Stephanie Daley, Sigrid Delaney, Jivan Harito, James Ridley, Richard Gillard, Euan Black, Pam Robinson, Herb Anderson, Nellie Smith, Paul, Ann Bratt, Gillian Virginie, Cherie Shepherd, Helen Lord, Megan Nelson, Ray Sharp, Marian Pilone, Helen Ashley, Mary Shuttleworth, Fiona Hawke, Barry Shepherd, Billie Brace, Sebastiana Ilardo, Bec, Bp Arthur Malcolm, Fr John Bunyan, Fred Orr.

**In need:** Nadira Al Araj, Christine, Kate & Julia Collis, Nicholas Lee, Karla & James.

**Thanksgiving for on-going recovery:** Maddy Ritchie, Richard Keats.

**The recently departed:** Christian Kerr, Patricia McBride, Andrew Sinclair, Marilyn Sneddon, Janette Singer, Sue Crowe, Adrian Stagg, Patricia Mary Francis Bailey, Gary Priest *priest*, David Johnstone *priest*, Roger Hamilton.

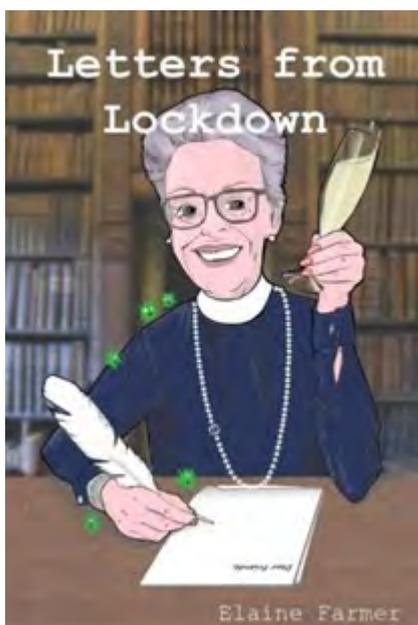
**Those whose year's mind falls at this time:** Douglas Wheeler, Eric Elder, Florence Elizabeth Crook, Gertrude Yeo, Gillian Lindley, Geoffrey Brown, Roy Reginald Simpson, Jackie Bates, Dorothy Van Twest, Robert Bailey, Jean Hamilton Cox, Betty Wyse, Rose Hayes, Peter Stewart.

*Please note that names of the sick will remain on the 'Immediate' list for one month only. If there is a need for a name to remain longer, please ask for it to be placed on the 'Long Term' list. All requests should be made to Dianne Ward or Jonathan Elcock, the Office Administrators, at [office@sjks.org.au](mailto:office@sjks.org.au) or 8227 1300.*



### New Book by Today's Preacher

The Rev'd Dr Elaine Farmer's book *Letters from Lockdown* is available from the Parish Shop at a discounted price (\$25). In thirty pandemic-time letters addressed to Dear Friends, Farmer writes about love, family, travel, psychology, diplomacy, sickness, and more. Her letters are "all suffused with joy and more than a touch of defiance" according to Hugh Mackay. "These are letters you've always wished someone would write to you, and now she has!"



### Memorial for Thomas Alvisio

A memorial service for the late parishioner, Tom Alvisio, will be held on Friday, 10 December at 10:00am.

### Resting Space Dinner, 7 Dec

All are welcome at the final Resting Space dinner of 2021 on 7 December at 6:30pm at an affordable restaurant near St James'.

This is the monthly face-to-face dinner meeting of the Resting Space group where we share food and reflect on a different contemplative Christian theme each time.

To RSVP or for more information about the Resting Space spiritual formation group please contact [nick@clearthinking.co](mailto:nick@clearthinking.co)

### We are Hiring!

St James' Church is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant Verger/Institute Assistant. The role provides facilities and liturgical support to the Church, and event management support to the St James' Institute. This is a casual position with most hours being on Sundays. To receive a position description or for more information, contact [office@sjks.org.au](mailto:office@sjks.org.au).

### Act for Peace Christmas Bowl

Since 1949 churches have banded together to raise money during Advent to assist refugees and others in need throughout the world. The Christmas Bowl appeal of Act for Peace continues this tradition. Here at St James', there is the opportunity for you to be a part of this effort to save lives and to help provide for the needs of the estimated 84 million people who are dispossessed of their homes and desperate for food, clothing and a safe place to stay.

Your gifts to Christmas Bowl are wonderful, but if you would also like to be part of the team who hand out envelopes and encourage participation, please let Howard Graham (8:00am service) know at [howardtricia@optusnet.com.au](mailto:howardtricia@optusnet.com.au) or 0422 917 791. Please help make a difference!

### Who is My Neighbour?

St James' continues to support the Asylum Seekers Centre at this time of COVID-19. The Centre supplies people with food vouchers, helping with housing, medical appointments and in many other ways. Many of the asylum seekers have lost their casual jobs and so are struggling financially.

If you would like to contribute please go to the Asylum Seekers Centre website at <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/>  
You can send food vouchers or donations.

### Friends of Music Membership for 2022

Enjoy the benefits of being a member of Friends of Music at St James'! 2022 Membership Forms are now available in the Baptistery or sign up online at <https://friendsofmusicsydney.com.au/>

### Myanmar Emergency Appeal

COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc in Myanmar. The Anglican Board of Mission's (ABM) partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), has been responding in innovative and practical ways. The first \$10,000 sent by ABM was spent on oxygen cylinders and oxygen concentrators, as well as COVID-19 testing kits and cleaning materials. A second tranche of funds has just been sent.

This will be used to address the ongoing pandemic through: social media and a 24-hour hotline providing information about COVID-19 and how to treat it; tele-health consultations with church volunteer doctors and health professionals; and home care and other assistance by volunteers as directed by the doctors.

The CPM COVID Response Team hopes to reach over 5000 people.

For more information and to make a donation, please go to [www.abmission.org/Myanmar](http://www.abmission.org/Myanmar).

### Double Your Impact!

A generous ABM donor has increased the offer by \$5,000 to match \$ for \$ for the first \$15,000 of donations received!

Donations to this appeal are tax deductible

— Anthony Naake

### Flower Arrangers Needed

We are in need of more flower arrangers to join the flower arranging team for 2022. If you would like to be part of this important and creative ministry, please contact Pippa on 0432 792 362.

### Archbishop Angaelos

Archbishop Angaelos, the Coptic Archbishop of London, will be visiting Sydney and the NSW Ecumenical Council has asked him to address the topic: *The Ecumenical Way: Being Church in Contemporary Society*.

The Archbishop is also President of Churches Together in England and Moderator of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, 14 December, from 2:30 to 4:00pm in the St James' Hall. Alternatively, people can join the meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86562025314>

Meeting ID: 865 6202 5314

—The Rev'd Dr Ray Williamson,  
President, NSW Ecumenical Council



Second Sunday of Advent



Richard Wainwright / Act for Peace

## Bringing Peace to children in Gaza

The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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2022  
are now available  
in the Baptistry  
at the back of the church  
Sign up now!*



[friendsofmusicsydney.com.au](http://friendsofmusicsydney.com.au)

## Books, CDs, Christmas Cards!



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# *Christmas at St James'*

## **Wednesday 15 December**

1:15pm Lunchtime Lessons & Carols

6:30pm Candlelight Carol Service\*

## **Thursday 16 December**

6:30pm Candlelight Carol Service\*

## **Sunday 19 December**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist\*

7:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols\*^

## **Wednesday 22 December**

6:30pm Candlelight Carol Service\*

## **Christmas Eve Friday 24 December**

6:00pm Christingle\*^

10:30pm Night Eucharist of the Nativity\*^

## **Christmas Day Saturday 25 December**

8:00am Sung Eucharist of the Nativity

10:00am Choral Eucharist of the Nativity\*

## **First Sunday after Christmas 26 December**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Sung Eucharist\*

\* livestreamed on [sjks.org.au/online-services](http://sjks.org.au/online-services) or on [facebook.com/stjameskingstreet](https://facebook.com/stjameskingstreet)

^ Limited seating due to COVID-19 restrictions. To avoid disappointment, please register online at [sjks.org.au/service-registration](http://sjks.org.au/service-registration) or phone 8227 1300 during business hours.

Please send any notices for inclusion  
in the Parish News to the office by  
Tuesday morning.

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## What's on this week

### Worship

#### Monday to Friday

8:30am, Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm, Holy Eucharist

5:00pm, Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

#### Wednesday

6:15pm, Choral Evensong\*

### Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 1:10–1:50pm (via Zoom)

Wednesday, 7:45am–8:30am (via Zoom)

### Parish Morning Tea

#### Tuesday

10:30am–11:30am (via Zoom)

### Lunchtime Concerts

Wednesday 8 December, 1:15pm

*Clarinet and Saxophone Quartets*

## Sunday 12 December

### Third Sunday of Advent

(Violet)

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist\*

Preacher: *Dr Aaron Ghiloni*

\*Livestreamed:

- [sjks.org.au/online-services](http://sjks.org.au/online-services)
- [facebook.com/stjameskingstreet/](https://www.facebook.com/stjameskingstreet/)

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