



Advent 3

16th December, 2018



Christmas Services 2018.

Parish Christmas Party 4.30 pm Sunday 23 December

A celebratory liturgy including:

- carol singing for everyone: congregation, children and adults
 - decorating the Christmas Tree
 - Christmas Nativity, with blessing of the crib, followed by a shared meal. BBQ meat provided
- A contribution of a plate of salad or sweet to share, most welcome.
Invite a friend to join us. Sign-up sheet in the hall.

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm Monday 24 December

Sung Eucharist- featuring organ, and well-loved Christmas carols.

Christmas Day 9.00 am Tuesday 25 December

Sung Eucharist- featuring organ, and well-loved Christmas carols.

ROSTERS

We still need **VOLUNTEERS** to fill the 2019 rosters
Please give it some thought as we only have nine people on the morning tea, and two teams on the brass roster and few on the sidesman's roster. More are desperately needed. If you can help, please see Fran (morning tea), Joan (brass) or Trevor (sidesman)

If you have any Pew Sheet notices, please contact Vanessa on
0412 356 654 or vanessalinke1951@gmail.com by Wednesday 5pm.

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

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WARDENS

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Facebook: Church of the Good Shepherd Adelaide



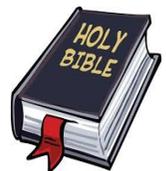
Readings for 23rd December, 2018

1st Reading: Micah 5: 2 - 5a

Song of Mary

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5 - 10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39 - 45 (46 - 55)



DIARY OF THE WEEK

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| SUNDAY | 3rd Sunday of Advent | 16th December |
| | 8.00am | Eucharist |
| | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist |
| MONDAY | | |
| TUESDAY | No craft (recess) | |
| | 12 noon | Craft Christmas Lunch (The Junction) |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.00am | Healing & Eucharist |
| | 10.45am | Advent Study |
| THURSDAY | | |
| FRIDAY | | Thomas, Apostle & Martyr |
| SATURDAY | | |
| SUNDAY | 4th Sunday of Advent | 23rd December |
| | 8.00am | Eucharist |
| | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist |
| | 4.30pm | Parish Christmas Party (see back page) |

During Holy Communion we invite everyone to come forward as you are able, to receive the bread and wine (if this is your Christian practice) or a blessing.

You may sit, kneel or stand during any part of the service, including while receiving Communion.

Low gluten wafers are available - please let the Fr Michael know if you need one.

BIRTHDAY: Ruth Prater (17th) Christine Schofield (21st)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Charmaine Fuller Ellen Henning
Nan McAllister Sheila Guppy Chris Guppy
Kel Pittman and those on the **long term prayer list**

We keep a *long-term prayer list* on the main altar for people who have ongoing issues to deal with. Names on this list are not published, are added as needed, and only removed when the issue has resolved.

They are mindfully included in our worship

Please see Fr Michael or Vanessa if you would like a name added.

YEARS MIND: Sheila Claridge Jane Fanning

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen. *Adelaide Anglicans*

St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr

Friday 21 December

Doubting Thomas gives us comfort precisely because he expresses what we cannot express, at least, not easily! Our doubts are quite understandable in the face of what seems to us to be truly incredible – the resurrection of Jesus. Our faith can be tested time and again and our own doubts resurface. Yet, the apostles are our witnesses and Thomas is amongst the most credible exactly because he is far from credulous! While stationed in India, I travelled the coastline where he established several churches and visited the mound of his purported burial. His legend as a great believer lives on.

Pray that our doubts can find the light of day, for doubting can be good for the soul and for the growth and deepening of our faith.

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Donations for St Paul's

Thank you to all who gave so generously to make Christmas a better time for the recipients of the 'goodies'

Tins of potato salad, beetroot, corn etc would be most appreciated during the summer months. Tins of fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, jelly, small packets of cereal, long life milk and toiletries always welcome. **NB** - out of date or opened packages not accepted

Anglican Diocese of Adelaide Vision 2022 **Prayer For Growth**

Living God, we thank you for your vision for the whole creation and that you call us to share in your mission. We pray that you grow your church: Bring more people to faith in Jesus Deepen our trust in you and knowledge of you Help us to serve and bless our community And strengthen us to be generous with the money and resources you give us. May we grow as disciples of Jesus and make disciples of others for the blessing of the world you love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.