

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF PLYMPTON

Sharing God's love in our community:
Faith, Hope, Fellowship



4th Sunday of ADVENT

20th December, 2020



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY DATES AND TIME

Tuesday Evening , 22 December 7.00pm (Garden Room)

Wednesday. 23 December 10.45am ish (Garden Room)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent 4 Family Christmas Party cancelled due to COVID restrictions

Christmas Eve Thursday, 24 December - 11.30pm

Christmas Day Christmas Morning Friday 25 December - 9.00 am

First Sunday After Christmas **ONLY ONE SERVICE**

Sunday 27 December 9.00 am

Envelopes for the **Christmas Bowl** are now available in the Narthex.

SIDESPERSIONS ROSTERS, 2021

Because of the SA Health COVID requirements, rosters for sidespersons will remain on hold until we return to normality *Trevor Owen*

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

Also, many have now abandoned their home phones and now 'live' on mobiles alone. If you have changed any of your details, can you please let me know so that I can update the Parish Roll ***Thank you***

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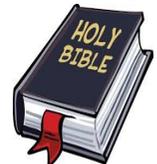
Readings for 27th December, 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3

Psalm 148

2nd Reading: Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel: Luke 2: 22 - 40



DIARY OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY	4th Sunday of Advent	20th December
	8.00am Eucharist	
	10.00am Sung Eucharist	
MONDAY	Thomas, Apostle & Martyr	
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	10.00am Eucharist	
THURSDAY	Christmas Eve	24th December
	11.30pm Sung Eucharist	
FRIDAY	Christmas Day	25th December
	9.00am Sung Eucharist	
SATURDAY	Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	
SUNDAY	1st Sunday after Christmas	27th December
	9.00am Sung Eucharist	

*We invite everyone to receive the bread (if this is your Christian practice) or a blessing.
Low gluten wafers available - please let the Priest know if you need one.*

BIRTHDAYS: Ruth Prater (17th) Christine Schofield (21st)
Rosalie Savige (23rd) Julia Mosong (24th)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Llew Spargo and those on the long term 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 come to an end.

They are mindfully included in our worship.

Please let Rev'd Michael or Vanessa know if you would like a name added to either list.

YEARS MIND

Jane Bristol Fanning Phyllis Gooden
John Laphorne Kym Boyley



Prayer of the week

O God of Elizabeth and Mary,
you visited your servants with news
of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour.
Make our hearts leap with joy,
and fill our mouths with songs of praise,
that we may announce glad tidings of peace,
and welcome the Christ in our midst. Amen.



4th Sunday of Advent

The Annunciation: Mary is at the very bottom of the social scale - female in a society which values males, young in a society that values age and poor in a society that sees wealth as a blessing from God. However as is often the case in salvation history is it the lowly who are chosen. The youngest sons - Jacob and David, the foreigner, - Ruth, the shepherd - Amos. In fact the Old Testament people of God are to remember their lowly beginnings. ("I wandering Aramean was my father").

Gabriel tells Mary that she has found favour with God. In spite of all the serious consequences for her, Mary's response is unequivocal. Yes.

May we too say an unequivocal yes to actively follow the Christ. Give thanks for the work and witness of all who are preparing churches throughout the country for Christmas around this time.

Thomas, Apostle & Martyr

Monday 21 December

What do we know about the Apostle Thomas? His name means the twin; he doubted the resurrection of Jesus before he believed and he was traditionally seen as the Apostle to India who died a martyr's death.

I am drawn to Thomas because he often says what others are thinking, or asks the question others would like to ask.

Another way of looking at today's Gospel story is that Thomas was so overwhelmed by loss and grief that he could not trust himself to believe. Yet when he believed, he followed Jesus to the end of the earth and his own death.

We pray for the St Thomas Christians of India and their enduring witness through millennia.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Mar Thoma (St Thomas) Church in Australia - they are in full communion with Anglican Churches throughout the world.

The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn © ABM, 2020