

Fourth Sunday of Advent

20th December 2020

8am & 9.30am



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**St Andrew's
Church
WALKERVILLE**

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev'd Sam Goodes

(At 9.30am) Hymn (please stand)

- 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus.
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

- 2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

- 3. Born thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

- 4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Greeting

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:
A light no darkness can quench.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
God is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

Lighting the Advent Candles

People of God: prepare! God, above all is one with us in Christ.
God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth.
God with us; God beside us, comes soon
to the world he has made. You are God's children.
We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ. Amen.

Sentence of the Day

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.
He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom
there will be no end. *Luke 1:32-33*

Prayer of Preparation

(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.**

Confession & Absolution:

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

A pause for reflection.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sin 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 sin,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

(Let us pray)

Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will:
prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;
for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm The Magnificat

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.**

**God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.**

**The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.**

**God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.**

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

(At 9.30am) Hymn (please stand)

- 1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

- 2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.**

- 3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

- 4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith
based on Luke 1:46-55*

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter one, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says...

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon –Celebrant

Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Intercessions

Let us pray for the Spirit's guidance in the world and for the church

The response to each petition is:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

After the intercessions:

Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.**

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.

(At 9.30am) Hymn

**1. Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation.**

2. Christ from heaven descending low
comes, on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their Owner know,
becradled in the manger.
3. Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!':
all the little boys he killed
at Bethlem in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.
5. Alpha and Omega he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
doth rend the air asunder.

*Latin 15th cent. tr.vv.1-3 Percy Dearmer(1867-1936)
v2 G>R>Woodward (1848-1934).*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.
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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
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 saying:

**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.

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 sin of the whole world.

(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith)

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

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:

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

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body:
for we all share in the one bread.

The congregation joins in the Agnus Dei.

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

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 our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

(At 9.30am) Hymn

- 1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady,” Gloria!**

- 2. “For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favoured lady,” Gloria!**

- 3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.”
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!**

- 4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say –
“Most highly favoured lady,” Gloria!**

*Words: Basque carol;
Tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924).*

Prayer after Communion

(Let us pray)

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.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out, in the power of your Spirit
To live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices

Hymn

- 1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***
- 2. They lookèd up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far:
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night:
*Nowell, nowell...***
- 3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went:
*Nowell, nowell...***

4. The star drew nigh to the north-west,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay:
Nowell, nowell...

5. Then entered in those wise men three;
full reverently, upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:
Nowell, nowell...

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth from nought,
and with his blood mankind has bought.
Nowell, nowell...

English Traditional

Blessing & Dismissal

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 upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

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Christmas Service Times:

Sunday 20th December - Family Lessons & Carols @ 6pm

Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve Eucharist @ 11pm

Friday 25th December - Christmas day Eucharist @ 8am & 9.30 am

Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMPSX>

A reminder that following Christmas we will have only

one service at 9am on the following Sundays:

December 27th, 2020

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st, 2021

8am & 9.30am services resume on Sunday February 7th, 2021

For your Prayers this week

The Nations and People of the Earth:

We pray that we too say an unequivocal yes to actively follow the way of Christ.

The people of Africa, with drought, famine, and ongoing violence affecting large parts of this vast continent.

All who continue to suffer from Coronavirus.

The Church and its Mission:

Mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

The Diocese of Riverina: Bishop Donald Kirk.

Ministry at Flinders Medical Centre: Michael Rogers

We give thanks for the work and witness of all who are preparing churches throughout the country for Christmas around this time.

At St Andrew's we pray for:

The ministry of The Rev'd Helen to the Allity community.

The readers and prayer leaders who exercise ministry in our liturgy each week.

Ourselves and our Community:

Small business owners in our community.

The residents of the Housing Commission Flats in our local area.

Special Prayer Request:

Marianne Cannon, Michael L., Neil Hurst, David, Andrew M.

The Departed

Thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith:

Thomas, *Apostle & Martyr*

December 21

Stephen, *Deacon & Martyr*

December 26

Notices

In the Parish

- ❖ **Stamps for ABM:** I am collecting used stamps (old and new) of all denominations for the Anglican Board of Mission as a good source of income for their work. If possible, it is a great help if the stamps are cut off the envelopes leaving a small margin of paper around each one. Thanks for all your past donations of stamps and for those to come. *Rosalie Harding*

- ❖ **Christmas Services:** If you have not already booked to attend the upcoming services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, please do so by following the link below:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMPSX> This will ensure that we know how many people we are expecting and to plan accordingly.

- ❖ **Future Liturgical Plans:** With the situation regarding COVID-19 now becoming more stable, it is my intent to return to a “new normal” of liturgical practice in February next year. We will welcome back Servers and Lay Assistants, and recommence the sung Mass Setting at 9.30am services. I expect that we will still have a reduced seating capacity in the church.

- ❖ **Sally Sandford-Morgan:** As announced last week, Sally will be continuing her Theological studies and formation next year as she spends 2021 as an Theological Student on placement at St. Jude’s, Brighton. The Reverend Canon Sophie Relf-Christopher will be her Supervisor, and we pray for Sally in this time of transition. It is planned that a lunch will be held on Sunday 31st January, 2021, to say farewell.

Diary Dates

Sunday 20 December	8am	Said Eucharist
Advent 4	9.30am	Said Eucharist with hymns
	6pm	Lessons & Carols
Thursday 24 December	11pm	Said Eucharist with Carols
Christmas Eve		
Friday 25 December	8am	Said Eucharist with Carols
Christmas Day	9.30am	Said Eucharist with Carols
Sunday 27 December	9am	Said Eucharist with hymns
Christmas 1		
Sunday 3 January, 2021	9am	Said Eucharist with hymns
Christmas 2		
Sunday 10 January	9am	Said Eucharist with hymns
Baptism of our Lord	(Rev. Wendy Moorecroft presiding)	
Sunday 17 January	9am	Said Eucharist with hymns
Baptism of our Lord	(Rev. Rachel Chapman presiding)	

Readings

Readings for Christmas Eve

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm: 96

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Readings for Christmas Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 6-12

Psalm: 97

2nd Reading: Titus 3:4-8a

Gospel: Luke 2:8-20

Readings for Sunday 27th December, 2020 (Christmas 1)

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm: 148

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Readings for Sunday 3rd January, 2021 (Christmas 2)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm: 147:12-20

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1:10-18

Rosters for this Sunday 20th December (Advent 4)

Celebrant & Preacher:		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	8.00 am	Brian Zwar
	9.30 am	Melodie Dow
Prayer Leader	9.30am	The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Lay Assistants:	8.00 am	Liz Owen
	9.30 am	Sally Sandford-Morgan
Sidespersons:	8.00 am	Brian Zwar
	9.30 am	Michael Thomas & Robin Coleman
Morning Tea:		Frances Wilson, Molly Radakovitch, and Joan Beer

Rosters for Christmas Services

Celebrant & Preacher:		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	11pm	Melodie Dow
	8.00 am	Ray Newell
	9.30 am	Hannah & Joshua Goodes
Prayer Leader		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Lay Assistants:	11pm	Sally Sandford-Morgan
	8.00 am	Liz Owen
	9.30 am	Sally Sandford-Morgan
Sidespersons:	11pm	Robin Coleman, Sandy Facy, & Roy Ingram
	8.00 am	Ray Newell
	9.30 am	Tony Holloway
COVID-Safe Marshalls:	11pm	Sally Zimmerman

Rosters for next Sunday 27th December (Christmas 1) - 9am service

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	Cam Dow
Prayer Leader	The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Lay Assistants:	Liz Owen
Liturgical Assistant:	Sally Sandford-Morgan
Sidespersons:	Ray Newell & Tony Holloway