# The Second Sunday of Advent

# 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 8.00am & 9.30am



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## **Today's Services**

# 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Holy Communion (sung) and Ministry of Healing

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Michael Hillier

Processional Hymn (please stand)

- 1. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding; 'Christ is nigh', it seems to say; 'cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day.'
- 2. Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.
- 3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven; let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;
- 4. That when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.
- 5. Honour, glory, might and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

Edward Caswall (1814-78) based on Vox clama ecce intonat (Latin, 5th or 6th century)

#### Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

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

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

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.

We light the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace. Jesus, light of our world, we hope for change in our own lives and in your world.

We watch and work and wait together in hope. Amen.

Sentence of the Day

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1: 78–79

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.

*Kyrie* (said at 8.00 am )
Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy**,
Christ, have mercy, **Christ have mercy**,
Lord, have mercy, **Lord have mercy**.

*Kyrie* (sung at 9.30 am)

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.



#### 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 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 sin, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

#### Trisagion

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Prayer of the Day
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.** 

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4
After the reading
Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

*The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus, Luke 1: 68–79)* 

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 1-11

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (please stand)

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

- 2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Jordanis oras praevia Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr John Chandler (1806-76)

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter three, beginning at the first 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 (please stand)

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 (please sit or kneel) – <u>refer to Cycle of Prayer on page 20</u>
Let us pray for the world and for the church.* 

*The response to each petition is:* 

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer for our new incumbent:

Almighty Father, lover of us all and giver of all that is good: hear our prayer for your servant, Tracey whom you have called to the charge of this parish. Strengthen her, Lord, by your Holy Spirit and fill her with love for your people; that as a faithful priest and true servant of your Son she may preach your word, minister your sacraments, and shepherd your flock, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Parish prayer:

God our Father, you have made us members of Christ and of his church in this parish. May our worship be the offering of our hearts and lives to you. Help us to reach out in welcome to newcomers and visitors, to encourage and care for each other in friendship and fellowship, and to grow in grace, love and unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### *After the intercessions:*

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.

#### The Prayer of Approach

Let us pray

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. 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.

Offertory Hymn – during this hymn the bread and wine for Holy Communion will be presented, and the Collection taken

- 1. When Jesus came to Jordan,
  to be baptized by John,
  he did not come for pardon,
  but as his Father's Son.
  He came to share repentance
  with all who mourn their sins,
  to speak the vital sentence
  with which good news begins.
- 2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
- 3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
  to keep the vows we make,
  this very day invade us,
  and every bondage break.
  Come, give our lives direction,
  the gift we covet most:
  to share the resurrection
  that leads to Pentecost.

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)* 

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 by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

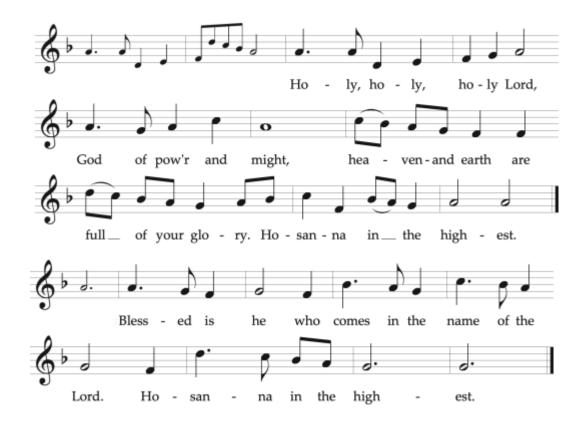
By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We thank you that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence stand before him who redeems us from sin and death and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

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: (sung at 9.30am)

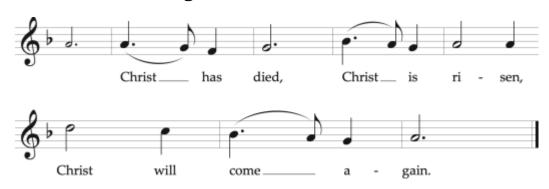
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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



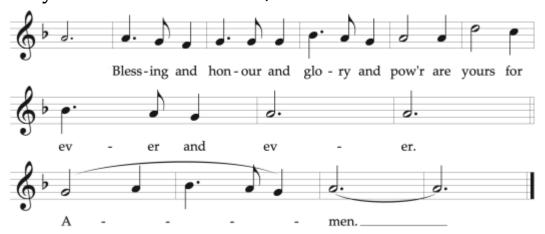
Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave 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 sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: (sung at 9.30am)
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: (sung at 9.30am)

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



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 Bread and Communion

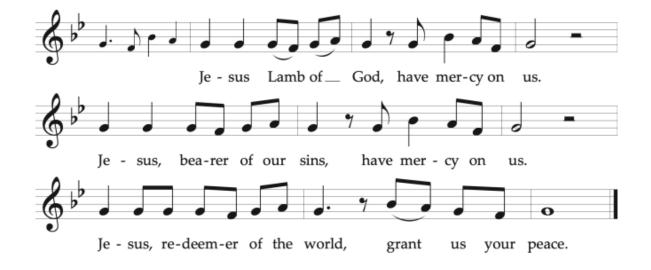
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:

for we all share in the one bread.

The congregation joins in the Agnus Dei (sung at 9.30am)

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

#### Administration of Communion

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).

Please do not intinct your Communion wafer into the wine, but receive them separately.

If you wish to receive the Ministry of Healing, please proceed to the foyer when you have received the Holy Communion.

#### Communion Hymn

- 1. Christ bids us break the bread and share the cup he gave, in token of the blood he shed for those he died to save.
- 2. It was for us he came, to bear, by human birth, a crown of thorn, a cross of shame, for every child of earth.
- 3. The Saviour crucified in glory rose again: we here remember him who died, ascended now to reign.

- 4. Our hearts his word obey, in thankfulness and love: we feed on Christ by faith today and feast with him above.
- 5. O Christ, once lifted up that we might be forgiven, we take the bread and drink the cup and share the life of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

#### 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 – see page 22* 

#### Final Hymn

- 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 thy own eternal Spirit,
  rule in all our hearts alone:
  by thy all-sufficient merit,
  raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

#### 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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

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

Organ Postlude - we sit in reflection



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If you are new today, welcome! Please join us for refreshments and conversation at Morning Tea following the 9.30 am service, in the Parish Centre next door.

Contact forms are available for you to complete today. We would love to have your contact details so that we can keep you up to date with the life of the parish. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers for a form, and return it to them (or place it in the offertory bowl) when you have completed it. Many thanks.

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CAROLS
ST PETER'S
CATHEDRAL

Carols sung by St Peter's Cathedral Choir
with traditional Christmas hymns
Choir, Organ & Brass directed by Anthony Hunt
7:00pm Christmas Eve (Dec 24th) - Admission Free

### For your Prayers this week

#### The Nations and People of the Earth:

- We pray for those who maintain the fabric of the State through making and implementing the law politicians, the judiciary and legal profession, and the police. Grant them wisdom and integrity in all that they do.
- For peace in our world.
- For all political prisoners, those being tortured and those traumatised by their experiences. Those who seek to help them.
- All who, through the media, influence the community and the responsibility this entails.

#### The Church and its Mission:

Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan Primate ++Ezekiel Kumir Kondo

Adelaide: Archdeaconry of The City of Adelaide and The Port: Sam Goodes (Kate)

Willochra: Ceduna: David Thompson (Jenny)

The Murray: Mannum - Mt Pleasant - Mt Torrens: locum tenens Bruce Hicks (Melita)

National Church: Bunbury: +Ian Coutts (Anne)

#### At St Andrew's we pray:

- For Tracey, our priest-elect.
- For our Wardens, Treasurer and members of the Parish Council.
- Those who assist with preparing for our Sunday worship.

#### Ourselves and our Community:

- We give thanks for the joy of love and friendship and pray for our family, relations, and friends.
- Pray for the staff of organisations that promote Marriage and family life, particularly those involved in counselling.
- Pray for those who are preparing for Marriage and all who are newly married.
- Pray for all orphans and unwanted children.
- Pray for all who are abused physically and psychologically.

#### Those asking for our prayers:

Maggie Crewes; Lyall von Einem; Wayne Butcher; Jill Berry; Rhonda Gilmour; Rosalie Harding; Kathy Edgar; Donna Coombe

#### The Departed

We give thanks to God for all who have gone before us and who have helped to shape our lives. As we remember them, we give thanks and pray for all the faithful departed:

Lucy (d. 304), martyr and virgin

13 December

John of the Cross (d. 1951), mystic and teacher

14 December

#### **Reflection: Wisdom**

"You can know many things, you can know a lot of facts about things, even facts about yourself, yet it is the things that you realise that move deeply into you. Wisdom then is a deeper way of knowing. Wisdom is the art of living in rhythm with your soul, your life and the divine. Wisdom is the way that you learn to decipher the unknown and the unknown is our closest companion. So, wisdom is the art of being courageous and generous with the unknown, of being able to decipher and recognise its treasures. In Celtic culture, and in the old Irish Celtic world, there was immense respect for wisdom. Since the Celtic world was primarily a matriarchal society very many of these wise people were women. The Celts had a wonderful tradition of wisdom which subsequently continued into Irish monasticism."

John O'Donohue, Anam Cara p.237

#### Readings for next Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20

A Song of Isaiah

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

#### *In the Parish*

- ❖ **RECTORY:** Negotiations are currently taking place regarding letting the Rectory. There will be a meeting of the Parish Council to make a final decision, after the 9.30am service next Sunday, 8th December.
- ❖ ORGAN MUSIC SOCIETY CHRISTMAS VISIT: at St Andrew's TOMORROW, Monday December 9th at 7.30pm. Prof Greg Crawford AM and other organists will demonstrate the capabilities of the organ. Christmas carols, and supper following. All welcome.
- ❖ FROM THE PATRONAGE COMMITTEE: The commissioning of The Rev'd Tracey Gracey as Rector of the parish is to take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm (NB new service time). Please pray for her as she prepares for her new role and for us as we receive her into this community.
- ❖ ADVENT & CHRISTMAS APPEALS: ABM, CHRISTMAS BOWL: Envelopes are available at the back of the church for both appeals: they can be returned by post, or through us. For more information, or to donate online, for ABM visit <a href="www.abmission.org/Advent2024">www.abmission.org/Advent2024</a> and for Christmas Bowl visit mycb.link/48095
- ❖ FLOWER MINISTRY: Thank you to all flower arrangers for the beautiful flowers in our church this past year. It is greatly appreciated! If any parishioners have white flowers or Christmas greenery/holly, to use for Christmas Day arrangements could you please let any of the Flower Ministry team know. Sally Zimmerman, Elizabeth Ellison, Heather Wheatley, Helen Hancock, Jennie Coleman, Christine Crawford. If you would like to join this friendly team, we would love to hear from you.

#### **❖ SERVICE TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 11pm Holy Communion and carols
- ❖ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 8am, 9.30am Holy Communion
- ❖ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 8am, 9.30am Holy Communion
- ❖ Sundays in January: <u>9am</u> Holy Communion (said, with hymns)
- ❖ 8am & 9.30am services resume on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

## **Diary Dates**

Sunday 8 December Advent 2	8.00am 9.30am	<i>'</i>
Monday 9 December	7.30pm	Organ Music Society visit (Church)
Tuesday 10 December	11.00am	'Life through the Bible' (Wheatleys)
	11.00am	Rehearsal for service (Church)
	4.45pm	School Valedictory service (Church)
Wednesday 11 December 9.30am		Office open until 5pm
	10.30am	Holy Communion (Allity)
	12.30pm	Rostrum Club meeting + lunch (PC)
Friday 13 December	9.30am	1 1
	10.00am	Tai Chi (Parish Centre)
	10.00am	Staff Meeting (Office)
	1.00pm	Cleaner trial (all facilities)
Saturday 14 December	8.30am	Men's Breakfast (Parish Centre)
Sunday 15 December Advent 3	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion (said) Holy Communion (sung)
Wednesday 18 December 9.30am		Office open until 5pm
	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting (PC)
Friday 20 December	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Staff Meeting (Office)
	1.00pm	Cleaner trial (all facilities)
Sunday 22 December Advent 4	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion (said) Holy Communion (sung)

We could do with help for the following roles on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please contact the office if you can assist.

<u>Christmas Eve, 11pm</u>: Prayer Leader; Lay Assistant; Welcomers

Christmas Day, 8.00am: Lay Assistant; Welcomer

<u>Christmas Day, 9.30am</u>: Prayer Leader; Lay Assistant; Welcomers

#### Rosters for today, Sunday 8th December (Advent 2)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Michael Hillier

Readers: 8.00am Ray Newell

9.30am Sandy Facy

Prayer Leader: 9.30am Lyn Dow

Lay Assistants: 8.00am Darren Fleming

9.30am Malcolm Allen

Server: 9.30am Jennifer Harris

Welcomers: 8.00am Jan de Wit

9.30am Sally Zimmerman; Roy Ingram

Morning Tea 9.30am Val Ingram; Suzanne Sexton

Cake: Chris Thomas

#### Rosters for next Sunday, 15th December (Advent 3)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Michael Hillier

Readers: 8.00am Brian Zwar

9.30am Robert Dow

Prayer Leader: 9.30am Michael Thomas Lay Assistants: 8.00am Darren Fleming

9.30am Biffy Ormsby

Server: 9.30am John Beer Welcomers: 8.00am Brian Zwar

9.30am Michael Thomas; Rob Dow

Morning Tea 9.30am Frances Wilson; Molly Radakovitch;

Joan Beer. Cake: Jenny Harris

### Rosters for Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December (Advent 4)

Celebrant & Preacher: 8.00 & 9.30am The Rev'd Michael Hillier

Readers: 8.00am Ray Newell

9.30am Cameron Dow

Prayer Leader: 9.30am Wayne Butcher Lay Assistants: 8.00am *Volunteer needed* 

9.30am Wayne Butcher

9.30am Michael Thomas

Welcomers: 8.00am Ray Newell

Server:

9.30am Robin Coleman; Tony Holloway

Morning Tea 9.30am Jennie Coleman; Margaret Gall; Donna

Coombe; Yvonne Facy. Cake: Victoria F