



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

Third Sunday of Advent **15 December 2024 | 9am**

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

I hope you can stay and enjoy morning tea after the service.
Rev Mark Wormell, Acting Rector.

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST	
CELEBRANT & PREACHER	<i>REV. MARK WORMELL</i>
ORGANIST	<i>GLENN AMER</i>
CANTOR	<i>JENNY DAVEY</i>
SETTING	<i>DUDMAN</i>

A Hearing Loop is available in the pews on the left-hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: St Cecilia

Please stand

- 1 Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.
- 2 Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?
- 3 When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?
- 4 We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.
- 5 Men scorn thy sacred name,
and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.
- 6 O'er lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise, and never set!

Lewis Hensley (1824 – 1905)

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

✕ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SENTENCE

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. Zephaniah 3.16–17

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 ELEISON

2 *mp*
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

7
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

11
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Advent Candle marks the progress of the Advent season of waiting, watching, and praying - waiting with Israel for the Messiah, reading the prophecies of his arrival, waiting with the world for Messiah's return – the light of the world.

Celebrant

The Lord of the light comes to save us.

Let us live in his light.



Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. *Amos 5:18*

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:9

The Candle is lit

As we light our advent candle

Light of the world, shine on us.

Silence is kept

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them has light shined.

Isaiah 9:2

THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

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

Silence

Let us then confess 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the **Prophet Zephaniah 3.14-20**

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your
heart, Daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;

never again will you fear any harm. ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, 'Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.' ¹⁸ 'I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered shame. ²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,' says the Lord .

Hear the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

A Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12.2-6)

Celebrant

'Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;

All

**'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.'**

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say:
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;**

'Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

SECOND READING

A reading from **the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 4.4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

John said: 'He who is to come is mightier than I; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 3.7-18**



John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.' ¹⁰ 'What should we do then?' the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.' ¹² Even tax

collectors came to be baptised. 'Teacher,' they asked, 'what should we do?' ¹³ 'Don't collect any more than you are required to,' he told them. ¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, 'And what should we do?' He replied, 'Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.' ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON - *Please sit*

HYMN

Tune: Winchester new

Please stand

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Charles Coffin (1676 – 1749)

THE NICENE CREED

Senior Server

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Senior Server

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer. Each petition ends with this response:

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As Christ has taught us, we 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**

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

**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.**

THE 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.

*All are invited to greet those immediately around them with the words,
“Peace be with you” “And also with you”.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains three measures of music. The first measure is labeled 'Cantor' and the second and third are labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you: And also with you. Lift up your hearts:'. The second staff begins with a measure number '4' and contains two measures of music. The first measure is labeled 'People' and the second is labeled 'Cantor'. The lyrics are: 'We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:'. The third staff begins with a measure number '6' and contains one measure of music labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise:'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

We give you thanks and praise for 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 singing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 when 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.

Cantor

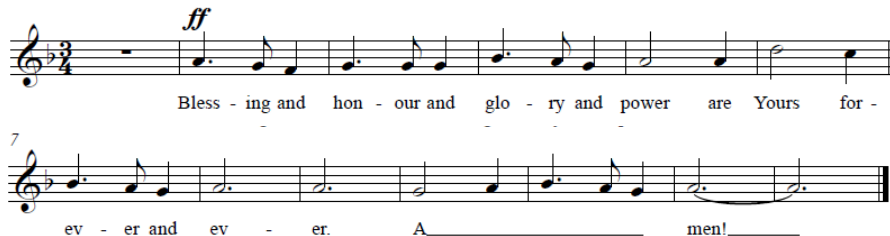
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



ff
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain!

All

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.



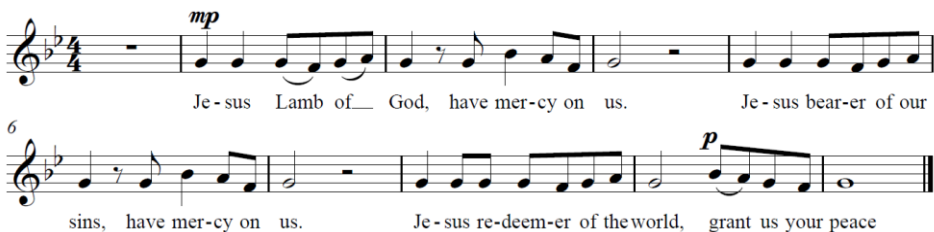
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Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are Yours for -
7
ev - er and ev - er. A _____ men! _____

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

AGNUS DEI



mp
Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear - er of our
6
sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus re - deem - er of the world, *p* grant us your peace

INVITATION

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.

*As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. **Amen.***

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

The congregation sits or kneels.

Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

SENTENCE

John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Luke 3:16

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

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.**

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Please be seated

GOD'S BLESSING

Please stand

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.**

DISMISSAL

Senior Server

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: Austria

Please stand

- 1 Zion's king shall reign victorious,
All the earth shall own His sway;
He will make His kingdom glorious,
He will reign through endless day.
What though none on earth assist Him,
God requires not help from man;
What though all the world resist Him,
God will realize His plan.

- 2 Nations now from God estrangèd,
Then shall see a glorious light,
Night to day shall then be changèd,
Heaven shall triumph in the sight;
See the ancient idols falling!
Worshipped once, but now abhorred;
Men on Zion's king are calling,
Zion's king by all adored.

- 3 Then shall Israel, long dispersèd,
Mourning seek the Lord their God,
Look on Him whom once they piercèd,
Own and kiss the chastening rod;
Then all Israel shall be savèd,
War and tumult then shall cease,
While the greater Son of David
Rules a conquered world in peace.

Thomas Kelly (1769 – 1855)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits. As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ postlude in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building.

A basket for financial contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's is available at the entrance to the church building.

PARISH BULLETIN

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

Lord our God, giver of all grace, have mercy on your Church throughout the world. Renew its life; restore its unity; sanctify its worship; empower its witness; and make it a fit instrument for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom among all people, to the glory of his great name. Amen.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin and the Church of England, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Acting Rector Rev'd Mark Wormell and our Honorary Associate Minister Peter Watson. We pray for Mosman Uniting Church.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Makito Miyashita, serving with the Samurai Project, Tokyo.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Mayor of North Sydney and local Councillors

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Regions of the world affected by natural disasters: floods, drought, famine, disease.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Norman Reynolds, David Routley, Chris Schwarzer, Holly Schwarzer and Noah Schwarzer, Lynette Scott, Jay Senarathna and Peter Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASK FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Sofia Awad, Marty McCallum, Gill Stemp, Janne, Pamela, Susan Upton, Margie & Rein, Russ McLean, Giuseppe & Maria, Bobby Dee Deal, and Kevin Matheson.

THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Anne Blake and those who attend our monthly services at Bougainvillea, Neutral Bay and BUPA Mosman.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We praise God for his faithful servants in every age. We pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of God's eternal kingdom. We remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Please pray for the parish nominators, Helen, Bronwyn, John, Bruce and Edwina, as they seek to ensure we have someone to serve us as rector.

TODAY	10:30am	Christmas Produce Stall – DA Room
Tues 17 Dec	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	10am	Table Group – Café Laon
Wed 19 Dec	10am	Men’s Table Group – Parish Meeting Room
	2pm	Service at BUPA Mosman
	7:30pm	Table Group at a home in Cremorne

CHRISTMAS PRODUCE STALL - TODAY

Gifts for Christmas of St Peter’s marmalade, chutney and lemon butter will be available in the DA Room during morning tea.

With thanks. Edwina Waddy



THANK YOU FROM THE CRAFTERS

Thank you to all those who supported the Crafters’ Christmas Fair. The fair welcomed many visitors on the day and raised \$489.50 for the ABM Mission – clean water and literacy in Vanuatu.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will be temporarily closed for the holiday season from:

Wednesday 18 December - Monday 6 January 2025

Email and voicemail will be monitored regularly during this time but all other items will be addressed when the office reopens.

The office will reopen on Tuesday 7 January 2025 9am – 2pm.



TOYS ‘N’ TUCKER – THANK YOU

It was wonderful to open the bags of food and gifts for those in need this Christmas, when they were all sorted and packed into single boxes to be picked up by Anglicare. Thank you for your generosity - everything will bring joy to those whose Christmas is looking a little sad with the current cost of living for basic requirements.

Edwina Waddy Mission Secretary



AN ADDITIONAL WAY TO DONATE TO ST PETER'S

Following a request from some parishioners, and following the lead from other parishes, the Parish Council has purchased a Tap and Go device, to be located next to the offertory basket.

The device will have pre-set dollar amounts for convenience, or donors can select an amount of their individual choice.

Donors can use their credit card/debit card or smartphone to make a payment.

As fewer people carry cash, we are providing a further option for visitors - and parishioners should you wish to use it. This option does not replace the offertory envelopes or regular direct debits to our bank account for those who prefer to contribute as they currently do.

Thank you, Parish Council.



USED STAMPS FOR ABM


Christmas being a time when we receive more stamps than usual, they can earn funds for ABM. To donate stamps to ABM, please remove them from the envelope carefully (cutting is better than tearing), leaving, if possible at least 1 cm around them, and place them in the marked box in the DA Room, or give them to me.




Thanking you in advance, Caroline Bowyer (ABM stamp manager).

Parish Calendar

December 2024

December		
Sunday 15 December	Christmas Produce Sale	10:30am
Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve	All Ages Service	5:30pm
	Solemn Eucharist	11pm
Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day	Christmas Day Service	9am

WEEKLY ROSTERS

	This Week 15 December 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent	Next Week 22 December 2024 4th Sunday of Advent
First Reading	Zephaniah 3.14-20	Micah 5.2-5a
Psalm	A song of Isaiah	Psalm 80:1-7
Second Reading	Philippians 4.4-7	Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel	Luke 3.7-18	Luke 1.39-45
Preacher	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Celebrant	Rev Mark Wormell	Rev Mark Wormell
Senior Server	John Halford	Roy Bartlett
Crucifer	Sharon Boddu	Prabhu Boddu
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	Barbara Gordon	Lizzie St Quintin
Sideperson	Laura Mock	Graham St Quintin
Readers	Audrey Bradshaw David Cohen	Margaret MacNabb Graham St Quintin
Intercessor	Esme Parker	Cheryl Dunn Ken Bernie
Chalice	Barbara Gordon	Stefan Trofimovs
Livestream	Prabhu Boddu	Enzo Machiavelli
Morning tea	Helen Fordham Sharon Boddu	Sue Paul Anna Reed- Stephenson
Sacristy Linen	Audrey Bradshaw	Kerri Trofimovs

