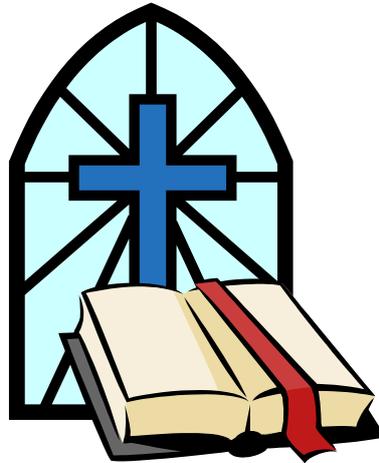


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The Second Sunday of Advent

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.



You helped them to spread the joyful message of his
coming kingdom.

Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to
share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen

The Prayer of the Day

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.

**A reading from the Prophet Malachi,
Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 1**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

[NRSV Malachi 3:1-4]

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God

Psalm: Song of Zechariah

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you 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 your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous before you, 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 the way,

To give God's 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.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians *Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 1*

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

[NRSV Philippians 1:1-11]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gradual: Tis 567 v1,2,4 & 5

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

[NRSV Luke 3:1-6]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory: Tis 264 Tune 136

Final: Tis 547 v1,2,3 & 5

A Prayer for the Parish of Port Lincoln

Father help us to be a Church that is a welcoming, caring, and meaningful community.

A community which enjoys the celebration of the sacraments and has a passion to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

A community which reaches out to others, sharing the love of God with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for the Appointment of a Parish Priest

Bountiful God,

give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfill our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God, who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Link

Submissions for the link accepted until 12:00 Wednesday. Thank you

For those with an ongoing need:

Peter Linn, Darren & Rachel, Arthur R, Joyce H, Brian L, Brooke, Ryan, David R, Donna, Kelly, Jan, Helen and Kimberly.

Remembering those who have joined God in the eternal life:

Bob Whittaker, Judy McFarlane

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The Prayer of Serenity

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

This Week's Events

Wednesday: 12-30pm - Prayers for the Community

Thursday: 10.30 am - MU Office and APBA Thanksgiving

Friday 9 am to 3 pm - Op Shop open in the Parish Hall.

Friday 4pm to 5 pm - Meditation in the church

OP SHOP IN PARISH HALL – Friday 9am to 3pm

Fresh fruit and vegetables are welcome early in the day. Clean shopping bags, clean clothes, and household utensils, knick-knacks etc welcome. For safety, please do not bring in electrical items. Offers to help in the shop on the roster, and to set out and put away, are always welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY

16th December 2018,

9am St Thomas

11am St Matthew - Poonindie



**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 18TH AT
6.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS
BBQ**

**A Parish Gathering for
Celebration and Fellowship at
Christmas**

Please come along to the Parish

Christmas BBQ at the Parish Centre on
December 18th



PARISH
CHRISTMAS BBQ

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 18TH
AT 6.30PM

AT THE PARISH
CENTRE

PLEASE BRING
SMALL SALAD OR
SWEET TO SHARE

EVERYTHING
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PROVIDED



Notices

Times when Martin will be in Port Lincoln:

Dec 16 – Dec 25

Jan 6 – Jan 13 2019

Christmas Eve services Monday 24th December at:

St Andrews - Elliston at 5pm

St Margaret – Tumbly Bay at 5pm

St Simon and St Jude - Cummins at 8pm

St Matthews - Poonindie at 6pm

St Thomas' – Port Lincoln at 8pm

Christmas Day services Tuesday 25th December at:

St Thomas' - Port Lincoln at 9am

St Matthias – Wangary at 11am

Church office will be closed from 1pm December 20th and reopening on January 9th at 10am.

Could any notices to be included in the Link for the 30/12 and 6/1 be forwarded to the office by 13/12 Thanks, Lynne

Volunteers required to take out and bring in church bins each week from start of school holidays (14/12). The bins go out for pick up each Wednesday morning, starting on 19/12. Please call church office if you can assist on 8683 0036

Christmas Bowl

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent and the theme for this week is Peace.

In war-torn Pakistan, building a just, peaceful society starts with breaking down the barriers to education. Through your Christmas Bowl gifts, you can give children the chance to go to school, escape poverty and create peaceful, productive lives.

Christmas Tree Decoration for the Church

Volunteers are needed for the decoration of the Christmas Tree in the Church on Friday 21st December at 10am. A ladder and a tall man are specifically needed to assist in the process.

WOMEN'S SHELTER CHRISTMAS GIFTS



The Christmas Tree goes up in St Thomas on December 21st and you are invited to leave gifts under the tree on Sunday December 23rd.

Children's gifts should be gender neutral if possible, and small adult gifts are also welcome.

GIFTS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE WOMEN'S SHELTER ON MONDAY DECEMBER 24TH SO THAT THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY CHRISTMAS DAY

THE WOMEN'S SHELTER ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATES THE GENEROSITY OF ST THOMAS AT CHRISTMAS