

Prayer – Advent 1

God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Sunday 9 December 9am 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of St George's. Guest - Bishop Godfrey Fryar



Everyone is invited to the Parish Christmas lunch to follow at Tranquil Park (483 Mountain View Road, Maleny) at 11:30am. The guest speaker will be Bishop Godfrey Fryar with the topic of "Life as a Bishop" with some humorous anecdotes. Tickets are \$25.00 per person - payments may be made directly to CBA 064 424 A/c Name: Anglican Parish of Maleny A/c No. 1012 2981 using reference of your name/s or via envelopes to collection plate or to Shirley (Kenilworth), Carole (Montville) and Susan (Maleny). Also let us know if you have any special dietary requirements eg. vegetarian or gluten free.

Christmas Appeals Envelopes available for Christmas Bowl - Act for Peace

Christmas Hampers 2018 Deadline of 15 December.

Items requested are -
*Small "goodies" *Personal items for both women & men
*Any other items you think appropriate for oldies.



Next Street Stalls -
Friday 7 Dec MALENY
Saturday 8 Dec
KENILWORTH

Christmas Services 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Sunday 23 December

7:30am St Mary's Montville - Rev'd Kaye Pitman
9:00am St George's Maleny - Rev'd Jeanette
5:00pm St Luke's Kenilworth - Rev'd Jeanette

Christmas Eve - Monday 24 December - No morning Services

5:30pm Christmas Carols followed by
6:00pm Christingle Family Communion Service -
St Mary's Montville - Rev'd Ann Shepperson
7:00pm Christingle Family Communion Service -
St George's Maleny - Rev'd Jeanette

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day Eucharist Services

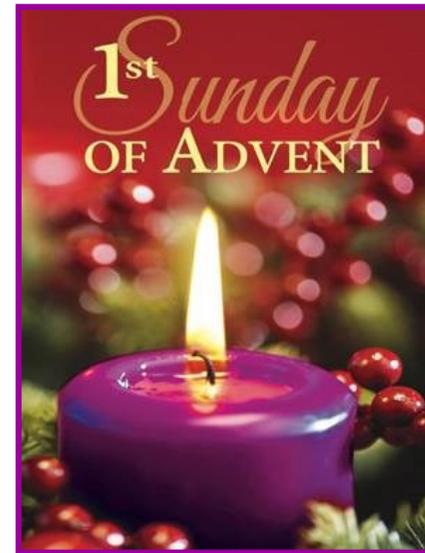
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Anglican
Church
Parish of Maleny

Our vision is to
"Love one another as Jesus loves us"
Our mission is to
Obey Jesus' commandment,
"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

First Sunday of Advent 2 December 2018



Almighty God,
give us grace that we may
cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came among us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

WELCOME to our worship today.
Please invite someone to join you and stay for
fellowship and refreshment after the Service.

TODAY'S SERVICES

Services:	Celebrants:	
St Mary's Montville	7:30am	Rev'd Jeanette Jamieson
St George's Maleny	9:00am	Rev'd Jeanette Jamieson
St Luke's Kenilworth	9:00am	Mr John Gratton-Caine



MESSY CHURCH - TODAY
3:45pm - 6pm at St George's

Readings for 9 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Malachi 3.1-4 Song of Zechariah Philippians 1.1-11 Luke 3.1-6	Readings for 16 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Zephaniah 3.14-20 Song of Isaiah (APBA p. 391) Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18 (St George's Lessons & Carols Service)
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Sentence of the Day: Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21.28

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH
CHAPTER 33: BEGINNING AT THE 14TH VERSE: (Pew Bible page 645)**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:
“The Lord is our righteousness.”

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM 25.1-10 (A Prayer Book for Australia page 244) We say alternate verses

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.

Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths.

Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.

In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord.

Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.

The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.

All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

Upcoming Events -

TODAY	3:45pm	Messy Church at St George's
Tuesday	4 December 10am	St George's Ladies Guild Meeting
Wednesday	5 December 11am	Mapleton Home Communion Service at Mary & Keith Allrights home
Friday	7 December	Maleny Street Stall
Friday	7 December 6:30pm	Commissioning of new priest - Parish of Chermside
Saturday	8 December	Kenilworth Street Stall
Sunday	9 December 9am	25th Anniversary of the Dedication of St George's - Guest Speaker Bishop Godfrey Fryar
	11:30am	Parish Lunch - Tranquil Park Maleny (more information on back page)
Friday	14 December 6pm	Maleny Christmas Festival - Community Centre

Weekly Events

*Meditation Groups - Wednesdays 9:00am Montville and 11:00am Maleny
Thursdays 9:00am Kenilworth*
Prayer & Praise Night - Tuesdays 6:45 to 8:45 pm Neil & Judy Payne 5429 6544

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Parish Minute Secretary	Parish Hon Treasurer	Assistant Treasurer
Margaret Walker 5494 2028	Debbie Shepherd	Susan Myring

Retired Priests:

The Rev'd Derek Barrett, The Rev'd Kaye Pitman OAM, The Very Rev'd Chris Whittall OAM

Honorary Assistant Priest:

The Rev'd Ann Shepperson (Pastoral Care Coordinator Sunshine Coast University Hospital)

Prayer Chain Coordinators: Kenilworth: TBA

Montville: Margaret Young 5445 7550 **Maleny:** Patricia Jackson 5494 2583

Pastoral Care Coordinators:

Kenilworth: Shirley Moreland 5446 0171 **Montville:** Carole Phillips 5445 7839

Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather in this Church, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

We ask your prayers:



- For peace and justice in the world: we pray particularly for those parts of the world that are in the news this week
- For **The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)**: †Carlos Lopez Lozano
- For **The Diocese of Adelaide**: †Geoff Smith †Timothy Harris †Chris McLeod; Clergy & People
- For **The Parish of Chermside**: Jim Nolan-Locum, Gay Nye, Canon Don Edwards, Brian Hanley
- For **Anglicare SQ - Community Aged & Disability - Logan**
- For **Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane**: Headmaster - Alan Campbell; Chaplain - Bryan Gadd; Chair of School Council - Daniel O'Connor, members of School council; staff and students
- For Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, Parish Nominators & Synod Representatives
- For people who are sick, in body, mind or spirit, for those whom we have listed in our bulletin, and for those known to us personally.
- Remembering the faithful departed & all those whose years mind occurs at this time.

Within our Parish

Maleny: Roger Byrne, Mabel Crosby, Margaret Drake, Matthew Dawson & Amelie

Montville: Christine Long and Anne McAlister

The Anglican Parish of Maleny in the Diocese of Brisbane is committed to protecting your privacy. The people on the list of the sick have personally requested prayers.

'Going For Growth in Christ' - Anglican Church Southern Queensland

Our Vision

Through: Knowing God and our faith more deeply Serving our communities more compassionately Making new disciples of Christ to impact the world more effectively Resourcing this mission more generously

Prayer

Living God, creator, redeemer, strengthener: enliven, guide and strengthen your Church in all you send us to do. By your Holy Spirit enable us to grow - in faith, in service, in generous giving; and add to your Church new disciples that your saving, reconciling, recreating work may go forward, **Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Aglow - Sunshine Coast HIGH TEA is on Friday 7th December, commencing at 9.30am at Flame Tree Baptist Church Hall, 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside. RSVP Melva 5443 5752 or Dorothy 5476 4190 by Friday 30th Nov. for catering purposes. Entry \$8. Men & women are welcome. Aglow is a world-wide, non-denominational Christian organisation with Branches in over 170 Nations on 6 Continents. Dorothy Scurr-Secretary

'Joy Upon Joy' - An Advent Devotional by Charles Spurgeon

Reflections for individual or group use - **\$10.00 each**. A list for those who wish to purchase a copy is provided. Limited number available.



Messy Church - Sunday 2 December

St George's 3:45pm - 6pm

Theme: For God So Loved The World ...

Activities based on Bible Reading John 3:16-17.

Make Christmas Nativity Story Stones . Create Little Nativity boxes.

Colour the Messy Shed. Quiet space to consider those alone this Christmas.

Decorate our Christmas/Gratitude tree. Dinner trivia with special prize for winner.

Roast Chicken & veges plus Christmas pudding & custard

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 3: BEGINNING AT THE 9TH VERSE:

(Pew Bible page 960)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

CHAPTER 21: BEGINNING AT THE 25TH VERSE:

(Pew Bible page 856)

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

FOR THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Rev'd Derek Barrett's Commentary on the Readings:

Psalm 25

Arnold Thomas (1848-1924) may very well have had this psalm in mind when he wrote: "Lord Christ, who on Thy heart didst bear the burden of our shame and sin, and now on high dost stoop to share the fight without, the fear within; Thy patience cannot know defeat, Thy pity will not be denied, Thy loving-kindness still is great,

Thy tender mercies still abide. So in our present need we pray to Thee, our living, healing, Lord, that we Thy people day by day, may follow Thee and keep Thy word; that we may care as Thou hast cared, for sick and lame, for deaf and blind, and freely share, as Thou hast shared, in all the sorrows of mankind; that ours may be the holy task to help and bless, to heal and save; this is the privilege we ask, and this is the happiness we crave. So in Thy mercy make us wise, and lead us in the ways of love, until, at last, our wondering eyes look on Thy glorious face above.

1 Thessalonians 3

Lent and Advent are both seasons which call for a concentration on corporate and private prayer, and today's epistle helps us in this regard with its focus on Paul's life devoted to prayer for those to whom he has been called and sent. He is full of thankfulness that they have thrown in their lot with him in mutual concern and hopes for each other in communion with the Risen Lord who is governing their lives and their actions. Note the four essential parts of the prayer, namely, the exaltation of Jesus, the humility shown in the Apostle's prayer that the congregations may increase in stature, the emphasis on "the brotherhood" and sharing, and the purpose of the prayer, "so that He may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before Our God". Advent is getting ourselves ready to meet Jesus with an increase of love which will lead to holy communion. Advent stands on its own two feet, and to regard it as "a preparation for Christmas" is to "move the goalposts"!

Luke 21

Theological writers call this "the synoptic apocalypse", the signs of the second coming as revealed in the first three books of the New Testament (Mark 13, Matthew 24, Luke 21). All three have the main topics, the solemn forecast of the future, the timely signs which will indicate that the prayer, "Thy Will be done" is about to be answered, and the urgent exhortation to be ready and not taken by surprise. The secular world already mostly sated with affluence is being urged by the commercial world to get ready for the Christmas "rush". We can hardly avoid all the hype, but for the next four weeks there is a greater priority "to keep a watch on ourselves, to prevent our minds being dulled by worldly cares, to be on the alert, to pray for strength and be ready to stand in the Presence of the Son of Man".

Christmas Cards For Sale The **Mothers' Union** have Christmas Cards for sale. For more information or reserve cards contact Judy Payne 5429 6544

FOOD PANTRY - NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE: December's request : **Rolled Oats**
To prepare for next month - **January's request : Brown Rice**

St George's Advent Study Group started on Thursday 29 November at 11:00am. For more information contact June Allison 5435 2941

Australian Anglican Church Calendars 2019 \$15.00 each
Orders need to be finalised by 10 December 2018

Deadline for Weekly Pew Sheet - Items need to be at the office by Tuesday afternoon.

Pastoral Care at St George's

Our Parish Mission statement and vision is that we will obey Jesus' commandment to 'love one another as I have loved you'. As we work towards living out this mission statement within our Parish, we have decided to put in place a number of pastoral care groups at St George's to facilitate our care for each other.

The Parish Roll has been divided into small groups with a co-ordinator for each small group. The groups have been put together to work as a mutually supportive group with the co-ordinators undertaking the role as facilitators (keeping in touch with members of their group). Group members and co-ordinators have been allocated according to addresses and current support networks.

Rev'd Ann Shepperson, Anglican Pastoral Care Coordinator (Northern Region) has offered to help us develop our pastoral care skills. We recently met with the Pastoral Care co-ordinators and it was decided that the co-ordinators of each group will contact each of their group members to introduce themselves. It is hoped that each group member will then continue to keep in touch with other members of their group and their co-ordinator. To assist us in this vital Pastoral care ministry, Rev'd Ann will run a short Pastoral Care course of 4 sessions beginning on Tuesday, 19 February and concluding on Tuesday, 2 April next year. The cost for each person attending the course will be \$20.00. This course will help us to develop skills in listening to and caring for each other. All are welcome to attend. More information on this course will be provided early in the New Year.

St George's has been the focus of this small group ministry to facilitate the pastoral care needs of the large number of parishioners on our roll. In the future, St Mary's and St Luke's may decide to implement a similar system.

Many thanks for your continuing support of this very necessary and worthwhile ministry,

Rev'd Jeanette

On Saturday, 1 December, the Archbishop ordained as deacons and priests the following candidates in St John's Cathedral. Following ordination these deacons and priests will be appointed to the positions indicated. Please pray for these newly ordained priests and deacons as they begin their new ministry.

Deacons

Ms Susan Baker	Assistant Curate Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley
Ms Erika Williams	Assistant Curate St Andrew's Springfield & Chaplain Springfield Anglican College
Ms Danielle Clark	Assistant Curate St John's Cathedral
Mr Richard Gummow	Assistant Curate Maranoa-Warrego Anglican Mission Area
Mr Scott Windred	Assistant Curate St Bartholomew's Mt Gravatt
Ms Beryl Nielsen	Honorary Assistant Curate St Faith's Strathpine

Priests

The Rev'd Deborah Bird	St Mark's Buderim - Assistant Priest St James' Toowoomba
The Rev'd Zoe Browne	Honorary Assistant Priest St Bartholomew's Toowoomba & Chaplain Toowoomba Anglican College & Preparatory School
The Rev'd Rosemary Gardiner	Assistant Priest St Augustine's Hamilton
The Rev'd Peter Jeffery	Assistant Priest St Barnabas' Sunnybank
The Rev'd Stephen Monsiegnur	Assistant Priest St Paul's Ipswich
The Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson	Assistant Priest St Andrew's Caloundra
The Rev'd Bronwyn Pagram	Assistant Priest St John's Cathedral