Christ Church North Adelaide



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism from the Book of Common Prayer

Sunday 19 December 2021

The Rector Writes



Welcome to Christ Church, a very special welcome to any visitors with us today. Please join us for morning tea in the parish hall following the morning services. If you are a visitor, please make yourself known to me at the door. It will be lovely to make your acquaintance.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the National Church Life Survey and returned the forms; today is the day that we are wanting to close the survey. If you have not completed one, please get one from the back of the Church and complete at morning tea. We appreciate getting as many responses as possible.

Tonight we are holding our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 7pm. Please may I encourage you to attend and to bring with you family, friends and neighbours. Christmas is a time that people are open to an invitation to attend church.

In January on Thursday evenings at 7pm I will be running the Resolve course, both for people in the Parish and also for those beyond. Resolve is a four-week course that aims to connect with those who visit our church over the Christmas period and then go on to make New Year resolutions. Over four weeks delegates explore how to look after their bodies, strengthen their minds, inspire their souls and deepen their relationships. Our hope is that in running Resolve, a space will be created to enable conversations to flourish, life skills to be developed, relationships to be formed and for people to deepen their spiritual experiences. Please be praying for this and thinking of those you might be able to invite.

Our Collect this week asks that God works amongst us with power. We acknowledge that our sins and wickedness so often stop us running the race that God has placed before us. And yet, it is by God's bountiful grace and mercy that we are included into God's family because of the work of Jesus. It is a joy to pause for a moment and realise all that God has done for us, from creation all the way through to salvation in Jesus. Then to acknowledge that the God who has done all that still wants to work through us today. What is the power of God that wants to work through you? To show love, to show justice, to see God's Kingdom come near those that you meet. So often it is only by the power of God that we see things transformed and changed.

Every Blessing, Stephen

		The Last Sunday's Attendants		
		Attendants	Communicants	
8am	Holy Eucharist	20	20	
10am	Choral Eucharist	43	34	
5.45pm	Litany	-		
6pm	Choral Evensong	16		

COVID ETIQUETTE

It continues to be difficult under the current restrictions to do a lot of things that we would consider normal to do at church. Masks continue to be required at church as it is an indoor public place, with all the normal exceptions for medical reasons.

All the normal precautions we're already taking apply: we'll still have check-in, exercise social distancing (1.5m) particularly between groups, and if you're feeling unwell, please stay home and get tested. The Archbishop has asked that we continue to encourage those who can to get vaccinated. If you wish to join in the singing, best practice as advised by Churches Together SA is:

" If singing is essential to your practice of worship or faith based service, this is permitted, but masks must be worn at all times. To ensure masks remain effective and protect you, you should change your mask as soon as it becomes damp and also after you have finished singing. Make sure you bring spare masks, a bag to keep used masks in, and hand sanitiser to use before and after putting on or taking off a mask."

The best practise when coming to receive communion is to leave your mask on. The bread will be placed into your hands with the words of administration. You may then walk to the side and lift up the bottom of your mask and take communion at a distance from others. This prevents us breathing on others while lining up to receive communion, and also prevents breathing on the priest.

COLLECTION GIVING

Due to COVID-19 regulations, the normal routine of circulating collection bags is not undertaken. Instead, a collection bowl is located adjacent to the centre aisle at the rear of the church. Or you can make a direct deposit BSB number 105 096 Account number 074508840.

HEARING AID USERS

This church is fitted with a hearing aid loop (Tele coil system). If your hearing aid is fitted with a Tele coil system you may wish to try this feature.

The People shall stand for the entry of the Sanctuary Party.

Y The Lord be with you.

R And with thy Spirit.

THEN THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES WILL BE LIGHTED

Then shall be said the Introit Sentence



ROP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth the Saviour.

Is. 45. 8

Then shall be sung the hymn for the Introit

34 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry



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.

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.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

> Charles Coffin (1676–149) trans. John Chandler (1808–1876), altered by compilers of "Hymns Ancient and Modern"

All kneel. The Priest prays

UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say, together with the People

LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly

love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung: [setting: Missa de Angelis Gregorian Chant, Mass VIII, arr.

Richard Proulx]

Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie, eleison

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christe, eleison

Kyrie, eleison Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall be said the Collect for the Day

Let us pray



ORD, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set

before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said the Collect for Advent



LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great

humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

Amen.

Then shall the People sit for the Epistle

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of the Apostle Paul to the Philippians, beginning at the fourth verse.

EJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Then shall the people stand to sing Psalm 103.14-22 for the Gradual



- 14 For he knoweth whereof | we are | made : he re | membereth that | we are but | dust.
- 15 The days of man | are but as | grass: for he flourisheth | as a | flower of the | field.
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it |it is |gone : and the |place thereof shall |know it no |more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever, upon |them that |fear him:

and his righteousness up on |children's |children;

Second part 18 Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his com mandments to do them.

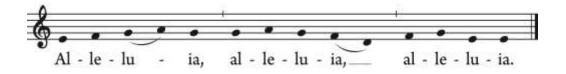
- 19 The Lord hath prepared his |seat in |heaven : and his kingdom |ruleth |over |all.
- 20 O praise the Lord ye angels of his, ye that ex|cel in |strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken |unto the |voice of his |words.



- 21 O praise the Lord all |ye his |hosts: ye servants of |his that |do his |pleasure.
- 22 O speak good of the Lord all ye works of his, in all places of |his do |minion : praise thou the |Lord | O my |soul.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end | A|men.

At the beginning of the Gospel



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come, O Lord, and tarry not:

forgive the misdeeds of thy people Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel of Saint John beginning at the nineteenth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

HIS is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied 🛮 not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an

answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

AT 8.00AM ONLY

Then shall be said the Creed by Priest and People

BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

AND in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the ™ Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Then shall the People sit for the Sermon.

Following the sermon, the child to be baptised, with the Parents and Godparents shall come to the front of the church to be presented.

Then shall the Priest and People say, all standing



LMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks, for that thou hast called us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm

this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to Estelle, that she may be born again, and be made an heir of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Then shall the Priest speak unto the Godparents on this wise



EARLY beloved, you have brought Estelle here to be baptised; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would be pleased to receive her, to cleanse her and to sanctify her. Our Lord hath promised in his Gospel

to grant all these things that you have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform. You, on your part, must undertake three things:

FIRST, that you will declare allegiance to Christ: Secondly, that you will repent of your sins, and thirdly that you will renounce the devil and all his works.

Then, speaking to the Godparents severally, he shall say

I ask you therefore;

Do you turn to Christ?

I do.

Do you repent of your sins?

Ŕ I do.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works?

R I do. Estelle has been brought for baptism, let us now profess the faith into which she is to be baptised and in which she is to be brought up.

Then shall be said by the Priest, the Godparents and the Congregation, all standing, the Apostles' Creed as follows:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body,

■ and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Do you profess the Christian Faith?

R I do.

Do you ask for baptism?

R I do.

After which the Priest, the Parents and Godparents shall proceed to the font, then shall the Priest say

- $\hat{\mathbb{V}}$ The Lord be with you;
- R And with thy spirit.
- $\hat{\mathbb{V}}$ Lift up your hearts;
- \mathbb{R} We lift them up unto the Lord.
- V Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ It is meet and right so to do.

T is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptise them, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

HEAR, we beseech thee, the prayer of thy people; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that this child, now to be baptised therein, may receive the fullness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest say to the Godparents

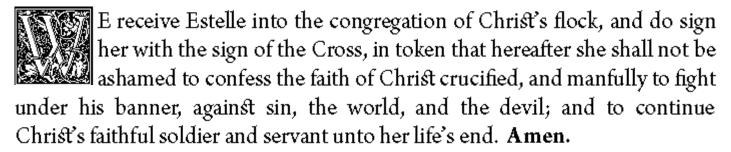
Name this child.

The Priest shall then baptise the child



STELLE LIM YEN MEI, I baptise thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen**.

Then shall the Priest put the sign of the cross on her, and say



Lighting of the Candle



HRIST is come, a light into the world. Show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

THE THANKSGIVING

Then shall the Priest say

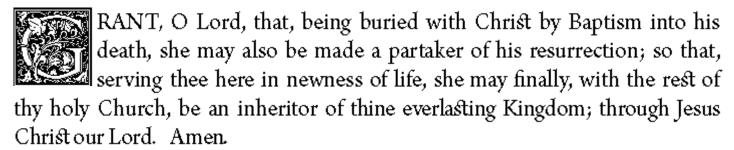
EEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that Estelle is born again, and received into the family of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto Him, that she may lead the rest of her life according to this beginning.

Then shall the Priest and People say



E yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate Estelle with thy Holy Spirit, to receive her for thine own child by adoption, and to make her a member of thy holy Church. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say



Then shall the Priest and People say this prayer for the home

LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son did share at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: Bless, we beseech thee, the home of Estelle and grant wisdom and understanding to all who have the care of her; that she may grow up in thy constant fear and love; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest shall begin the Offertory, saying this sentence of Scripture



HEY that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee: O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion: for he forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

Ps. 9:10-12

Then shall the people stand to sing the Hymn for the Offertory

Then shall be said the Prayers, the people kneeling humbly upon their knees.	

Nest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

R ■ And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy Servant *ELIZABETH* our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

AND to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest say

E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general Confession be made

LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest, turning himself to the people, pronounce the Absolution.

LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; *pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say



EAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Mtt 11:28

SO God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

THIS is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Tm 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

IF any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 Jn 2:1

After which the Priest shall proceed

\(\frac{\partial}{V} \) The Lord be with you

R And with thy spirit.

V Lift up your hearts.

R We lift them up unto the Lord.

V Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say



T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

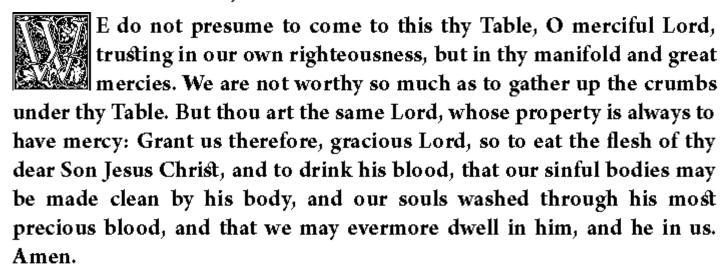
THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Then shall be sung

Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

Then shall be said this Prayer



Then the Priest, standing before the Table, shall say the Prayer of Consecration.

LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

HEAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. ▶

LIKEWISE after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. \blacksquare

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

MOST humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

AND here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

AND although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest say the Lord's Prayer, together with the People

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Y The peace of the Lord be alway with you.

R And with thy spirit.

Then shall be sung the Agnus Dei.

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

No Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that takest away the sins of the world; happy are they that are called to his supper.

R Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof but speak the word only and thy servant shall be healed.

And after that shall the people, meekly kneeling, receive communion.

Then shall the choir sing the Motet:

Be thou my vision Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

early Irish text, translated Mary Byrne, versified Eleanor Hull

Then shall be sung the Communion Hymn

After shall be said as followeth

LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Then the Priest shall give this Blessing. Please kneel.



HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, № the Father, the

Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Then shall be sung the Final Hymn

RICHMOND Melody by Thomas Haweis

415 O for a thousand tongues to sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus—the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim and spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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Please join us for morning tea in the hall.

ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

- Pray that we may always act to reflect God's love, and work to empower those who have little power or position to lift themselves up.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan..

Daily Prayer for Private Devotion Fourth Sunday after Advent						
		Prayer				
Monday	Isaiah 53	Acts 20	Isaiah 54	2 Peter 3		
Tuesday	Proverbs 23	Acts 21	Proverbs 24	1 John 1		
Wednesday	Isaiah 55	Acts 22	Isaiah 56	1 John 2		
Thursday	Isaiah 57	Acts 23	Isaiah 58	1 John 3		
Friday	Isaiah 59	Acts 24	Isaiah 60	1 John 4		
Saturday	Isaiah 9.1-8	Luke 2.1-15	Isaiah 7.10-17	Titus 3.4-9		



19th December 7:00pm Nine Lessons and Carols
24th December Christmas Eve
5:00pm Family Service and Nativity Scene
11:00pm Midnight Mass
25th December Christmas Day
9:00am Choral Eucharist

35 Palmer Place North Adelaide For more information Email: office@ccna.asn.au Phone 8267 2673

NOTICES

BRING & BUY

The dates for the next Two (2) Events are:

6 February 1st Sunday (Epiphany 5) 6/2/2022

6 March 1st Sunday (Lent 1) 6/3/2022

Please deliver items to the parish office (during office hours Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) by **Friday** of that week. It is requested that you ensure any unsold items are taken home by the giver.

2022 PARISH DIARY

For those who put their name down to receive a copy of the 2022 parish diary, you will find them at the back of the church. There are spare copies available too for those who would like one.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

We are asking everyone who is associated with Christ Church North Adelaide to participate in the NCLS this year by completing an Attender's Survey. If you are able to do the survey online, we would appreciate you taking that option by going to https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/ please then use the Church Code ANA10601. If you would prefer to do a paper version of the Survey, you can do so by collecting a paper copy at the back of the Church and returning it either to the Office, the wardens or to Fr. Stephen by today.

WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY TO CHRIST CHURCH

If you are visiting with us or wish to make a once off contribution to the life and work of the Parish, please place your cash contribution in the bowl marked offertory at the back of the Church or you are welcome to make a direct deposit BSB number 105 096 Account number 074508840. If you would rather make a regular contribution to the Parish you are encouraged to use one of the for mentioned methods or to either utilise the Envelope system or make contributions through direct debits with UCinvest. If you would like to make financial contributions on a regular basis please speak to either Fr Stephen or the Wardens to find out more information.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

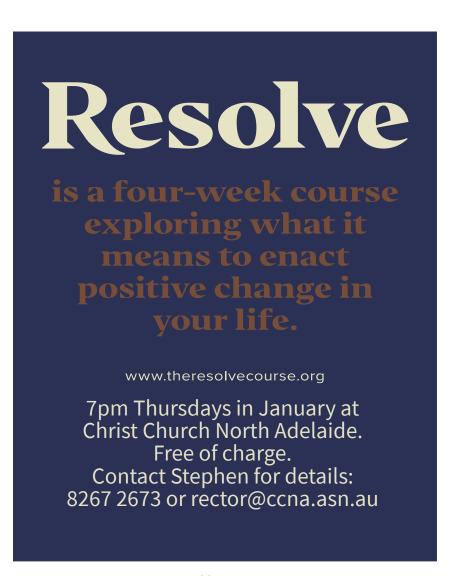
Please note that the Parish office will on Friday, 24th December and reopen on Wednesday, 5th January 2022.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DONATIONS - MAGDALENE CENTRE

The delivery of non-perishable food items and toiletries by Christ Church parishioners to the Magdalene Centre is ongoing. Items needed include Cereal, Long-life Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Tea/Coffee, Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap/Body Wash etc. Please provide your support to the Magdalene Centre in this way. Their address is 82 Gilbert St, Adelaide, phone 8305 9434.

ACT FOR PEACE APPEAL

On the Sundays in Advent at morning tea you will find Act for Peace envelopes for you to forward for tax deductible donations - your gift will "help many more families in urgent need of your support." Your support is greatly appreciated.





Information Update

We have some further information on COVID-19 restrictions around singing and communion.

Singing

Since SA Health issued their document "Assessing and managing the risk: COVID exposures in general businesses and venues" we have had a number of queries about the statement in Table 1 regarding singing as an aerosol behaviour and the impact of that on the assessment of category of contact (Low Risk, Casual, Vaccinated Close contact etc)

SA Health have today advised us: "Singing can still occur with services: If singing is essential to your practice of worship or faith based service, this is permitted, but masks must be worn at all times. To ensure masks remain effective and protect you, you should change your mask as soon as it becomes damp and also after you have finished singing. Make sure you bring spare masks, a bag to keep used masks in, and hand sanitiser to use before and after putting on or taking off a mask.

If the congregation has the ability to follow the recommendations in the above statement this information would then be utilised by those undertaking contact tracing. The appropriate use of masks has the potential to alter the risk level associated with events including services should a COVID positive be identified that has attended."

THE CHRIST CHURCH COVID MARSHALS

The Marshals are Andrew Georg, Neil and Rosemary Woolman, Brian Morgan, Helen Swan, Mary McLeod, Naomi Guerin and Bin Irwin.

NAME TAGS

It is very helpful for people new to the parish, and visitors, if name tags are worn by parishioners. As a courtesy to them, please wear your name tags. If you do not have one, would you please contact the parish office on 8267 2673.

ABM ADVENT & CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each Sunday in Advent you will find 2021 Advent & Christmas Appeal Christmas Giving envelopes to make a kind donation towards indigenous communities in Australia and to some of the most marginalised people in Kenya and Zambia. All donations are appreciated.

Please stay in touch:
Name
Address
Email
Phone
Please hand to a sidesperson or deliver to the office.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th 4th Sunday in Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Choral Eucharist

7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday 23rd

12.30pm Staff Meeting

Friday 24th Christmas Eve

5.00pm Family Crib Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th Christmas Day

9.00am Combined Choral Eucharist

Sunday 26th Saint Stephen / 1st Sunday after Christmas

8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

No Litany or Evensong

As the choir will be on holiday, there will be spoken Evening Prayer services throughout January

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