

A warm welcome to St Peter's Cathedral as we gather for worship this morning.

St Peter's Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kurna people. We give thanks for their ancestors and acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country. We are committed to work and pray towards a more just settlement for all Indigenous people and pay our respect to First Nations people with us.

**St Peter's Cathedral is a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented faith community.**

Biblical prophets were concerned with announcing God's judgement and restoration during a national crisis. Their message often contained a call to repentance, often in the hope that a national return to God would stave off the impending judgement. However, their message was not all doom and gloom. The biblical prophets offered hope, as well. Such is the message we find in this morning's Old Testament lesson, Isaiah 40: 1-11.

At the heart of this biblical prophecy is a pointing away from ourselves to the reign of God present among us. Christian prophecy does not make rash and irresponsible predictions, it invites people to consider the Kingdom of God, and its values, in a world that has grown weary. The Kingdoms of this world will inevitably fail and disappoint, but the Kingdom of God will stand forever. John the Baptist saw this and prepared the way for it.

Blessings,

*The Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod*  
*Dean*

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Canon Jenny Wilson

**Preacher:** The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide

**Readers:** Elspeth Harley, David Docwra

# CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Priest* Today is the second Sunday in Advent.  
We light a candle each week to remind us that Jesus brings light into the dark places of the world.

*The first candle (purple, the Candle of Hope) is lit*

*Reader* We light the candle of hope to proclaim that God's light is coming into the world.

*The second candle (purple, the Candle of Faith) is lit*

*Reader* We light the candle of peace to proclaim that God's promises will be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus – Prince of Peace.

**Faithful God, we thank you for fulfilling your promise of a Saviour.  
May we be ready to receive the Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40.1–11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass;  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers; the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers; the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”  
See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms  
and carry them in his bosom  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please respond with the phrases in bold*

## **PSALM 85.1–2, 8–13**

O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.**

I will hear what the Lord God will speak:  
for he will speak peace to his people,

to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

**Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will also give us all that is good:  
and our land shall yield its plenty.

**For righteousness shall go before him:  
and tread the path before his feet.**

## SECOND READING

2 PETER 3.8–15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

MARK 1.1–8

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st Chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, beginning at verse 1.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way,  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



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**CATHEDRAL**

# NOTICES

## **Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold (7 pm on 1079Life)**

Lynn Arnold's program this week will feature Dr Peter Cahalan, foundation CEO of the History Trust of SA. They will be talking about matters sacred and secular in South Australia's history.

**Tea/coffee after regular services:** Our community offer hospitality at the following times:

- The Wednesday 10 am community have tea & coffee after the first Wednesday each month. The next gathering will take place on Wednesday 3 January.
- The Sunday 8 am community have tea & coffee after the first Sunday of each month. The next gathering will take place on Sunday 7 January.
- After the 10.30 am Eucharist, there is tea and coffee provided every week other than on 24 December (10 am on this day) and 31 December.

## **Music Foundation performances of Handel's Messiah**

The final Music Foundation Concert for the year is the performance of *Messiah* on 22 and 23 December. Tickets are available via the QR code or website, or at the door, if available.



## **Donate a star for the Cathedral Christmas tree supporting the ABM AID Al-Ahli Hospital Emergency Appeal**

During December special envelopes will be available for donating a star for this ABM AID Emergency Appeal. Cash donations of any amount can be made in the envelopes or Eftpos donations can be made at the Cathedral Shop. Every star represents a donation to this vital appeal. Please help make our Cathedral Christmas tree shine with an abundance of stars, guiding the whole world into the way of peace this Christmas.

## **Company of Preachers Book Group**

A joint initiative with St Barnabas College - You are warmly invited to join the Company of Preachers Book Group on the second Wednesday each month 2-3pm at St Barnabas College, in person and on Zoom. Our final meeting for the year will take place this Wednesday – 13th December. Please contact Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson at [jwilson@stpeters-cathedral.org.au](mailto:jwilson@stpeters-cathedral.org.au) for further details.

## **Flowers for Christmas**

The current abundance of beautiful blooming agapanthus in Adelaide gardens is a joyful sight and a sign that the season of Advent is here. Julie and Elspeth from the Cathedral flower team are seeking parishioners support in providing flowers for Christmas. Following our garden theme from last year we are seeking blue or white agapanthus and holly. We are particularly keen to have some holly!

In these times of financial constraints rather than buying flowers we want to use what is in our gardens. If you are able to help with these flowers please bring them to the Cathedral on Thursday 21st December where buckets will be available for you to place them in. Thank you in anticipation.

## **Blue Christmas Service next Sunday Evensong**

Christmas can be a time when we struggle with the loss of loved ones, with loneliness, with pain as we witness the violence in the world, with questions about whether our lives have meaning and purpose. A Blue Christmas service of candle lighting, music, readings and prayers will take place at St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 17th December at 6pm. The service led by Cathedral clergy and Syntony Choir will be a place to ponder the love of God when we are in a place of grief and struggle. We do hope you will join us.

# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

## For the Church

### International

The Church of Pakistan (United)  
*Moderator* Archbishop Azad Marshall

### National

Bishop to the Armed Forces: Grant Dibden (Jeanette)

### South Australia

#### *Diocese of Adelaide*

Church Missionary Society: Mark Peterson (Alison)

#### *Diocese of Willochra*

Ministry District of Eyre (Colton, Cummins, Elliston, Minnipa, Sheringa, Tumby Bay, Wudinna): *vacant*

#### *Diocese of The Murray*

Mount Gambier (Mount Gambier, Mount Schank): Neil Fernando (Nalini)

## For the People

We hold before God all those who have asked for our prayers, particularly:

**Immediate Prayer:** David, Christine Chomel, Oliver (WCH), Sarah Boorman, Stephen Lane, Sandra Morrison, Audrey Ball.

**Long Term Prayer:** Francis Brooks, Peter Garland, Max Lennard, Chris, Bridie Maxwell, Meredith Chesterman, Vernon Lewis, Pauline Van Buren, Alisha Coe-Fox, Anne Hogben, Matilda Lane, Helena Fernandes, Cricket Fox, Daniella, Heather Scott, Peter Black, Jean Arnold, Martin Reece, Norton & Judy Schenscher, Joseph Burgess (WCH), John Hankin, Brooke Garry.

### Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

- 10th Catherine Berry
- 11th Anthony John Sims Bridgeman
- 12th James Welsh  
Sybil Longman  
Wal Trogler  
Frances Fielden  
Lesley-Anne Taylor-Maddern
- 13th John Charles Bannon
- 15th Betty Gurney  
Garry Green  
Samuel Raymond Baron Cornish  
David Robin  
Gordon Hugh St. Aidan Oakey  
Colin Brown

*The Cathedral is compiling a database of the lives of those whose names appear on the Year's Mind list. If you have any biographical details of any of the people remembered today, please contact Stuart Langshaw - [langshawstuart@gmail.com](mailto:langshawstuart@gmail.com)*

# THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

For some services, the West Doors of the Cathedral are not opened. Please make your way to the northern (carpark) side of the Cathedral and enter through the St Barnabas Porch.

<b>MON 11 DEC</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	9.15am	Morning Prayer (St Barnabas College)
	10:30am-1pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>TUES 12 DEC</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>WED 13 DEC</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:00am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>THURS 14 DEC</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>FRI 15 DEC</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>SAT 16 DEC</b>		Cathedral Closed
<b>SUN 17 DEC</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00am	Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer
	10:30am	Choral Eucharist Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
	6:00pm	Blue Christmas

## CATHEDRAL STAFF

Dean	The Right Reverend Chris McLeod
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