

Anglican Parish of Queenscliff- Point Lonsdale
Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion at
St George's Queenscliff
 Morning Prayer Tuesday. 10.30am St James'
 Morning Prayer Wed. 10.30am St George's
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15th December 2024



Sharing in ministry together

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THIS WEEK IN A NUTSHELL

MONDAY 16th December	Mthr Jo's rest day
TUESDAY 17th	10.30am Morning Prayer St James' Point Lonsdale
WEDNESDAY 18th	10.30am Morning Prayer St George's Queenscliff 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols St George's Queenscliff
THURSDAY 19th	11.00am Holy Communion Arcare Point Lonsdale
FRIDAY 20th	
SATURDAY 21st	
SUNDAY 22nd December	ADVENT FOUR 10.00am Holy Communion St George's Queenscliff

Prayer of the week: Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's readings: Advent Three – Zephaniah 3:14-20; A Song of Isaiah (Prayer Book page 391); Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18 (All readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible)

Next week's readings: Advent Four – Micah 5:2-5a; Song of Mary (Prayer Book page 31); Hebrews 10:5-10

CHRISTMAS READINGS –

Tuesday 24th December: Family Service 5.00pm Luke 2:1-14 Midnight Mass 10.00pm Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:19-29; Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday 25th December: 8.00am Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-8a; Luke 2:8-20
10.00am Luke 2:8-20 and Wombat Divine by Mem Fox

Hymns

Introit – O Come O Come Emmanuel AHB 193 verses 1,2,4 tune VENI EMMANUEL

Advent Wreath - Christmas is Coming TIS 289 tune ADVENT WREATH

Offertory – Now Thank We All Our God AHB 14 tune NUN DANKET

Post Communion – Tell Out My Soul AHB 109 tune WOODLANDS

Readings for this week:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ 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;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

A Song of Isaiah (Prayer Book page 391)

Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

‘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.’

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’ ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize 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 granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

WHAT'S ON

Can you help? After the Nine Lessons and Carols we need some people to bring a plate, serve tea and coffee, clear up afterward.

Help is needed on Christmas Eve 5.00pm to help with the making of Christingles during the service. Talk to Mthr Jo if you can help.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS Wednesday 18th December –7.00pm

St George's Queenscliff, supper to follow

Advent Four 22nd December – 10.00am St George's Queenscliff Over morning tea we will prepare Christingle kits.

CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday 24th December

- 5.00pm Family Service at St James' with Christingles
- 10.00pm Mid-night Mass at St George's followed by sparkling refreshments and Christmas Cake (time has been revised)

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday 25th December

- 8.00am Said Service Holy Communion at St James' Point Lonsdale
- 10.00am Sung Holy Communion at St James' Point Lonsdale

Sunday 29th December – The Feast of Stephen (transferred from 26th December)

Sunday 5th January 2025 – The Epiphany of Our Lord at St James' Point Lonsdale



Do you need a lift to church? Each week there are parishioners who would like to attend church but need a lift to join us on Sunday mornings. There are also many other parishioners who are happy to pick up a fellow parishioner on their way to church each Sunday. If you fall into either of these camps, please contact Sally [0427651038] so we can help you join us for worship.

Parish Prayer List – If you would like prayer for yourself or another who have given their permission and would appreciate prayer as part of our time of worship, please direct your prayer request to Mthr Jo 0458 523 754 or vicar@queenscliffonsdaleanglican.org



GROWTH PRAYER – God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

Monday – Saturday 9.15am www.us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09

EVENING PRAYER Zoom

Monday – Saturday 5.00pm www.us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFka25laG4vUDdMQT09

MEDITATION on Zoom

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am – 9.00am

www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNNHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09