

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
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th December 2024



Sharing in ministry together

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THIS WEEK IN A NUTSHELL

MONDAY 9th December	Mthr Jo's rest day
TUESDAY 10th	10.30am Morning Prayer St James' Point Lonsdale
WEDNESDAY 11th	10.30am Morning Prayer St George's Queenscliff 4.00pm Parish Council Vicarage
THURSDAY 12th	
FRIDAY 13th	
SATURDAY 14th	
SUNDAY 15th December	ADVENT THREE 10.00am Holy Communion St George's Queenscliff

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 live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's readings: Advent Two – Malachi 3:1-4; Song of Zechariah (page 10 in the Prayer Book); Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-6

(All readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible)

Next week's readings: Advent Three – Zephaniah 3:14-20; A Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4:-7; Luke 3:7-18

Hymns

Introit – Be Thou my vision O Lord of my Heart AHB 455 tune SLANE

Advent Wreath - Christmas is Coming TIS 289 chorus verse 1 chorus verse 2 chorus, tune ADVENT WREATH

Offertory – O Come O Come Emmanuel AHB 193 verses 1,3,5 tune VENI EMMANUEL

Post Communion – Hail to the Lord's Anointed AHB 203 tune CRUGER

Malachi 3:1-4

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. ² 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; ³ 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. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Song of Zechariah (page 10 in the Prayer Book)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

Who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

Born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God 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 his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

To set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

Holy and righteous before him, 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 his way,

To give his 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.

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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 defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ 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

Parish Meeting Sunday 8th December directly following our service at St George's
Wednesday 11th December 4.00pm PARISH COUNCIL meets at the Vicarage

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent Three 15th December – 10.00am St George's Queenscliff.

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

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@queenscliffionsdaleanglican.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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<p>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=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09</p>
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