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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew
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Details for giving by Direct Debit : The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier
BSB : 105-002
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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

Bishop Keith Dalby; Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)

and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini); Fr Lyndon Sulzberger; Bishop Michael Hough

Parish Councillors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Brian Smith, Lynn Fisher,
Dick Hamson, Graham Savage; David Glover; Rick Fisher

If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form
which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank (Parreen)**

**3rd December 2023
Advent Sunday**



Wait for God in patient hope



As a Christian community, we acknowledge and pay
respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands on
which we gather and meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders—past, present and emerging.

Wait for God in patient hope

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and of a new liturgical calendar, Year B. Remarkably, as we begin a new liturgical year today, we move from the gospel according to Matthew to the gospel according to Mark, the shortest of the four canonical Gospels.

Today is the beginning of a special season, Advent. During Advent we focus on waiting, waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus, and during the week before Christmas our waiting changes to waiting for our celebration of the birth of Jesus. Anytime we wait, we do so because we expect something to happen—we wait for a bus or train because we expect it to arrive. When we are waiting for a bus or train, we cannot see it coming but hope it will come. During Advent we are waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus because the Second Coming of Jesus will bring all God’s plans for the world to completion. As we wait in hope for the Second Coming of Jesus, we know he is with us in so many ways especially in the sacraments. So, during Advent we are conscious of God being present with us while we await the fulfillment of God’s plans.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel today express the mood of this early part of the Advent season:

Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come (Mark 13:33).

In the first reading today the Jewish people expressed hope in God even when going through a difficult time and so we heard glimpses of hope in that reading:

Return for the sake of your servants . . . Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you (Isa 63:17 or 64:1).

In the second reading Paul reminds his listeners of the many gifts they have received from God that will support them until the Second Coming of Jesus:

You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed (1 Cor 1:7).

In addition to being a season of hope, it is equally, a season of patience and prayer. During these four weeks, what are we expected to do? We are expected to prepare for the birth of the messiah. It suffices to note that while we prepare physically, the most important must be the spiritual preparation. It suffices to note that if we light up our houses and streets, without lightening up our lives spiritually for Christ to walk into it; if we prepare all things and places without preparing a manger for baby Jesus in our lives, then our preparation would not be complete.

Finally, as we eagerly anticipate the coming of the Lord this season, our hope and expectation should prompt us to be always awake and vigilant. It should make us prepare adequately in order to avail ourselves of Jesus’ mercy. Therefore, our constant prayer during this season as Paul constantly prayed should be:

“Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!”.

SUNDAY, 3rd December 2023 : Advent Sunday 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion 6.00pm—Carols and Culture : Nativity				
Isa 63. 15-64.12		Ps 80. 1-7	1 Cor 1. 3-9	Mark 13. 31-37
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Faye Hill		
Readers		Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass		
Intercessions		Sue Christopher		
Sound desk		Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Morning Tea		Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers		Robyn Sweetnam		
SUNDAY, 10th December 2023 : Advent 2 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways Service 11.30am—St Luke's, Mt Schank BCA—John Warner				
Isa 40. 1-11		Ps 85. 8-13	2 Peter 3. 8-14	Mark 1. 1-8
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Denise McDonald		
Readers		Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions		Julienne Feast		
Sound		Rick Fisher		
Morning Tea		Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
Flowers		Robyn Sweetnam		

ROSTERS FOR	DECEMBER
GARDENING 	Fran Laslett
 MOWING ROSTER	Volunteer required
FOOD and FREEZER MINISTRY	When preparing meals for the freezer, please remember to list all ingredients in the meal, and the date on which it was prepared. Pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods and meals are acceptable.

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Joe Maier; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Betty and Max Wright; Vera Wolfenden

Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance occurs this week.



If you wish for your name (or the name of someone you know) to be placed on the prayer list, please submit the request in writing—preferably via email (including your name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required).

Forms for this purpose can also be found at the back of the church.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

8th	Irene	26th	Dean Searcy
16th	Sathyanga	29th	Jennie McDonald
19th	Dick Hamson	30th	Simon & Jon Hawkes

We wish all of them a very happy birthday!!



If you would like your name on the birthday list, please contact the Parish Office so that your details can be included.
Thank you



SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL SERVICE AND LUNCHEON LAST SUNDAY, 26th November 2023



"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

Festival of Carols and Culture in Nine Languages with Nine Lessons

Interdenominational and Multicultural

ALL WELCOME

Christ Church, Mt Gambier
Sunday 3rd December, 6.30pm-8.00pm

A collection will be taken to support the Mayor's Christmas Appeal

Contact
Event enquiries:
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Live Streaming
Christ Church Mount Gambier
www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au

Forthcoming Parish Events

MO NTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN- ISED BY
DEC	Sun	3 rd	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm	Communion Communion Carols and Culture—Nativity	Advent 1 Choir
	Sun	10 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion—BCA : John Warner Pathways—BCA : John Warner St Luke's, Mt Schank—BCA : John Warner	CMG
	Tues	12 th	3.15pm	Fundraising Committee meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Thurs	14 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	17 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Wed	20 th	4.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Sun Christmas Eve	24 th	9.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Carol Service—(1 service only) Children's Service St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Mon Christmas Day	25 th	9.00am	Communion—(1 service only)	
	Sun New Year's Eve	31 st	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
JAN	Mon New Year's Day	1 st	10.00am	Communion—(1 service only)	

HELP : The Food Ministry cupboard is almost bare again!!

Donations of tinned foods, dry packaged goods (cereals, 2 minute noodles etc.) and long life milk would be appreciated.

If donating bread, these loaves can be frozen.

Donations of frozen goods (pizzas, small packs of sausages etc.) are also most welcome.

SOLOS AND PAIRS

Unanimously agreed (all three of us), that because we had such a good time, the next S & P will be again held at the Park Hotel at 12.00pm lunchtime on Wednesday, 13th December.

Great special \$20 for a main dish and dessert. Other dishes also available.

All welcome.
RSVP Robyn 0498 968 394.

Services in the Mt Gambier Parish

There are 4 services conducted weekly at Christ Church as follows:

Friday 11.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am

And 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 11.30am

***Wearing of face masks is no longer mandatory.
However, you may—as a matter of personal choice—choose to wear
one when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop or
meetings at the church. Hand sanitizing is still recommended.***

2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
3rd Thurs	7.00pm	Pro Life meetings
Wednesdays	8.00am 1.00-3.00pm	Ministers' prayer and Association meeting Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
1st & 3rd Fridays		Boandik Service
1st Tuesday of month		St Mary's
1st Friday of month		Healing service
2nd Thursday of month		The Oaks
2nd Tuesday of month		Resthaven

The Bell Tower Op Shop

Opening hours are:

Monday to Friday
10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday
9.30am to 12.30pm



Wait Patiently

WAIT FOR THE LORD;
BE STRONG
AND TAKE HEART
AND WAIT FOR
THE

Lord