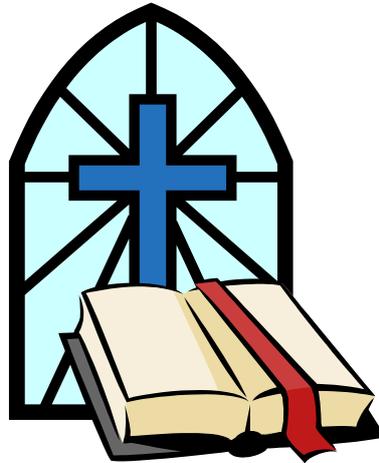


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16<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent  
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## Third Sunday of Advent

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### The Third Sunday of Advent

God our Father,  
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their  
old age  
a son called John.  
He grew up strong in spirit,  
prepared the people for the coming of the  
Lord,  
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.  
Help us, who have been baptized into Christ,  
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,  
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We  
ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.      **Amen**



## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,  
you sent your Son into a world  
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff  
and evil clings even to what is good:  
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that,  
purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain,  
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

Advent Song Tis 289 v 1, 2 & 3

### **A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah, *Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 14***

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 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 as on a

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

[NRSV Zephaniah 3:14-20]

*Hear the word of the Lord*

***thanks be to God***

### **Psalm: Song of Isaiah**

‘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.’**

## **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**

*Chapter 4 beginning at Verse 4*

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

[NRSV Philippians 4:4-7]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God.***

Gradual: Tis 270 v 1,2,4 & 5

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,**  
*Chapter 3 beginning at verse 7*

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

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? 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. Even now the ax 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.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 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.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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.”

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

[NRSV Luke 3:7-18]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Offertory: Tis 658 v 1 & 3

Post Communion: Tis 288 v 1,2 & 4

Final: Tis 647

## **A Prayer for the Parish of Port Lincoln**

Father help us to be a Church that is a welcoming, caring, and meaningful community.

A community which enjoys the celebration of the sacraments and has a passion to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

A community which reaches out to others, sharing the love of God with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Prayer for the Appointment of a Parish Priest**

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

## **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 with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **Prayer for thought**

Do not fear. 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.

## **The Link**

**Submissions for the link accepted until 12:00  
Wednesday. Thank you**

**For those with an ongoing need:**

Peter Linn, Darren & Rachel, Arthur R, Joyce H, Brian L, Brooke, Ryan, David R, Donna, Kelly, Jan, Helen and Kimberly.

**Remembering those who have joined God in the eternal life:**

Bob Whittaker, Judy McFarlane

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**Fellowship**

O God, our Father, we pray you to be with us with your gifts of love and joy and peace, and to direct and guide us in all our dealings and fellowship with one another. Bless our homes and our parish and grant that we may uphold your truth and honour your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**This Week's Events**

**Wednesday: 12-30pm** - Prayers for the Community

**Thursday: 10.30 am** - Australian Prayer Book

**Friday 9 am to 3 pm** - Op Shop open in the Parish Hall.

**Friday 4pm to 5 pm** - Meditation in the church

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## **OP SHOP IN PARISH HALL – Friday 9am to 3pm**

Fresh fruit and vegetables are welcome early in the day. Clean shopping bags, clean clothes, and household utensils, knick-knacks etc welcome. For safety, please do not bring in electrical items. Offers to help in the shop on the roster, and to set out and put away, are always welcome.

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**NEXT SUNDAY**                      **23rd December 2018,**  
**9am St Thomas**

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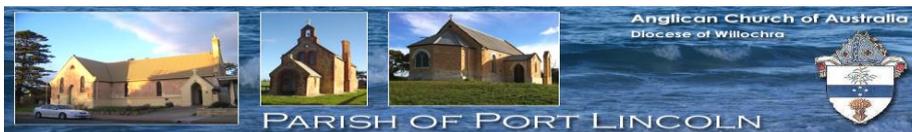
**THIS TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT  
6.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS  
BBQ**

**A Parish Gathering for  
Celebration and Fellowship at  
Christmas**

Please come along to the Parish

Christmas BBQ at the Parish Centre on  
December 18<sup>th</sup>



PARISH  
CHRISTMAS BBQ

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AT THE PARISH  
CENTRE

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PLEASE BRING  
SMALL SALAD OR  
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PROVIDED



## **Notices**

### **Times when Martin will be in Port Lincoln:**

– Dec 25

Jan 6 – Jan 13 2019

### **Christmas Eve services Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at:**

St Andrews - Elliston at 5pm

St Margaret – Tumby Bay at 5pm

St Simon and St Jude - Cummins at 8pm

St Matthews - Poonindie at 6pm

St Thomas' – Port Lincoln at 8pm

### **Christmas Day services Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at:**

St Thomas' - Port Lincoln at 9am

St Matthias – Wangary at 11am

**Church office will be closed from 1pm December 20<sup>th</sup> and reopening on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

**Volunteers required to take out and bring in church bins each week. The bins go out for pick up each Wednesday morning, starting on 19/12. Please call church office if you can assist on 8683 0036**

## **Christmas Bowl**

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent and the theme for this week is Love. Through the Christmas Bowl, we heed the urgent call to bring transformative love to the people of Syria by providing emergency food, healthcare and training for families most in need.. Additional envelopes at the back of the church.

## **Christmas Tree Decoration for the Church**

Volunteers are needed for the decoration of the Christmas Tree in the Church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am. A ladder and a tall man are specifically needed to assist in the process.

## WOMEN'S SHELTER CHRISTMAS GIFTS



The Christmas Tree goes up in St Thomas on December 21<sup>st</sup> and you are invited to leave gifts under the tree on Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Children's gifts should be gender neutral if possible, and small adult gifts are also welcome.

**GIFTS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE WOMEN'S SHELTER ON MONDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> SO THAT THEY WILL BE RECEIVED BY CHRISTMAS DAY**

*THE WOMEN'S SHELTER ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATES THE GENEROSITY OF ST THOMAS AT CHRISTMAS*

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**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.  
Romans 8:28**

During this advent season, we praise God for a refreshing approach to the Christmas story and ask that it will be an encouragement to those attending services, particularly visitors.

The Third Sunday of Advent  
– Sunday 16 December 2018

- Zephaniah 3.14-20; *For the Psalm*: A Song of Isaiah – (Isaiah 12.2–6)  
Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

Gaudete Sunday! The third Sunday in Advent is one of joy with its continuous refrain, Rejoice! The coming is near. We are more than half-way there. Salvation is at hand. As we light the rose-coloured candle on the Advent Wreath and, in some places, don our rose-coloured vestments, we are transported to a new vision, one that is seen through rose-coloured glasses!

- Pray with an open and joyful heart that Christ's coming will herald a time of peace for all nations. Rejoice!
- Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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