

Please join us for morning tea after the service

TODAY, 11am: Christmas Brunch at St Leonard's.



Christmas Services

St Leonard's, Denmark

Christmas Eve 5pm: Family Nativity
7.30 pm Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Communion

St George's, Walpole Christmas Day 10am Extended Communion

Christmas Bowl 2021: Thank you for backing displaced people & helping create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong. Envelopes will be available or donate online: <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate>

Advent studies

Advent Reflections from Diocese: copies will be at the back of each church OR access via diocesan website - "About" / "Vision and Strategy" / pdf "Copy of Advent Resources".

Heart of the Disciple a small book with 28 days of prayers and reflections for Advent or any time. Revd Sally can obtain via Mandurah Parish if requested.

Revd Sue's Advent Year A Worship Course, <https://www.companionsontheway.com/post/advent-year-a-worship-course>

Parish Diary: No Twilight Meditation this Friday due to CRC Parade & Carols

Dec 24 Children's service 5pm, Lessons & Carols 7pm, St Leonard's

Dec 25 Christmas Day **9.30am** St Leonard's, **9am** St George's [No Evening Prayer]

Jan 1 No Taize Evening Prayer, St George's

REGULAR SERVICES & GATHERINGS

Communion/Morning Prayer: St Leonard's **Sun 9.30am**; St George's **10am**

Weekday Eucharist: St Leonard's 1st Thursday of the month, 2pm

Taize Evening Prayer: St George's first Sunday each month, 5pm (*not 1st January*)

Twilight Meditations: St Leonard's, 3rd Fri of month, 5pm practice, 5.30 start (not 16 Dec)

Evening Prayer: St Leonard's last Sunday each month, 7pm (except 23rd Oct)

Choir Practice: St Leonard's Saturday 10.30-11, then coffee. *All welcome*

DIRECT GIVING: BSB: 706-001 ACCT: 3000 4673 *Online only*
quote 'Offertory' in description, or **HEF** for ramp fundraising
Cheques make out to Anglican Parish Denmark Walpole
& mail to PO Box 277 Denmark WA 6333

11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete - Rejoice! or Rose Sunday Year A



Prayers of the Day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

APBA

God of the burning sand and thirsty ground: you called John into the wilderness to announce a new creation far from palaces of royal power; make us ready for your intensity, the judgment that opens our senses to the poverty of the world and calls to life what lingers in death; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Stephen Shakespeare, 2008

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Revd Sally Buckley tssf

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Revd Kevin Callegari

Licensed Lay Ministers: Harold Luxton, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett, Jan Pattinson
Jane James, Tom Sheard

Wardens:

Judy Ross, Harold Luxton, Tom Sheard

*We endeavour to be an expression of God's love
in the community*

Isaiah 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Next Advent Four: Isaiah 7.10-16, Ps 80.1-7, 17-19, Romans 1,1-7,
Matthew 1.18-25 NRSV*

Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones: **and lifting up the lowly.**
God has filled the hungry with good things: **and sent the rich away empty.**
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears: **to Abraham and his children for ever.**

James 5.7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.