# Welcome, please join us for morning tea

**Rev'd Robert Holland** will celebrate his 56th anniversary by presiding at Holy Communion on Monday 1st December at 5pm St Leonard's – All welcome.

Revd Bill suggested using **name tags** to assist getting to know people - blank tags are available at St Leonard's for those who wish - just a first name is fine.

**Christmas Lunch Sun 14 Dec at noon.** Please bring finger food to share (dessert & drinks provided) & a unisex Secret Santa gift (max \$20)

Christmas Concert local choirs Sat 6 Dec 7pm Uniting Church.
Limited tickets \$15 from CRC

## Parish Diary

Dec 1 Mon Advent Study, St G 2pm

Holy Communion 5pm, St L, Revd Robert Holland (56th ann.)

Dec 2 Tue Advent Study, St L 2pm
Dec 4 Thu Parish Council 1.30pm

Dec 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Holy Communion St L, Revd Sue

Dec 8 Mon Advent Study, St G 2pm Dec 9 Tue Advent Study, St L 2pm

Dec 14 3rd Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer St L (HC St G, Revd Sue)

Christmas Lunch, noon, St L

Twilight Meditation 5.30 for 6pm, St L

#### **REGULAR SERVICES & GATHERINGS**

Sunday Eucharist/Morning Prayer: St Leonard's 9.30am; St George's 10am
Twilight Meditations St Leonard's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month. 5.30 practice for 6pm
Evening Prayer: St Leonard's last Sunday each month, 6pm, except 23 Nov

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

**DIRECT GIVING:** BSB: 706-001 ACCT: 3000 4673 *Online only* quote 'Offertory' in description

Special Donation: quote "Seating" in description Cheques make out to Anglican Parish Denmark Walpole & mail to PO Box 277 Denmark WA 6333 30th November 2025

# First Sunday of Advent Year A



# Prayer of the Day

Faithful God,

whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen** 

*APBA* 

# Advent Candle Lighting: Awaken

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways, that we may walk in his paths. (Isaiah 2: 3a)

Jesus, Light of the World, we light our Advent candles, to be reminded that you came to be a light in the darkness of this world.

This candle reminds us to "Awaken", to be awake to all that is good in this world and our place to witness to it.

Revd Sally

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Licenced Lay Ministers: Harold Luxton, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett, Jan Pattinson

Jane James, Tom Sheard

Wardens: Tine Adams, Harold Luxton, Tom Sheard

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

## |saiah 2.1~5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord 's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains. and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples: they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

## Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me:

'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

<sup>2</sup> And now our feet are standing:

within your gates, O Jerusalem;

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem which is built as a city:

where the pilgrims gather in unity.

<sup>4</sup> There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

as he commanded Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> There are set thrones of judgement:

the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

may those who love you prosper.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls:

and prosperity in your palaces.

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my kindred and companions:

#### I will pray that peace be with you.

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:

I will seek for your good.

#### Romans 13.9-14

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### Matthew 24.36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*Next week:* Advent Two. Isaiah 11.1-10, Ps 72.1-7, 18-21, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12 *NRSV* 

## Advent Study: The Gift of Incarnation

Revd Sue's course is online, or printed copies are available <a href="https://www.companionsontheway.com/post/gift-of-incarnation-worship-course">https://www.companionsontheway.com/post/gift-of-incarnation-worship-course</a>

The course can be followed individually or study groups will meet:

Mon 2pm St George's, Walpole or Tues 2pm St Leonard's, Denmark

Followed by Evening Prayer 4pm