

Christmas Lunch TODAY noon. Please bring finger food to share.
Dessert & drinks provided & a unisex Secret Santa gift (max \$20)

TONIGHT: Twilight Meditation
sacred song, silence, reflections by candlelight
5.30 to practice songs for 6pm, St Leonard's

Advent Novena – Revd Sue's contemporary version of praying for nine days the same prayer to prepare our hearts for the coming of God
<https://www.companionsontheway.com/post/advent-novena-year-a>

Advent Study: The Gift of Incarnation by Revd Sue online or print available
<https://www.companionsontheway.com/post/gift-of-incarnation-worship-course> Mon 2pm St George's or Tues 2pm St Leonard's, then Evening Prayer 4pm

Parish Diary

Dec 15 Mon Advent Study, St G 2pm
Dec 16 Tue Advent Study, St L 2pm
Dec 21 4th Sunday of Advent Holy Communion St L, Revd Sue
Family Nativity, 5pm, St L
Dec 22 Mon Advent Study, St G 2pm
Dec 23 Tue Advent Study, St L 2pm
Dec 24 **Lessons & Carols** 7pm, St L

Christmas Day **Holy Communion** 9.30am St L, Revd Sue
Lessons & Carols 10am, St G

REGULAR SERVICES & GATHERINGS

Sunday Eucharist/Morning Prayer: St Leonard's **9.30am**; St George's **10am**
Twilight Meditations St Leonard's 2nd 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
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Cheques make out to Anglican Parish Denmark Walpole
& mail to PO Box 277 Denmark WA 6333

14th December 2025

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



Aurora Australis

Prayer 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**

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Advent Candle Lighting: Rejoice

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly and rejoice with singing. "Isaiah 35: 1-2

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 "Rejoice", to rejoice in all that is good in the world and our part in it, to witness with joy in the Good News we see in the world.

Revd Sally

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St Leonard's: cnr Mitchell & Strickland, Denmark
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Locum Tenens: Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert (p/t Sat-Mon)

Licensed 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*

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.