

# Victor Harbor Anglican

## The First Sunday in The Season of Advent Sunday, December 2nd 2018

*May he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.  
- Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians*

### Welcome to Church This Morning!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are visiting today, an especially warm welcome to you. We pray that your time in Victor Harbor is a joyful one. If you need assistance please speak to one of our welcomers. You are invited to join us in the Hall for morning tea following our service!

### Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm 25.1-9

1 Thessalonians 3.9-4.1

Luke 21.25-36

### The Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## From the Deacon's Desk

**Good morning my brothers and sisters and welcome this morning to our worship on the First Sunday in the Season of Advent,**

In a world of busyness and isolation, what a gift it is to have a season of the year devoted to helping us discover together what it means to eagerly wait for Jesus.

The season of Advent provides for us an opportunity to be aware of God's Spirit at work among us as we listen, sing, and pray, forming us to be people of eager expectation and Christ-centered hope.

During the season of Advent, the liturgy of the Church changes its form slightly to reveal a different character and nature of our worship. The liturgical colour for Advent is purple, and you will notice a more penitential and expectant tone. The frontal and vestments are in purple, Mary and Joseph are waiting expectantly for the arrival of their Lord and their God made incarnate, the Advent wreath holds candles counting down the days until his coming at Christmas, and there are changes to our liturgy.

Advent is not a time of passive waiting but an active waiting; a chance to say from one's heart "Come Lord Jesus". It's not a time to just sit down and watch Jesus come. Like longing for a beloved or a dear friend, I will not wait till He comes and appears at my doorsteps, but I myself will invite my Lord and welcome him with all my love.

Maranatha is from two Aramaic words Maran'atha which means the "Lord is coming" or the "Lord comes".

We take this time over the next four Sundays of the Season of Advent to recommit ourselves to the Kingdom we have spent the last few weekends reflecting about, knowing that Christ is with us as we embark on this journey together.

**Maranatha, Deacon Jesse x**

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## Diary Dates

### Monday 3rd

10 am: Happy Stitchers

### Tuesday 4th

9 am: Cards & Cuppa

10 am: Manual

1 pm: SARM

### Wednesday 5th

10 am: Chapel

### Thursday 6th

7.30 pm: Pfeiffer's  
Home Group

### Friday 7th

9.30 am: Poole's Home  
Group

3.30 pm: Choir Practice

*If there are changes to the  
Diary Dates or Prayer requests  
please contact*

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## Join us next Sunday

The Season of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9

Psalm 126

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

## Notices

**Nine Lessons and Carols;** The Christmas Story, told through word and music: We invite you to join with the South Coast Churches as we gather in preparation for Christmas in this Advent Season. The Choirs led by our Director of Music, Milton Smith, and conducted by Marie Harris, features music for the Season. **Friday, December 14th at 7 pm in the Lutheran Church on Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor.** Tickets \$10 at the door, & include light supper.

**The Lord's Prayer:** During the Seasons of Advent through to the end of Epiphanytide we will trial the use of the Traditional Lord's Prayer in our worship.

**Christmas Pageant:** Sign up today at the back of Church to march with the Christian Churches of the South Coast in the Annual Christmas Pageant. We will be **meeting on Bridge Terrace at 5 pm on Saturday, December 8th.**

**St. Augustine's Cleaning Bee:** If you are able to help with the cleaning and tidying please put your name against a task on the list in the porch and hall. Cleaning to be undertaken at a time to suit yourself. Thank you, your help is appreciated.



**Rosters:** Its that time again, please let Gillian or the Office know of any dates you are not available for the months January—March to enable rosters to be drawn up for the next quarter. Thank you.

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Saint Augustine's Anglican Church, Victor Harbor

**BSB: 085 938**

**Account Number: 51 917 3362**

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## **Heavenly Father, we bring our prayers before you...**

**We pray for your one, holy, catholic and apostolic church spread throughout the world, this Diocese of The Murray, the Bishop's Election Committee and especially for:** Our shepherd, Bishop John Ford and his wife Bridget; and we pray for all Parishes and Pastoral Districts.

**We pray for our great nation of Australia, the Commonwealth in which we share, and for:** Adelaide Archbishop– Bishop Geoffrey Smith.

**We pray for our Church Family, and in particular for:** Val Roads, Robin Robertson and for all Welcomers and Sidespersons. Those who read the lessons and prayers.

**We pray, too, with our brothers and sisters in Residential Care:** Peggy Laube, Joyce Haythorpe, Pauline Norton, Ross Reid, and Ted & Hannah Cutten.

**And ask for the Healing Hand of Christ upon:** Deidre McFaul; Michelle Milnes; Don Snow; Bev & Alan Thompson; Will, Chris & John Rye; John & Lyn; Kirsty; Maxine & family; Michelle; Father Peter; Laurie; Marie; Laura and Val; Andrew; Iris and Jim; Jill M. and Di & Jeremy Johnson.

**All these, and the secret prayers of our heart, we bring before you through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' most precious name. Amen.**

**Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia,** that the Lord bring us together as one, reconciled with Him and reconciled with each other. *Anglican Board of Mission*

**Indigenous Ministry Officer:** Please pray for The Rev'd Neville Naden as he seeks to travel and minister around the country from the location of Dubbo. Bush Church Aid Society.

**Italy:** Pray that God would turn the hearts of many Italians from an empty cultural Christianity to a living and saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Church Missionary Society

**The Association of Military Christian Fellowships-South West Pacific Area:** Please pray for and remember all who seek to love and serve God while working in the Australian Defence Organisation, uniformed and civilian. Defence Anglicans

**We remember with love, and pray for the repose of the souls of.....**

**Beverley Claire Daw December 2nd 2013**

**Christine Spriggs December 4th 2012**

**Murray Nelson December 5th 2012**