

Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Melbourne



St Bartholomew's Church

Parish of Burnley

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Worship Bulletin



Christmas Eve

24 December 2022

5.00pm Family Service

Welcome to St Bart's!

We are an inner-city Anglican church in the progressive catholic tradition welcoming people of any race, language, culture, age, ability, gender or sexual orientation.



We recognize and give honour to the first peoples of Australia, and especially of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations, past, present, and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which this parish has its mission and ministry.

St Bartholomew's Church, Burnley

Our Vision

To live as citizens of, and invite others into, God's Kingdom.

Our Mission

The Mission of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley, is to be a community who values the blessings and trust in the promises of God's Kingdom within the cultural and social context of Richmond, Melbourne:

- To live humbly before God and with all people
- To be dependent on God's comfort
- To be gentle with people and all Creation
- To hunger and thirst for the right ways of God
- To show mercy and compassion toward others
- To live with purity in motive and deed
- To be passionate for peace
- To persevere in the face of opposition

Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) Adopted by the 2015 Annual Meeting

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENT

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley commits to meeting all of the standards of the Child Safety Code of Conduct of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and the Victorian Government's mandatory Child Safe Standards (Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act 2015, Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Oversight and Enforcement of Child Safe Standards) Act 2016). The parish community seeks to promote the cultural safety of all children, including Aboriginal children, who come to us from a culturally or linguistically diverse background. We also seek to ensure the safety of any child with a disability. The parish community affirms that all children who come to St Bartholomew's have a right to feel and be safe. We are committed to ensuring that children's best interests are met within our parish. We have zero tolerance towards child abuse. The parish community actively works to listen to and empower children within our community.

Facilities including disabled and baby change room are located in the front entrance of the main hall. Enter via the main door of the hall. For all able access see welcomer.



If you want to ensure regular giving to St Bart's, but find you never have the right amount in cash, or are sometimes unable to attend on Sundays, then

St Bart's Direct Transfer may work for you.

Account Name: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church Burnley

BSB: 703 122

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As a reference you can use your own name, or you can use 'Offering' & your name will remain anonymous with your personal details not appearing on the St Bart's bank statement.

Christmas Eve – 24 December, 2022

5.00pm Family Service

Presiding : Rev Graeme Brennan
Kid's Talk: Tim Collison
Organist: Linda Kent

Gathering

Organ Prelude

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Introduction

Confession

Like the shepherds who knelt before the newborn Christ-child, so we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

You were born for our salvation: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour ✠ forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Carol – O little town of Bethlehem

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.**
- 2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy Birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.**
- 3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.**
- 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!**

Prayer for the Day

(Let us pray.) Holy Jesus, by being born one of us, and lying humbly in a manger, you show us how much God loves the world. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, until we reach our home in heaven, and see you on your throne of glory. **Amen.**

The Word

Canticle – Isaiah 62:1 – 5

Salvation will come to Zion.

1 Because I love Zion, I will not be quiet. I cannot stay quiet, because Jerusalem is in trouble. I will continue to speak until she is safe again.

I want her righteousness to shine like the sun at dawn. I want her salvation to be a bright light in the dark.

2 Jerusalem, the nations will see your righteousness. All their kings will see how great you are.

People will call you by a new name, which the LORD himself will give to you.

3 The Lord your God will hold you in his hand, and you will bring him honour.

You will be like his beautiful crown!

4 **They will no longer call you by the name 'Alone'.**

They will not call your land 'Empty place'. Instead, they will call you 'The one that makes God happy'.

The name of your land will be 'Married'. Yes, the LORD will be very happy with you. Your land will be his bride.

5 As a young man marries a pure young woman, so your sons will marry you, Jerusalem.

Your God will be very happy that you belong to him, as a bridegroom is happy with his new wife.

Carol

Joy to the world

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding
joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Gospel – Luke 2: 1 – 7

Jesus is born.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time, Caesar Augustus was ruling the whole Roman world. He made a law and told his men, 'Count everyone who lives in the Roman world.' This was the first time that the Romans had made a list of everyone's names. Quirinius was the Roman ruler of Syria when it happened. Everyone went to his own home town for the Romans to count them. So Joseph went to his home town, Bethlehem. He was living in the town called Nazareth, in Galilee. Bethlehem was in Judea. King David had been born there, so Bethlehem was called the town of David. Joseph belonged to the family of David. That is why he went to Bethlehem. Joseph took Mary with him so that the Romans could count them. She went because she had promised to marry him. She was going to have a baby. While they were in Bethlehem, after some time, her baby was born. This was her first baby, and it was a boy. She put cloths round him. Then she put him in an animal's feeding box. She did this because the rooms for visitors were full of people. May your word live in us, **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Profession of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Carol

Away in a manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.**

19th century American text, melody by W. J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)



Children's talk or homily – Tim Collison

The Prayers

*Prayers with **CAROL** 'Silent night'*

**Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright;
round the virgin and her child:
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace;
sleep in heavenly peace!**

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep, especially those who have suffered loss and anxiety due to flooding in the north, the war in Ukraine, violence in Queensland & Covid.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quail at the sight,
glory streams from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!'**

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your Resurrection to all who rest in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light:
radiant beams your holy face
with the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

Text by Josef Mohr (1792-1848), music by Franz Gruber (1787-1863), arranged by Bob Chilcott (1955-)

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a 'COVID safe' sign of peace

Offertory Carol

Adestes, fideles

**O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of Angels:**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created: [Refrain]**

**See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks,
draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps: [Refrain]**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: [Refrain]**

Notices & Announcements

Sending

The Blessing

May Christ, who by his Holy Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace. Amen.

Carol

Hark, the herald angels sing

**Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem'**

Refrain: *Hark, the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord
late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

[Refrain]

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

**Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give them second birth**

[Refrain]

Text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Organ Postlude

Prayer Diary

For the sick, suffering, frail with age, and those who grieve:

Peter Bryce; Joy Turner, Mira, Milenka, Bruce Kelsall, Howard; Nilani; Stephen; Vivien, Neville, Bp John Parkes; Fr Barry Brown; Fr Ken Hewlett; Fr Robert Whalley; and Constables Keely Brough & Randall Kirk.

Recently Departed: Richard Cacopardo; Jean-Pierre Pavillon; Dan Octigan, Priest; Jill Jolliffe, Alan Dare, and Constables Matthew Arnold and Rachel McCrow.

and for those whose Anniversaries of death occur in Years mind:

Fred Ricketts (26th), George Hyatt (27th), Ernest Barstow, Walter Wears, & Beryl Bishop (28th), (George) W J Chalk, Alexander Robson, & Warrick Sheffield (29th) & Alexander Cox (31st).

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For Your Diary

Saturday, 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

11.00pm Carols, Blessing of the Crib & Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am Sung Mass

Sunday, 1 January 2023 – Feast of the Epiphany

10.00am Mass

Sunday, 8 January 2023 – Baptism of Our Lord

10.00am Mass

Sunday, 22 January 2023 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

10.00am Mass – Guest Preacher

Sunday, 29 January 2023 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10.00am Mass followed by Summer Garden Party

Thursday, 2 February – The Presentation (Candlemas)

10.00am Mass



2022 PARISH MINISTRIES

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2022/2023 PARISH GOVERNANCE

Churchwardens:

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- Cynthia Nyholm (People's)
- Glenis Heath (Vicar's)

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- Helen McDonald
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WORSHIP SUNDAY

10.00am SUNG or SOLEMN MASS

5.00pm MASS

MID-WEEK

Thursday 10.00am Mass

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Weekly Reflection

Dear Friends of St. Bart's,

On behalf of the extended parish family of St. Bart's, I wish you a happy and holy Christmas. Christmas at St. Bart's is quite special; the sense of 'family' at St. Bart's is strong. We all come for the **same** reason and in the worship we all find the same Lord. The thing that binds us together is not a '*common doctrine*', or a '*common book*' or a '*common ideal*', but the Lord of all sacramental grace coming to us in the Body and Blood of Christ. The thing that binds us together is that unity. Even though our interests and experiences as people are wide and varied, even though our ages & personalities, our nationalities & our politics may be different, yet we know that here we are one.

I pray that you will have time to '**BE**' (*rather than 'do'*) during this Christmas period. Make time to sit and watch the grass grow. Make time to reflect on the wonder and awe of Christmas. Make time to visit friends, time perhaps to be reconciled with someone with whom you may have had a '*misunderstanding*', time to consider the greatness of God's love who came to visit us. And may the Peace of Christ be with you.

Wishing you His grace and peace, Fr. Graeme Brennan (Locum Tenens)