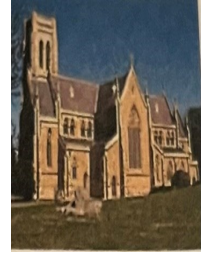




The Cathedral Church of St Saviour's, Goulburn  
Mother Church for  
The Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn



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24th December 4th Sunday

**Preacher: 8am and 10am : The Revd Tom Frame**

**Presider: 8am and 10am : Acting Dean Canon Anne Wentzel**

### Readings

2 Samuel 7.1 –11.16

Psalm 89.1-4,19-27

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38



## SENTENCE

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son ,  
and his name shall be Emmanuel :God is with  
us .

## COLLECT

Almighty God  
you make us glad with yearly expectation  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ :  
grant that ,as we joy fully receive him for  
our Redeemer ,so we may with sure  
confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our Judge ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit one God, now and for ever .Amen

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners as the custodians of this land, recognising their connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Australia's First Peoples, and to their Elders, past present and emerging.*



# Introit Hymn

1.  
I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.

## Chorus

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the  
night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

## Chorus

3.  
I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
Chorus

4.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

## Chorus

5.  
I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.

## Chorus

6.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

## Chorus



## 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

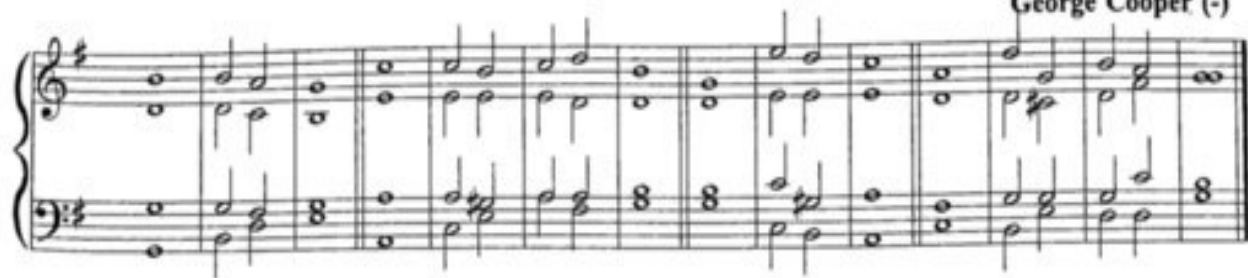
But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

For the word of the lord



## Advent 4 (Year B) Psalm 89

George Cooper (-)



- 1 Lord, I will sing forever of your | loving-| kindnesses:  
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness  
through-| out all | gene-| rations.
- 2 I have said of your loving-kindness that it is | built for | ever:  
you have established your | faithfulness | in the | heavens.
- 3 The Lord said,\* 'I have made a covenant | with my | chosen:  
I have sworn an | oath to · my | servant | David.
- 4 'I will establish your | line for | ever:  
and build up your | throne for | all · gene-| rations.'
- 19 You spoke once | in a | vision:  
and | said to | your | faithful one,
- 20 'I have set a youth a-|bove a | warrior:  
I have exalted a | young man | out of · the | people.
- 21 'I have found my | servant | David:  
and anointed him | with my | holy | oil.
- Note pointing* 22 'My hand | shall up-|hold him; |  
| and my | arm shall | strengthen him.
- 23 'No enemy | shall de-|ceive him:  
nor | shall the | wicked | hurt him.
- 24 'I will crush his | adversaries · be-|fore him:  
and | strike down | those that | hate him.
- 25 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness | shall be | with him:  
and through my name his | head shall · be | lifted | high.
- 26 'I will set the hand of his dominion upon the | Western | Sea:  
and his right hand shall stretch to the | streams of | Meso-po-|tamia.
- 2nd half* †27 'He will call to me\* | "You are · my | Father:  
my God, and the | rock of | my sal-|vation."



## Romans 16.25-27

**Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.**

**For the Word of the Lord**



# Gradual Hymn

1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us.  
Lord, keep us in your grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
who ever was, is now,  
and shall be ever more.





## Gospel Reading Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. '

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





## Communion Hymn

**1** O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet, in your dark streets shining  
the everlasting light,  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in you tonight.

**2** For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth.

**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 today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
their great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.



## Final Hymn

**1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive its king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**2 Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**3 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.**





## Diary Dates

### January events

The office Will be closed until Monday 8th January  
2024

A booklet of hymns will be available for the  
month, 7th, 14th, 21st until Choir returns

Readings January roster will be available from Sunday  
31st December

There will be no mid week services until Thursday 1st of  
February.

However—a special event for the Cathedral will  
take place on Sunday 14th January .After the 10am  
Service and Morning Tea. We will gather to where  
we believe the foundation stone was placed to cel-  
ebrate the 150years anniversary at 12 noon we  
will listen to a special bell peal commemorating  
this important event and the Bell ringers have  
called it “The Blacket Surprise Major”. Prayers will  
be offered and then we will disperse .



Singers needed for 2024

*St Saviour's Cathedral Children's Choir*  
*Rehearsals Thursdays 4-5pm*

St. Saviour's Cathedral children's choir has begun rehearsing during school term on Thursday afternoons. We would like to invite children aged 9-15 to join us. The choir will learn singing techniques, how to read vocal music and sing as a choir, during services and concerts. If you would like more information, please contact Debra McConnell 0458221339.





**ST SAVIOURS CATHEDRAL GOULBURN**



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6 pm 9 Lessons & Carols  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5 pm Children's Christmas  
11 pm Christ Mass + Mark  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9 am Christmas Day Eucharist

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## CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY

FOR THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY IN NEED

The following items are needed



**Urgently Required: UHT Milk , pasta sauce ,baked beans ,canned spaghetti ,beef casseroles, tinned fish please.**

**Please check used by dates as we can't give away expired**

Refreshments available after each Service in the Mary Thomas Room



## Naming & Circumcision of our Lord

31 December 2023

Numbers 6.22-27

Psalm 8

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.15-21



## **From the Parish Treasurer for Parish Council**

### **Our Parish Bank Details**

**Name: St Saviour's Cathedral Parish**

**BSB : 032 721**

**Account : 280 248**

**Reference : Ministry**

**Envelopes : Place them in the offertory plate. If you are unable to attend please phone me to arrange pick up of your envelopes.**

**For collection phone : 4822 8394**

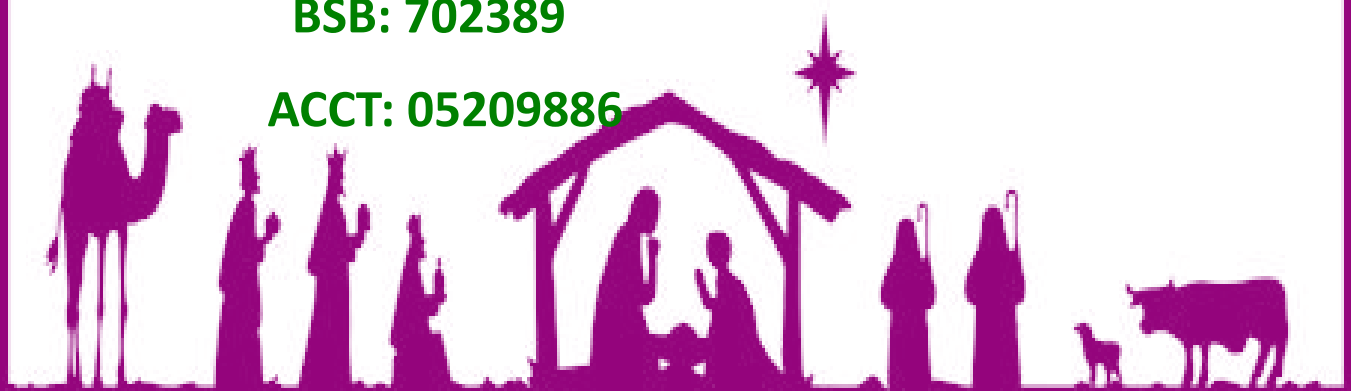
**Tap –Go : In the Cathedral any debit card to donate to the Cathedral in \$10 increments.**

### **SOWERBY TRUST**

**This Trust is vital to our Cathedral's continuing ministry should you wish to contribute, please note:**

**BSB: 702389**

**ACCT: 05209886**





## Prayer for the Israel /Palestine conflict

They say: “our beloved Holy Land has changed dramatically over the past , We are witnessing a new cycle of violence with an unjustifiable attack against all civilians. Tensions continue to rise and more innocent and vulnerable people are paying the ultimate price as the dramatic level and death and destruction in Gaza clearly show.”

The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Revd Hosam Naoum, Vice Chair of the Anglican Communion Standing Committee, is a member of the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem group. In his own statement, he said: “we pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world, For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others – hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.”

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Bishop Anthony Poggo, has endorsed the call for a day of prayer and fasting, and is calling on Anglicans around the world to take part, saying: “Archbishop Hosam, and his ecumenical colleagues in the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches group, are in the front line of the Christian response to the ongoing catastrophe in Israel and the Gaza strip.

“I join them in calling on Christians around the world to join together in prayer , in the words of Archbishop Hosam, “for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war.”





# Welcome

If you are a visitor to our service today or a new resident to Goulburn, **WELCOME !**

**We hope you are uplifted by the worship and enjoy your time with us .**

**Please make yourself known to our Clergy.**

## Cathedral Mission Statement

**As the mother church of the Canberra Goulburn Diocese and Cathedral of Goulburn**

**St Saviours is a haven for nurturing Christians and fostering new faith in Christ**

**In the love of Christ and the grace of the Holy Spirit the Cathedral community is committed to reinforcing the wisdom of the Anglican tradition and engaging with the ever changing world .**

**We Are Committed to :**

**Prayer and joyful worship**

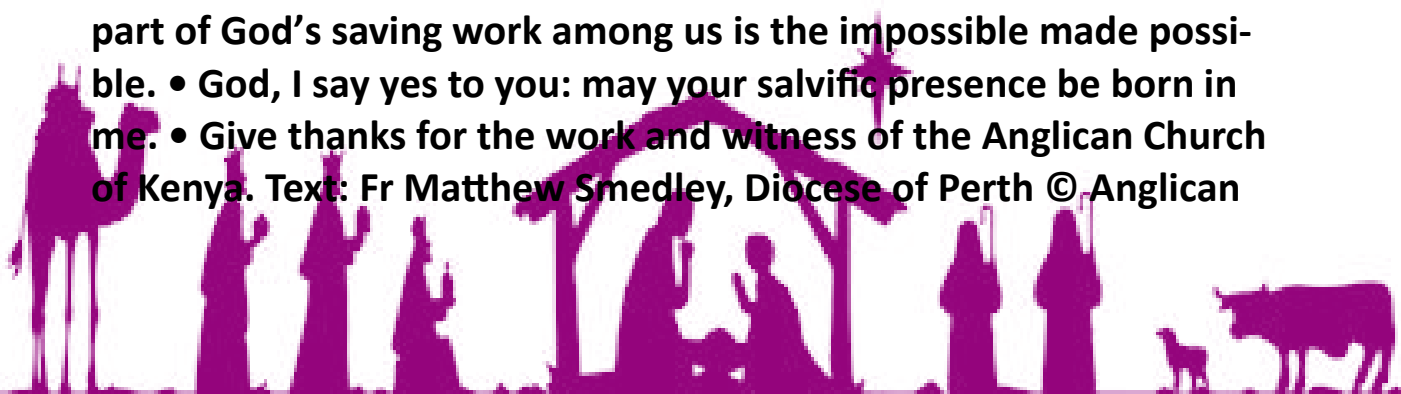
**The ministry of hospitality**

**Serving the broader community**

**Supporting those from diverse backgrounds including those with special needs**

**Supporting Goulburn and the Diocese in good times and in times of adversity**

**ABM REFLECTION Advent 4 B – Sunday 24 December 2023 • 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; either Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27 or Song of Mary; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38 Today we hear how Mary prepared for the coming of the Lord and her ‘yes’ to God. She is a vital part of our salvation and she wonders how she can be a part of it. Her questions become ours when we consider how we give birth to the Incarnation. Only with the Holy Spirit and willingness to be part of God’s saving work among us is the impossible made possible. • God, I say yes to you: may your salvific presence be born in me. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya. Text: Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth © Anglican**



**FEBRUARY 2024**

## SPEND THE AFTERNOON WITH CATH

FOURTH THURSDAY EVERY MONTH, 1.30 PM—3.00 PM,  
MARY THOMAS ROOM, ST SAVIOUR'S

### CRAFT AT THE CATHEDRAL



Social Afternoon, tea, coffee and tim-tams



Bring your craft



Learn another craft

Share your craft

Informal afternoon gathering where you can  
relax, catch up with others, continue with your own craft,  
share ideas and be inspired

As time goes by, we may make themed craft together (eg Christmas) but for  
now, it is just an opportunity to meet like-minded people and share time and  
craft together.

Want to know more? Email Margaret Emil  
[margaret.at.stsaviours@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.at.stsaviours@gmail.com)







## At the time of choosing a new Dean

Bountiful God,  
 Give this parish a faithful Dean  
 Who will faithfully speak your word  
 And minister your sacraments ;  
 An encourager who will equip people for ministry  
 And will enable us to fulfill our calling.  
 Give those you choose, wisdom, discernment and pa-  
 tience ,  
 And give to us warm gentle hearts



Canon Anne writes:

Nazareth is never once mentioned in the Old Testament.

Nothing of any importance ever happened there; no one of any significance had ever lived there. God's choice of David and Mary reflects a recurring pattern in Israel's history: "Now again, He by-passed academics, clergy, politicians, judges, councillors, to rest His favour on simple unlettered folk: farm-workers, fishermen, shepherds, donkey-drivers, peddlers, tanners, tax-collectors, beggars, harlots. All of them without influence, power, prestige.

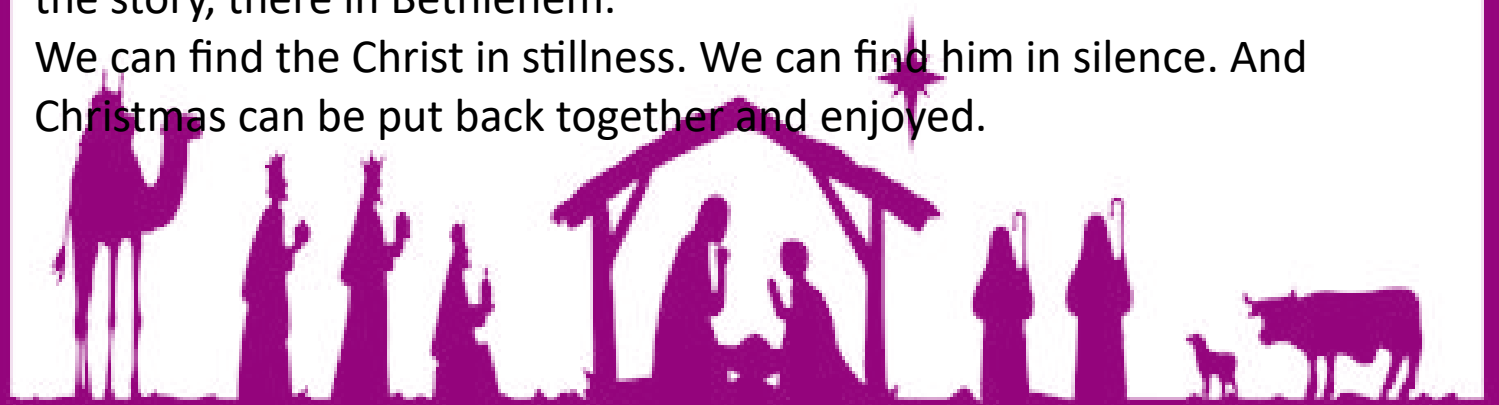
Two teenagers became pivotal in God's plan, and for each of them that plan reaches fulfilment through God's supreme power. David desired to build a house (temple) for the Lord, but is promised instead that God will establish a house (dynasty) for him.

That promise comes to its fulfilment in Mary's gracious acceptance, 'Let what you have said be done to me.'"

Advent 4 - Mary and child. There is a lovely story told by a priest whose church building was so small that at Christmas time every available chair was needed and the nativity crib was placed under the altar. One Christmas morning, about halfway through the service, a little girl, Miriam, toddled up to the front of the church. She can only have been about two or three. For several minutes she stood before the crib, gazing intently at the figures. Then, very carefully, so as not to wake the baby, she stepped inside and sat down. And as people looked at the crib that Christmas, as well as the shepherds and the angels and the ox and the ass, and Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, they saw Miriam. She sat there for the rest of the service, content to have become part of the story.

Now that all the preparations are done, let us give ourselves time to become part of the story too. Let us be still, and like Miriam get inside the story, there in Bethlehem.

We can find the Christ in stillness. We can find him in silence. And Christmas can be put back together and enjoyed.



## Our Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God whose hand has guided and sustained your Church through many generations, accept our prayers for this Cathedral church, bless all who serve within its walls and strengthen the hands of those who seek to ensure its future. Make it a constant witness to your glory and a place of peace and joy: for the sake of your Son our Saviour Amen

### A Prayer for St. George's Cathedral,

our sister church in Jerusalem Our God, as you nurture the Body of Christ in different places, we ask your blessing for our sister church, St. George's. In these difficult times, may your Spirit sustain, guide and protect your people there. Bring joy to them as they witness to your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen

### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen . *Archbishop Justin Welby/Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

**Call to Prayer for Israel and Hamas Conflict**As the Israeli-Hamas war continues, the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, have issued a call for a global day of prayer and fasting on 17th January. I've forwarded the call to prayer before for your information, in case you have not received it. In the midst of our busy lives, please join our brothers and sisters across the Anglican Communion when you have an extra moment to pray. While you're praying, please also remember Afghanistan, which has now been affected by four earthquakes each in excess of 6.0. Thousands are dead, thousands more injured, so many whose families have been lost, and countless homes destroyed. Please pray for believers to be a blessing in this time, and that the nation receives aid and hope for the future. As the eyes of the world are focused on conflicts elsewhere, little aid is being offered..



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**Rev'd Canon Margaret Emil, Hon. Asst Priest**

**Rev'd Canon Kevin Stone –4th Sunday**

**Rev'd Canon Roberta Hamilton –presently on leave.**

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**Pamela Shaw 48228394**

**Stephen Relf : 0401977432**

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**Darren Churchill, Peter Ogilvie.**

**Director of Music :Debra McConnell**

**Organist for December/January: Phil Fraser**

**Editor: Vanessa Kemp**

