



The ANGLICAN PARISH of  
*Leongatha*

Sunday 29th November 2020 – First Sunday in Advent

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## PARISH VISION

Preparing the way for the love of Jesus Christ to reach all people.

## A YEAR OF MISSION

On Vision Sunday the Rector designated 2020 to be a Year of Mission.

## Sentence

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. Isaiah 2:3a

## Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Pastoral Care

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## Weekly Services of Holy Communion – St Peter’s Leongatha

### **Sunday**

Holy Communion - 8am, 10:30am

### **Wednesday**

Holy Communion - 11am

### **Service of Holy Communion- St David’s Meeniyan**

Friday 7:30pm – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month

**St Andrew’s Tarwin lower- To be advised**

### **Readings First Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-11, 31

Psalms 122

Romans 13:9-14 (15-21)

Matthew 24:36-44

### **8am Hymns**

1. O Come, O Come Emmanuel (TIS 265)
2. Comfort, comfort oh my people (TIS 647)
3. Let all mortal flesh keep silence (TIS497)
4. Fairest Lord Jesus. (TIS203)

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS- MINISTRY UPDATE**

### **Return to Public Worship**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November public health restrictions were eased by the State Government. As a result, we are now able to have up to 150 people permitted at indoor religious services provided that the density quotient of 4 square meters per person is not exceeded. This means that at St Peter’s Leongatha we are now able to have up to 100 people per service. From today the 29<sup>th</sup> November only 2 public worship services will be held on a Sunday, 8am traditional service of Holy Communion and 10:30am contemporary service of Holy Communion including Kids Church programs. Please note that the previous 10am service has been permanently changed to **10:30am**, this was a decision made by the Parish Council to aid the smooth transition between services. Wednesday service of Holy Communion will remain unchanged and we look forward to the time when we can recommence the Community Lunch.

There is now **no need to pre-register or “book in”** for a service. It is still a government requirement however that we keep, for a temporary period of time, the name and a contact number of every person that attends a service. This can be provided at the door on the day you attend.

For more information please email [ministryleongatha@gmail.com](mailto:ministryleongatha@gmail.com) or text or call 0438 622721

**Congratulations** to Belinda on the occasion of her ordination to the priesthood in the Church of God yesterday. We rejoice with Belinda as she presides for the first time at today's celebrations of Holy Communion. Please continue to hold Belinda in your hearts and prayers as she continues her valued ministry among us.

### **Financial Stewardship**

Leongatha Anglican Church

Electronic banking details **BSB Number** 083 735 **Account Number** 515883623.

Cheques may be posted to PO Box 271, Leongatha, Vic 3953. Payable to 'Leongatha Anglican Church Parish Council Parish Account'.

### **AGM Election Results**

Church Wardens- Maryann Ashton, Hugh Chisholm and Aaron Brown Elected and appointed Parish Council Members- Geoff Coulter, James Noorbergen, Barry Savage and Peter Finlayson. Please hold each of these people in prayer as they serve during the coming year. Special thanks go to retiring members of the Parish Council – Jose Shelton and Al Steenholdt

### **Rod Burney**

Rod Burney's funeral service will also be held at St Mary's Morwell, on Tuesday of next week, 1 December, at 1.30pm. Further details, including for accessing the live-stream, can be found on the Nielsen's website: <https://www.nielsenfunerals.com.au>

**Annual Meeting** Annual meeting for the centre of Meeniyan-Dumbalk takes place in Meeniyan on 4th December immediately following Holy Communion.

**Advent Sermon Series** There will be a short Sermon Series during Advent entitled 'Freedom is Coming' based on Nick Baines book of the same title. 29 November: Voices of Comfort (Isaiah 40:1-11,31); 6 December: Any Dream will do (Isaiah 41:17-29); 13 December: Fear and Faith (Isaiah 41:10-14, 48:6-7); 20 December: Joy finds a way (Isaiah 54:1-11).

### **Christmas Services**

Following the easing of restrictions we have devised the following program for Christmas. Please note the dates and times now and especially think of friends and family who you would like to invite. Let's all play our part to make this a really special Christmas after a challenging year. We still need to decide where Services in Meeniyan and Tarwin Lower will be held – it may be that some events are held outside because the church premises are too small. Further details will be available next week.

Sunday 20 December: 3.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols in St Peters

Tuesday 22 December: Evening: Carol Service at Tarwin Lower

Thursday 24 December: 5.00 Crib Service St Peters  
Evening: Meeniyah Holy Communion  
11.00pm Holy Communion St Peters

Friday 25 December: 9.00 Holy Communion St Peters

### **Working Bee**

Thank you to all who have helped so far with improving the church and Op-shop grounds. A further working bee will take place on Wednesday from 9.00 – 11.00am. Please contact Brigid Kennedy on 0404912370 if you are able to help.

### **The Gippsland Anglican November**

[https://www.gippsanglican.org.au/assets/00TGA/2020/TGA\\_Nov\\_20\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gippsanglican.org.au/assets/00TGA/2020/TGA_Nov_20_FINAL.pdf)

Hard copies Anglican are available in the Narthex after Church services.

### **LET US PRAY**

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Worship the Lord and praise His name. Give thanks for His goodness to us. Praise Him for our salvation, our redemption and our freedom in Him.

Praise Him for this land in which we live, our government both Federal and State.

Praise Him that we are able to return to worship in larger numbers.

Praise Him for our children and give thanks for Justin and his work over the Lockdown which has ministered to children and adults alike.

Praise God and give thanks for the Ordination yesterday. Continue to pray for Belinda and her family as she continues on the path the Lord has marked out for her.

Pray for Graham as he leads us and fulfils his many duties in the Diocese.

Pray for those appointed to roles within the Parish Council.

Pray for those countries overseas where Covid is still bringing misery. Pray that a successful and safe vaccination may be made available. Pray that it's availability is dispensed fairly and justly.

Pray for those we know who are grieving the loss of family members or close friends. Pray for any known to you who are sick, suffering from long term illnesses or constant pain. Pray for those who are recovering from trauma or who suffer mental illness.

Pray for those who are fearful as we return to living outside our personal spaces.

As we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent may we wait for the coming of our Lord with expectant hearts trusting in Him for all that we need.

### **Readings for next week 6<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Second Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 41:17-29

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-21

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12