



The Anglican Parish of

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River



**Sunday 8th December 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
Service of Prayer & Praise**

Holy Trinity 10:00am | Christ Church 4:00pm

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Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82715954960>

Welcome to a service of Prayer & Praise at the Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity Church Lara *with* Christ Church Little River.

We gather in this sacred space on the traditional lands of the Kulin nations, and we respectfully acknowledge the current, past and emerging elders of the Wadawurrung people.

During our morning service, a Sunday School program is available for primary-school aged children in the hall. The children will be invited out during the service. Please ensure a guardian signs them in and then out again at the close of the service.

Hymns

Light of the World- Lauren Daigle
MP 1086 Light of the world (Here I am to worship)
TIS 270 On Jordan's Bank
MP 921 Purify my heart
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Matt Redman

(TIS: Together in Song, EW: Essential Worship Kevin Mayhew, PW: Praise and Worship, MP: Mission Praise, ATE: All Together Everybody, HM: Hillsong Music)

Sentence:

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.78-79

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace:

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever!
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets
but in our days you speak through your Son
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

Grant us, your people, to walk in his light
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement.

**As we light our second Advent Candle, we
open ourselves up to Your Peace in our lives.
We light this Candle and remind ourselves
of the ways You bring Peace into our lives,
and we live in the Hope that You
will use us for Peace through this Advent Season.**

Payer of the day:

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi, Chapter 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 1.1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 3.1-6

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The poster features a green background with white text and a holly leaf illustration. It lists food items for donation and includes a call to action.

LARA FOOD RELIEF
Christmas Hampers

We are now accepting the following food donations for our Food Relief Hampers to go out to the Lara and Little River Community this Christmas:

Christmas Cake / Pudding	Shortbread
Self-saucing pudding mix	Small Jams
Tinned Fruit	Savoury Shapes
Jellies	Small Cordials
Tinned Ham	Chocolates and Lollies

To allow time for the hampers to be packaged please donate by Sunday 8th December. Thank you.

Prayers for the Week

If you would like to be included or include someone on the prayer list, please email parlara@bigpond.net.au.

World & Nation

We pray for Christmas Bowl's Act for Peace; for the people of Gaza and the situation they continue to face; for the Holy Land torn apart by conflict; may the Lord dismantle systems of oppression and violence and strengthen the voices advocating for peace.

Church

Surfcoast Anglican Parish (Revd Sharon Valentino); St Paul's St Leonards (Revd David Wiilsher and congregation) following a fire that destroyed their building last week; The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby); Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Bp Justin Badi Arama); Primate Geoffrey, Archbishop Philip, Bishop Brad.

Community

We pray for the Combined Churches of Lara, as they work together to run the Lara Carols for the surrounding community on Saturday; we thank the Lord for this opportunity and pray that hearts will be open to the message and joy of Christmas; we also pray for blessing and protection of the volunteers at the event and all those who attend; for favourable weather; and God to be glorified.

Special Need

Marion, Sylvia, Kimberley & Hugh, Judy, Annette, Noel, Anne, Cheryl, Merinda, Alan, Lynda, Nick, Cynthia, Wes and Gwyneth, Arch, Doris & Darryl, Lucinda.

Dearlly Departed

Anne Chase (24.11.2024) and grieving family.

Marj Barrowman (1.12.2024) and grieving family and friends.

In Memory

Irene May Chesterfield (9.12.2003), Matilda Georgina Clements (13.12.1985).

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Message from Rev'd Roxanne

Dear Friends,

This week we heard the sad news that Marj Barrowman had passed away on Sunday evening, the 1st of December. Marj was a dear friend to many of us and a longstanding and faithful parishioner. I knew her as someone who always had a kind word and gesture to anyone, and always a ready smile. Funeral arrangements are as yet unclear, but I understand that there will be a private interment at the Altona cemetery where Marj's parents lie. In this event, we will hold our own memorial service in January.

The Lara Carols is on next weekend the 14th December at Pirra Homestead. Gates open at 6:30pm with a pre-concert show at 7pm featuring the choir from Lara Secondary College and local young talent. The main program starts at 8pm. There will be food trucks, petting zoo and nativity dress ups for the children. We are hoping for a large roll up and you can help by:

- Letting friends and family know by word of mouth and giving them the fliers available at church.
- Sharing our facebook posts through your own facebook groups and networks.
- Volunteering on the day – sign up sheet in the Narthex.
- Praying for a day with no rain!

My prayer for this week is drawn from the Prayer Guide for 16 days of Activism against gender based violence. It's the prayer for the 8th of December, a prayer for safe churches.

Loving Jesus, as your body may our churches be safe and life-giving communities of faith for all people, including women and children. Places where all people including women and children, can grow and thrive and not be harmed or limited. Help us to love as you have loved us.

Grace and Peace, Roxanne.

Notices (Please note these dates and place them in your diary)

Sunday Service Zoom Details

Meeting ID: 82715954960

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Christmas TMA

Available in the Narthex.



Commitment 9 – A Prayer for safe churches

Creator God, we praise you for loving us into being:
each and everyone of us made in your image.

Loving Jesus, as your body may our churches be
safe and life-giving communities of faith for all
people, including women and children. Places
where all people including women and children,
can grow and thrive and not be harmed or
limited. Help us to love as you have loved us.

Spirit of truth open our eyes and hearts to
where our practices or responses may harm
or limit people including women and children.

Enable us to make the changes needed.

Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LARA CAROLS



Lara Carols at Pirra Homestead is returning this year! Organised by the community churches in Lara, join us on Saturday 14th December from 6.30pm to celebrate and share the hope of Christmas with our community. To make it all happen though, we are needing a happy band of amazing volunteers to help us in the following areas:
Setup and pack-down of marquees, decorations, signage, etc;
Equipment transportation; Stage-hands; Technology roles; Selling and distributing items at our Churches stall; Kids' Nativity Photo Booth; Gate attendants and roaming general helpers to keep an eye out and assist attendees as needed, making everyone feel welcome and safe; and if you hold a first-aid certificate, we would especially appreciate help from you for our first-aid tent!

The more the merrier!

To join our team of volunteers at Lara Carols email parlara@bigpond.net.au or place your name on the **SIGN-UP LIST** in the Narthex.

The Combined Churches of Lara
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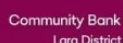
SATURDAY DEC 14TH, 8PM

GATES OPEN @ 6.30PM

**PETTING ZOO & KIDS ACTIVITIES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
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