



# WEEKLY BULLETIN - Sunday 21 December 2025

*Fourth Sunday in Advent – Our theme is Love*

The season of Advent – the four Sundays before Christmas – is also the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Each Sunday we begin services with an Advent Video and lighting our Advent Candles.

	BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY			
	Note: 9.30am Service usually only includes the NT & Gospel readings			
	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
21 Dec	Isaiah 7.10-16	-	Romans 1.1-7	Matthew 1-18-25
28 Dec	No service			

## COLLECT

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love  
 On our journey to meet the One who is coming:  
 Strengthen our weak hands,  
 Make firm our feeble knees,  
 And open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,  
 As we behold the majesty of our God.  
 We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BAPTISMS TODAY

At the 9.30am Service Claire McConnell and Susi Indrawati will be baptised.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

<b>Wednesday 24 December: 6.30pm</b> - Celebration Eucharist for the Birth of Jesus <b>Thursday 25 December: 8.00am</b> - Celebration Eucharist for the Birth of Jesus
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## **OVERWHELMED BY TRAUMA?**

It's tempting to look away when we see distressing news coverage or traumatic content on social media. Research shows that direct exposure to news and visuals of traumatic events affects us, including in our physical and mental health, and especially so for children. A balance between engaging with news and reality, and managing anxiety, is possible.

The following website from the ABC has some strategies for coping, including advice for adults to assist young people:

<https://ab.co/42c1JJV>(the last part is hard to read: 4 2 c 1 J J V - but without gaps)

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT**

Almighty God,  
We praise you for the life you have given us  
And for all the blessings we have received at your hands.  
Above all, we give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ  
For the grace and hope which his death  
and resurrection have brought to us.  
We ask this of you, our Father  
That we may show our thankfulness not only in words  
But by the service of our lives  
Both now and in all eternity. Amen

[From APB – the Anglican Prayer Book for Southern Africa – Morning & Evening Prayer]

## **GRACE HOWELL'S CRAFTS & CANDLES BY DES**

Grace will have a table near the back of the church with her crafts as also seen at the October Parish Fete. All proceeds are for the parish. Handmade candles by Des remaining from the Parish Fete in October are on display for sale. Payment: Cash preferred, or EFT see list on the table with the candles.

## **URGENT REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION**

If you or anyone you know has reasonable accommodation (share house / granny flat) available, we have a parishioner about to become homeless early in 2026 and unable to find suitable accommodation to rent at present. Please speak to Nic. The person's young adult daughter, a student, thankfully secured University accommodation at UQ last weekend.

### **PARISH OFFICE - CLOSURE**

The Parish Office has closed until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, when Alicia Adam will return to work.

### **REV NIC'S LEAVE AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Nic will be with family in Adelaide from after Christmas services until his return to Brisbane on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January for the service the next day. If there is any urgent matter between Christmas and then, please phone or email him – details on the back of every Bulletin.

## ST DAVID'S SERVICES Christmas into February 2026

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Thursday 18 Dec 2025		Office Closed
Sunday 28 Dec 2025	-	No Service
Sunday 4 Jan 2026	8.00am	Eucharist led by Simon
Sunday 11 Jan 2026	8.00am	Eucharist led by Nic
Sunday 18 January 2026	7.30am 9.30am	Eucharist led by Nic Eucharist led by Nic
Wed 21 January & Thurs 22 Jan 2026		Office reopens
Sunday 25 January 2026	7.30am 9.30am	Eucharist led by Nic Eucharist led by Nic
Tuesday 27 January 2026		<b><i>School resumes</i></b>
Sunday 1 February 2026	7.30am 9.30am	Blessing of Backpacks Blessing of Backpacks

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
At all the times you can, to all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

[The Rev Dr John Wesley,  
Anglican priest and founder of the "Methodism" movement that later became the Methodist Church]

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

### 3 WAYS TO FINANCIALLY CONTRIBUTE

- (1) **CASH** in basket at the church.
- (2) **TAP** card on EFTPOS reader at church entrance; choose the amount.
- (3) **BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Chelmer–Graceville

BSB: 704 901 ACCT: 000 00150

All giving is appreciated and dealt with securely and confidentially.

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