



WEEKLY BULLETIN - Sunday 7 December 2025

Second Sunday in Advent – Our theme is Peace
Our Preacher today is Norma Graham

	BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY			
	Note: 9.30am Service usually only includes the NT & Gospel readings			
	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
7 Dec	Isaiah 11.1-10	Ps 130	Romans 15.4-13	Matthew 3.1-12
14 Dec	Isaiah 35.1-10	APBA p9 Song of Mary	James 5.7-10	Matthew 11.2-11

COLLECT

Merciful God,
 Who sent your messenger John the Baptist
 to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
 give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,
 that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,
 Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SERVICE THEMES AND PARISH EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Christmas Services

Sunday 14 December: 6.30pm - Annual Parish Carols Service

Wednesday 24 December: 6.30pm - Celebration Eucharist for the Birth of Jesus

Thursday 25 December: 8.00am - Celebration Eucharist for the Birth of Jesus

- Sunday 7 December Second Sunday of Advent, Peace – Preacher Norma Graham
- Sunday 14 December Third Sunday of Advent, Joy – Preacher Nic
- Sunday 21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent, Love – Preacher Simon Kim

ADVENT

The season of Advent – the four Sundays before Christmas – is also the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Our Christmas tree lights will be on and each Sunday we will begin services with an Advent Video and by lighting our Advent Wreath.

RIVERBEND ENSEMBLE CHRISTMAS CLASSICAL CONCERT

TODAY Sunday 7th December 3pm in our church.

Bookings can only be made online, or purchase tickets at the door.

See Flyer on the noticeboard, or in your Newsletter.

WORKING BEE

Thank you to all those who came to help clean the church in readiness for Christmas and a new year. Your efforts have certainly made a difference - great work team!

GRACE HOWELL'S CHRISTMAS AND GENERAL CRAFTS

On Sundays in December, 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.

CANDLES BY DES

Handmade candles remaining from the Parish Fete in October are on display and for sale. Cash only or discuss with Nic.

PARISHIONER DEATHS

St David's has recently lost two long attending Parishioners.

We pray for both families.

Ross Miles passed away Thursday 20 November 2025. Ross was also a valued member of the Parish Council for many years. The family have chosen not to hold a public funeral but instead to hold a private memorial for family only, in late January.

Vic Horsfall passed away Wednesday 26 November 2025. Vic also faithfully looked after the Columbarium for many decades. A Memorial Service for Vic will be held at St David's on Monday 8 December at 9.30am.

Ailsa Gartenstein was a parishioner many years ago and recently died. Her funeral will be held at St David's on Tuesday 9 December at 10am.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING DAYS: VARIATION

Due to staff commitments including Alicia Adam's leave please note these few changes to days on which the Parish Office will be open:

Wednesday 10 December – Office **Open** (Nic available 9am – 1pm).
Thursday 11 December – Office closed.
Friday 12 December – Office **Open** (Nic and Alicia available 9am – 1pm).

ST DAVID'S SERVICES Christmas into February 2026

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Thursday 18 December 2025		Office Closes
Sunday 28 December 2025	-	No Service
Sunday 4 January 2026	8.00am	Eucharist led by Simon
Sunday 11 January 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
<i>Tuesday 27 January 2026</i>		<i>School resumes</i>
Sunday 1 February 2026	7.30am 9.30am	Blessing of Backpacks Blessing of Backpacks

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will close for the holiday period on Thursday 18 December 2025. The office will reopen on Wednesday 21st January 2026.
If the matter is urgent please contact Rev Nic.

THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUOTES

“To listen to the other side does not grant them legitimacy.
It offers them humanity and restores your own ...
deep listening is an act of surrender.”

- **Irish musician Bono**

At a Vigil in Marzabotto, Italy in September this year, Roman Catholic Cardinal Zuppi read the names of every child killed by Israel in Gaza.

“We pronounce their names, one by one”, he said. It took him 7 hours.

- **Cardinal Matteo Zuppi**

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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