

**15 DECEMBER 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Today's Services

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

3:30pm Praise & Song

Saint Anne's, Hidden Vale

10:30am Christmas & Baptism

All Saints, Marburg

10:30 Morning Prayer

Next Week

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

All Saints, Marburg

6:30pm (Rev'd John Simons)

Today's Bible Readings

Zephaniah 3.14—20
Song of Isaiah (p. 391)
Philippians 4.4—7
Luke 3.7—18

Reflect on today's sentence

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

Zephaniah 3.16—17

As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed
from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all
corruption, so that, purified, we may
wait eagerly for 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.**

The Lord
HE IS MIGHTY TO SAVE.
your God
HE WILL TAKE GREAT
is. DELIGHT
with You. IN YOU,
HE WILL QUIET
YOU WITH HIS
LOVE
HE WILL REJOICE
OVER YOU WITH SINGING.
Zephaniah 3:17

Rev'd John's Sermon Outline

ADVENT : Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Zephaniah 3:12 -20 Words of Hope/ Joy

When God's people are humble - The Grace of God enables us to trust Him more and more : PS 37: 3-6.

vs 17 Rejoice greatly - Our Lord 'will rejoice over you with singing'

Gospel : Luke 3 : 7-18.

vs 8 - A call to 'Show forth the Fruits of Repentance. 'John B spoke clearly! Turn from hypocrisy, a Spiritual disease.

*vs 16 .We need to be ready - be immersed in the Spirit of Christ.

Like Simeon, (Luke 2:30-32) In Faith we say 'For my eyes have seen your Salvation! We now live in Joyful anticipation of our Lords return!

Come Lord Jesus come! Our Hope, Peace and Joy remain in you - Amen

Scripture memory verse: Heb 12:2

" Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our Faith"

Our Community

We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

Chappie Krystal appeal for grocery items to brought to Church this Sunday. Early next week Krystal is hoping to make up hampers for families in need within her schools.

Sunday night Service

Praise and Song - 3.30pm St Luke's - Carols to be every 2nd song. All welcome, followed by a meal at 5.00pm.

Christmas Services

Marburg/Lowood Christmas Service - 6.30pm - 22nd at Marburg

St. Luke's Christmas Eve Nativity Service 5.30pm

St. Luke's Christmas Day Communion Service 9.00am

Parish Outreach

Bible Study

Bible Study is now in recess until the new year.

Morning Prayer

9:00am Tuesdays in the Outreach Centre, Rosewood. All welcome!

Friends on Friday

Friends on Friday will start up again on Friday 17 January.

Men's Group

Men's Group has ended for this year and will return in early 2025.

SAVE THE DATE

15 Dec—Marburg Carols in the Park

21 Dec—Rosewood market

22 Dec—Advent 4 service, 6:30pm Marburg

5 Jan—Epiphany Service

Why we should be a praying Church

Martin Luther: “Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.”

John Wesley: “I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.”

Billy Graham: “Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian.”

Prayer for the Archdeaconry

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyzes and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus’s Name.
Amen.

Prayer Requests

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Bryan passed away recently. Please pray for his family. Margot, Shirley, Jayke, Robyn, Jenny, Leone, parishioners in the congregation of Saint James.

Pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Yvonne and Ian Hillard, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

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“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?”

Isaiah 43.18—19

**Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:
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