

**1 DECEMBER 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Today's Services

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

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Next Week

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

Archbishop Jeremy's visit

9:00am (Archbishop Jeremy &

Rev'd John Simons)

Today's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 33.14—16

Psalms 25.1—10

1 Thessalonians 3.9—13

Luke 21.25—38

Reflect on today's sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.28

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

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far
spent and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching, for
your kingdom, and make us strong in
faith, so that when Christ comes in glory
to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him,
and, with all your saints, may worship
you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Rev'd John's Sermon Outline

ADVENT; A time for discipline and intentional Repentance in the confident expectation and Hope of the coming Christ, our soon coming King!
Jeremiah tells us "The days are coming, I will fulfill the promise I made.- .Hope is rooted in God's promises and is the very character of God."

Jer 33:14-16

Luke 21: 25-38

*vs 25 -28. We read of terrible circumstances before the 2nd Advent of Christ and how Christians will rest in the complete security in the promises of Christ.

WATCH and PRAY

An exhortation to the church!'.
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*vs 36 . 'Always stay awake' Let us beware of Spiritual drowsiness.'

Paul - 1Thes 5:6 'let us not sleep as others do, let us watch and be sober.

With the Spirit of Christ indwelling us, we will not be weighed down, burdened or consumed, we rise above these debilitating concerns -Our main focus is on the promise of the Coming King -O come Emmanuel!

We Watch and Pray!

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

Parish Elections

Elections will be held on today following the service at St Luke's. All are welcome.

Archbishop's Visit

Next Sunday will be a special service led by Archbishop Jeremy. We hope you can join us for this special event in our Parish.

The service commences at 9am at St Luke's with morning tea in the hall to follow.



Christmas Services

December 15
10:30am St Anne's, Hidden Vale

December 22
6:30pm All Saints, Marburg

Christmas Eve
5:00pm St Luke's, Rosewood 24 Dec, Family Service

Christmas Day
9:00am St Luke's, Rosewood

Parish Outreach

Bible Study

Bible Study continues in the St. Luke's Hall on Mondays at 1pm and Tuesdays at 10am. Studies are led by Rev'd John Simons. Everyone is invited to attend.

Morning Prayer

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

Friends on Friday

The Op Shop is open for cuppas and chats Friday , 9am—12pm

Men's Group

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



- 1 Dec—Election of officers
- 8 Dec—Archbishop's visit
- 15 Dec—Christmas Service, Hiddenvale
- 21 Dec—Rosewood market
- 22 Dec—Advent 4 service, 6:30pm Marburg

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. Desree Crawford & family, Penny & Bernie Montgomery, 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.

Parish Directory

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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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