

**22 DECEMBER 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Today's Services**

**Saint Luke's, Rosewood**  
8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

**All Saints, Marburg**  
6:30pm (Rev'd John Simons)

**Next Week**

**Christmas Eve**  
5:00pm *St Luke's, Rosewood*  
**Christmas Day**  
9:00am *St Luke's, Rosewood*  
**Sunday (5th Sunday Service)**  
9:00am *All Saints, Marburg*

**Today's Bible Readings**

Micah 5.2—5a  
Song of Mary (p. 31)  
1 John 4.7—12  
Luke 1.39—45

***Reflect on today's sentence***

*Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.*

*Luke 1.45*

**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

Gracious God,  
you have visited your people and  
redeemed us in your Son:  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
make our hearts leap for joy at the  
sound of your word,  
and move us by your Spirit to bless your  
wonderful works.  
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.**

### Christmas Prayer of the Day

God Most High,  
whose eternal Word chose a dwelling  
among us,  
that we might live in your presence:  
grant us a spirit of wisdom  
to know how rich is the glory you have  
given us,  
and how great is the hope to which we are  
called in the Word made flesh;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Christmas Readings**

Isaiah 9.2—7

Song of Simeon.P31.PB

(Luke 2: 29-32)

Titus 2: 11-14.

Luke 2:1-14

### **Rev'd John's Sermon Outline**

#### **ADVENT 4**

Luke 1: 39-45 : Recognizing the presence of Jesus in others like Elizabeth did.

vs 39-40 We observe the value of fellowship. PS 133.

Heb. 10:25 'Let us not neglect meeting together...'

vs41. Without this visit, Elizabeth might never have experienced "Being filled with the Holy Spirit."

vs 42. We learn of a wonderful Spiritual knowledge in the language of Elizabeth-'she greeted Mary "Mother of my Lord "

vs 45.'The moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for Joy'.

Mary Glorified God.

We are called to Glorify God in all circumstances. PS 115:1

# Our Community

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



## Christmas Services

Marburg/Lowood Christmas Service - 6.30pm - 22nd at Marburg  
St. Luke's Christmas Eve Nativity Service 5.00pm  
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.



5 Jan—Epiphany Service, followed by Parish Council meeting  
2 Mar—Annual General Meeting

## ***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:

Bishop Cam, Bryan’s 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.

## **Parish Directory**

Parish Office—Phone 07 5464 2797 Parish Website: [rosewoodanglican.org.au](http://rosewoodanglican.org.au)

Postal Address: Post Office Box 176, Rosewood QLD 4340

Office Email: [rosewood@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:rosewood@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)

**Churchwardens—**

**Anne Parker**

**Colin Clifford      0438 596 017**

**Christina Marre      0422 306 884**

Prayer Chain Coordinator— Desley Greensill 0437 374 407

Markets—0439 095 645 (Janet Spresser)

*“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:  
Anglican Parish of Rosewood BSB 704 901 A/c 00008030**