ST OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS

Sunday 29 November, 2026



First Sunday in Advent

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

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Gathering in God's Name

Prelude:

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 273

The Greeting: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence for the Day:

> Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2: 3a*

Advent Song—The Advent Hope please refer to screen

Please follow service in green Prayer Book starting page 119

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

Confession APBA page 120

Absolution APBA page 120

Kyrie please refer to screen

Prayer of the Day:

Faithful God,
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:
renew us in hope,
that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,
our Judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

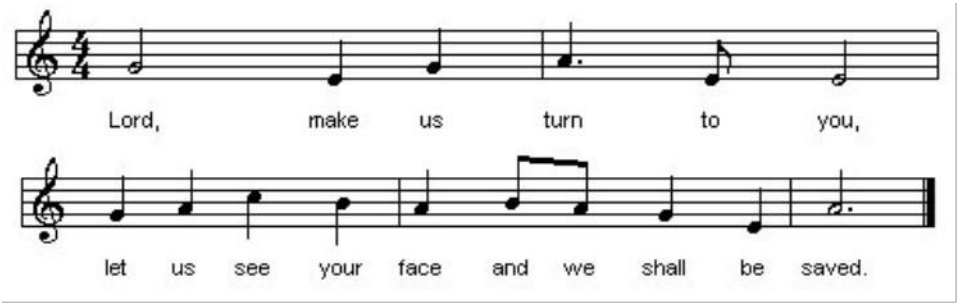
Ministry of the Word

A Reading from]the Prophet Isaiah *[Isaiah 64: 1 – 9]*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord , you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80: 1 – 7, 17 - 19 8 am page307 10 am TiS 42



Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

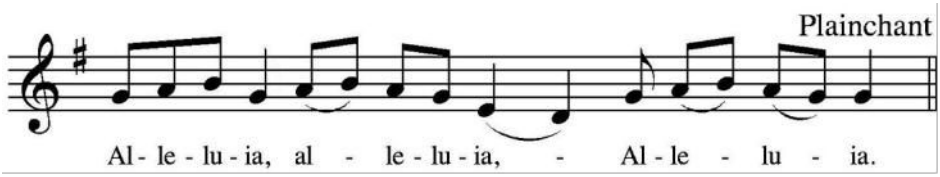
A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

[1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9]

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother s, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



Gospel Acclamation Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us you salvation.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark *[Mark 13: 24 – 37]*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Please stand

THE CREED *please refer to the screen*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — *please refer to the screen for the prayers.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Offertory Hymn Together in Song 271

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 5 —please refer to screen.

Music during Communion
Your coming, Lord Lawrence Francis Bartlett (b.1933)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD please refer to screen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Bountiful God,
at this table you graciously feed us
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love,
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory.
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn Together in Song 445 verses 1, 2, 4.

Postlude: *Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme* BWV 645
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Vicar's Message

My Dear Family,

As we enter the beautiful season of Advent, we are invited once again to pause, reflect and prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is a season of hope, anticipation and joyful expectation. It reminds us that even in a world filled with uncertainty, conflict and darkness, God's light continues to shine, and His promises remain everlasting.

As we begin preparing our homes, buying gifts and making arrangements for Christmas, let us not forget the most important preparation of all – preparing our hearts to welcome Christ. Let us make room for Him through prayer, forgiveness, compassion and acts of kindness towards one another.

Advent also calls us to become bearers of hope in our community. A kind word, a helping hand, a visit to someone who is lonely or a simple act of love can become a reflection of Christ's presence in the world. May we, as the family of St. Oswald's, continue to walk together in faith, supporting one another and sharing God's love with all whom we encounter.

As we light the Advent candles week by week, may each flame remind us of God's promises, the hope we share and the wonderful gift of His Son.

May this Advent season renew our faith, deepen our love and prepare us to welcome the Prince of Peace into our hearts and homes.

With every blessing for a meaningful and grace-filled Advent.

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Mal

Intercessions

For the church:

The World: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore; The Anglican Communion; Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; The Anglican Church of Australia; Mission Agencies; Anglican Board of Mission; The Bush Church Aid Society; Church Missionary Society; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; The Diocese of Melbourne; Mission, church planting and renewal; Parish Partnerships; and those supporting churches and ministries to discern and take their next faithful step; Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies; Benetas; Ascension Springvale; St Paul's Cathedral;

Departed

Doublas de Niese, Mavis Skippage, Dr. James Syme, Jean Yarwood, Anthonly Cheal, Lorna Johnson.

Ministries Roster

The next ministries roster will be prepared to commence on December 20th 2026 and continue through to Sunday March 7th 2027, 4th Sunday of Lent. There is a folder at the back of the church for those already on the ministries roster to put down their dates of unavailability.

Otherwise please email or phone me with your dates, and I would be very happy to have any new offers of assistance in the ministries.

Many thanks,

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Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/@stoswaldgleniris/live

Wednesdays

Holy Communion is discontinued. However, the church will be open between 9.30 and 11. 30 each Wednesday

Sunday 6 December

Second Sunday of Advent

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Isaiah 40: 1—11

Psalm 85: 1—2, 8—13

2 Peter 3: 8—15a

Mark 1: 1—8

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor	***P. McLeod***
Communion Assistant	***J. Haigh***
Reader	***H. Rehn***
Intercessor	***K. Ennis***
Welcome / Offertory	***H. Rehn***
Morning Tea	***L. Williams***
	J. O'Shea

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COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GROCERIES FOR ANGLICARE

We will start our Christmas grocery drive for Anglicare in Clayton on Sunday 1st November. It will run through all Sundays in November and finish on Sunday 6th December. Please put your groceries (small sizes) in the baskets at the back of the church.

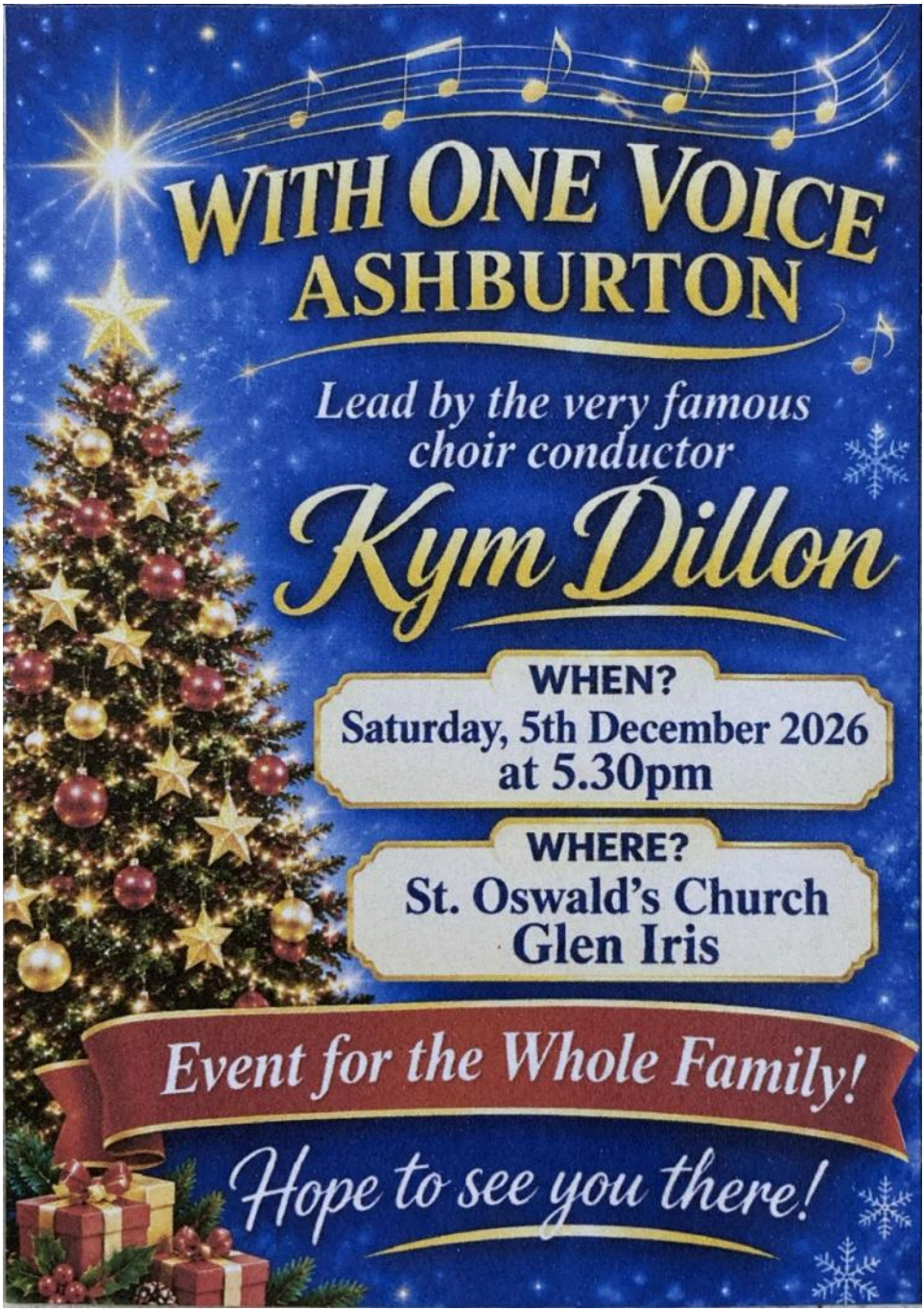
I heard on an interview on T V that people are going without toothpaste, Shampoo and soap in order to buy food. Christmas treats are always welcome as well as tins of fish, ham, fruit and vegetables.

Your support has been terrific. Let's keep up the good work.

Thank you Barbara Olney



Gift given to St. Oswald's by Jenny Campbell
of the Glen Iris Uniting Church
at the Indigenous Service on 22 November 2026


WITH ONE VOICE
ASHBURTON
Lead by the very famous
choir conductor
Kym Dillon
WHEN?
Saturday, 5th December 2026
at 5.30pm
WHERE?
St. Oswald's Church
Glen Iris
Event for the Whole Family!
Hope to see you there!