



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds ...

## First Sunday of Advent

Giving thanks for the Ordination of Women to the  
Priesthood in the Anglican Church  
27 November 2022

Gathering in God's name

Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")  
Christ Church Mass – Philip Mathias (1954 - )

### Introit

*Ad te levávi (Introit for Advent Sunday)* – Plainsong

### Entrance Hymn

271 TIS The Advent of our God



### The Advent Wreath: First Sunday of Advent

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is hope.

*Advent 1* [26 (A&M 2013)]

Cantors

Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray;  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
Changed for gladness on that Day.

*The candle is lit.*

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

### Sentence

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

## Invitation to Confession

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

## The Collect 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.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'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.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 122**

*1 I was glad when they said to me:  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'*  
*2 And now our feet are standing:  
within your gates, O Jerusalem;*  
*3 Jerusalem which is built as a city:  
where the pilgrims gather in unity.*  
*4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:  
as he commanded Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.*  
*5 There are set thrones of judgement:  
the thrones of the house of David.*  
*6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
may those who love you prosper.*  
*7 Peace be within your walls:  
and prosperity in your palaces.*  
*8 For the sake of my kindred and companions:  
I will pray that peace be with you.*  
*9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:  
I will seek for your good.*

### **Second Reading**

Romans 13.9-14

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

## **The Gospel**

Matthew 24.36-44

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*  
*Lord show us your mercy and love,*  
*and grant us your salvation*  
***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn**

197 TIS *God's son came to bless us*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving 1 on page 128, preface 147

**Communion Anthem**     *I give you a new commandment* – Peter Aston (1938-2013)  
*A Round of Praise* – Music Trad Czech fold melody text based on Ps 150

**Post Communion & Blessing**     Page 148

**Mission Hymn**     273 TIS *Lo! He comes with clouds descending*

**Organ Postlude**     *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* – Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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### “Just a moment” – Advent Reflection “Hope”

*Ethel George, Anglican Church of Melanesia – Vanuatu, and senior member of Mothers Union Vanuatu.*



In Isaiah 41:10 God is lovingly asking his people, the Israelites, to put their faith in him. He longs for their total trust in his power and might so they can always be saved under his righteous right arm. It may not have been easy for them to place their hope in these words,

especially when there were a lot of challenges and injustices around them, but those who heard with their hearts and responded to the call with faith may have experienced the manifestation of God 's power.

To those of us who choose to believe in the incarnation of God 's only begotten son Jesus to be our personal Lord and Saviour, this same call is still going out. We are constantly reminded of the eternal hope through faith and trust in Jesus Christ our Lord, for he alone is the way, the truth and the life.

No one can go to the Father except through him who is our sure hope amidst all the changes and challenges of this world.

May this season bring forth powerful manifestations from above, and abundant spiritual blessings of hope, peace and love upon everyone.  
Amen.



## All-In-Church-Sunday

9.00am 4 December

With free brunch to follow

All welcome

### ICON OF FLORENCE LI TIM OI

**First woman ordained Priest in the Anglican Communion**

**24 January 1944**



**Florence Li Tim-Oi** (5 May 1907 – 26 February 1992 ) was the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Communion on 25 January 1944.

Florence Li, born in Hong Kong, attended Canton Union Theological College to receive her theological education before returning to Hong Kong in 1938. After working for two years in All Saints Church, in Kowloon, helping refugees in Hong Kong who fled mainland China in the midst of the Second Sino-Japanese War, Li was sent by Bishop Ronald Hall to help with refugees in Macau. Six months into her new post, she returned to Hong Kong to be ordained as a deaconess on 22 May 1941 by Bishop Hall.

The Japanese occupation of Hong Kong and of parts of China had made it impossible for Anglican priests to get to neutral Macau, where there was no resident Anglican priest. In January 1944, Li travelled through Japanese-occupied territory to the small town of Hsinxing, as yet unoccupied by the Japanese, to meet with Bishop Hall; from there they proceeded to Shaoqing where he regularised her administration of the sacraments by ordaining her as a priest on 25 January 1944. It was to be 30 years before any Anglican church regularised the ordination of women, so unsurprisingly after the way there were protests concerning her ordination; to avoid further controversy she resigned her licence, though not her priest's orders.

She later moved to Canada where she was eventually able to exercise her role as a priest.

### ADVENT AT THE CATHEDRAL

Today we commence a new Church Year, with the season of Advent. Advent extends across the four Sundays prior to Christmas.

The liturgical colour for Advent is purple/blue, representing the call of God's kingdom on our lives, as purple/blue was associated with the Emperor in Ancient Rome.

A common symbol for Advent is the advent wreath with its four coloured candles and a central white candle. As we light each successive candle at the first service of week, we offer prayers for different spiritual blessings.



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**Prayers for those in need**

Joy Baldwin Cheryl Cook Sue Cotter Kathryn Douglas Gail Gilmore Allen Madden Margaret Kay	Fay Kelly Ruth Kingsley Joan Marr John McAnally Elaine Stephenson Roy Ford Joan Morrow	Kay Metcalfe Eileen Rogan Val Rogers Tammy Uren Jessie Usher Mervyn Kingsley Lyn Hinton
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**Remembering those who have died**

**Recently Departed:** Margaret Duff  
**Year's Mind:** Robert Jeanes, Elsie Hale, Ivy Sweetman, Neville Smith, Gordon Child, Gary Dow & Ken Kingsley

**Cathedral Prayer**

**Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.**

## Around the Parish this Week

<b>Today</b>	<p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>          Giving thanks for the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church  <b>9.00am – Cathedral Live &amp; Online:</b>  <a href="http://www.graftoncathedral.org.au">www.graftoncathedral.org.au</a></p>										
<b>Bank Details</b>	<p><b>BSB: 705 077</b>  <b>Acc: 00033630</b>  <b>Name: Anglican Parish of Grafton</b></p>										
<b>Weekdays</b>	<p><b>Morning Prayer &amp; Evening Prayer</b> will continue to be said at 8.30am and 5.30pm. <b>You are welcome to join us any time you are free, either in person or via Zoom: Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"><b>Cathedral Office</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>9.00am–4.00pm(9-7 Tues)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Cathedral Bookshop</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>9.30am–3.30pm</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Cathedral OpShop</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>10.00am–4.00pm</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Cathedral Pantry</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>Mon, Tue &amp; Thur</b></td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <td><b>Wednesday Worship</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>at 10.00 am</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Father Rod, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.  <b>PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS</b></p>	<b>Cathedral Office</b>	<b>9.00am–4.00pm(9-7 Tues)</b>	<b>Cathedral Bookshop</b>	<b>9.30am–3.30pm</b>	<b>Cathedral OpShop</b>	<b>10.00am–4.00pm</b>	<b>Cathedral Pantry</b>	<b>Mon, Tue &amp; Thur</b>	<b>Wednesday Worship</b>	<b>at 10.00 am</b>
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<b>Birthdays this coming week</b>	<p><b>Happy birthday to: Joan Morrow, Judy Glasson &amp; Lyn Johnston</b></p>										

### Prayer for a New Dean

**Bountiful God, give to this parish a loving leader and generous pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.**

**Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**