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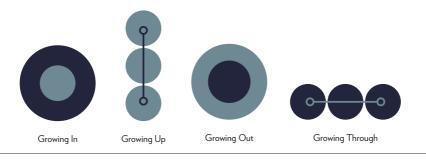
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By 2030, by the grace of God, Church Hill Anglican will be:

<u>Growing In vibrant community.</u> <u>Growing Up</u> into maturity in Christ. <u>Growing Out</u> with impact for the Kingdom. <u>Growing Through</u> generational renewal.

#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

Lovells in South Africa Returning for 6 months home assignment Saturday 6 December 2025.

SRE at The Con High School

Community groups and Leaders

Those affected by the Hong Kong apartment fires.

Church Hill Giving
Give thanks for all offertories made during the week,
pray for wise governance

#### **90 DAYS OF PRAYER**

Have you been following our 90 Days of Prayer? This week we're praying for Church Hill and how we might be Growing In Vibrant Community. Pick up a printed copy of the 90 Days of Prayer from the back table or download it from Church Hill Links.

### BIDDING PRAYERS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Please stand when the ministers come in

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his pity and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end.

Please be seated or kneel

Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

My brothers and sisters, we enter today the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Supper, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ.

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

### COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## Zechariah 9:9-17

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- $^{11}$  As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.
- <sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.
- <sup>13</sup> I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim.

I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword.

<sup>14</sup> Then the Lord will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning.

The Sovereign Lord will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south,

and the Lord Almighty will shield them.

They will destroy

and overcome with slingstones.

They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar.

<sup>16</sup> The Lord their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock.

They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.

<sup>17</sup> How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.

### IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.

O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

4 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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Please be seated

### Jeremiah 23:1-8

<sup>1</sup> 'Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!' declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: 'Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,' declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup> 'I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup> I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the Lord.

- <sup>5</sup> 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
- a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.
- <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:

The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

<sup>7</sup> 'So then, the days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when people will no longer say, "As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt," <sup>8</sup> but they will say, "As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them." Then they will live in their own land.'

### COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

- Come, thou long expected Jesus,
   Born to set thy people free,
   From our fears and sins release us,
   Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.
- 3. Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king, Born to reign in us for ever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4. By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.

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### Isaiah 9:2-7

- <sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
- <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.
- <sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.
- <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
   He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
   establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.
   The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

### Choir

### THE ANGEL GABRIEL

- 1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; 'All hail' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary', Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!
- 2. 'For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honour thee, Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold; Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
- 3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, 'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said, 'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name': Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!
- 4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say 'Most highly favoured lady'. Gloria!

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE Basque carol paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould 1834-1924 Public Domain

### Isaiah 7:10-15

- $^{\rm 10}$  Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."
- 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."
- $^{13}$  Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?  $^{14}$  Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.  $^{15}$  He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.

### O COME O COME EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the law In cloud and majesty and awe.
- 3. O come, thou key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery.
- 4. O come, thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave.
- 5. O come, thou day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight.

#### VENI EMMANUEL

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### Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

 $^{11}$  And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.  $^{12}$  The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.  $^{13}$  Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.  $^{14}$  Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

### OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, and have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

2. O that birth for ever blessed When the virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving Bore the saviour of our race, And the babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore.

3. This is he whom seers and sages Sang of old with one accord, Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now he shines, the long-expected: Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.

4. In the heights of heaven adore him, Angel hosts his praises sing, All dominions bow before him And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert sing, Evermore and evermore.

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Please be seated

### Matthew 25:1-13

- ¹ "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
- <sup>6</sup> "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
- <sup>7</sup> "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
- $^{9}$  "No," they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."
- <sup>10</sup> "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
- $^{\rm 11}$  "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'
- 12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
- $^{13}$  "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

### **SERMON**

Matthew Peters

# Wake up!

1. **Why** do we wake up? (13:11-12)

2. What **do** we do as we wait? (13:8-11, 14)

3. What do we  $\underline{\mathbf{not}}$  do we wait? (13:13)

### LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

1. Lo, he comes, with clouds descending, Once for favoured sinners slain; Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Christ appears on earth to reign.

- 2. Every eye shall now behold him Robed in dreadful majesty; Those who set at naught and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree, Deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.
- 3. Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears, Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshippers: With what rapture Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, Claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the souls of your servants.

Even so, Lord, come.

O Lord Jesus Christ, come at evening time, with light,

and in the morning, with your glory, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

He who receives our prayers says:

Surely, I come quickly. I am the root and offspring of David, I am the bright and morning star. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

As we await our coming Saviour,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

### **NOTICES**

#### CHRISTMAS SUPPER AT THE DENNIS' HOME AFTER 6 PM CHURCH TONIGHT

Bruce and Jenny are hosting a Christmas supper after 6 pm church to celebrate the Christmas season with our church community.

Light refreshments will be provided. Address: 46 Milner Cres, Wollstonecraft 5 minute walk from Wollstonecraft Station 7:30 to 9:00 pm ph Jenny 0413449032 Everyone welcome!

#### TOYS 'N' TUCKER COLLECTION FOR **ANGLICARE**

Drop off your donations at church on Sundays or to the Church Hill office during office hours before Monday 8 December. Gift guides are available on the back table. Contact Jean Ashton for more information iean.ashton@gmail.com

#### CITY CARE CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND **BAGS OF LOVE SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER**

December's City Care Lunch will be a Christmas Celebration. We have 'Bags of Love' ready for you to take home and fill with treats, shopping guides included. Pick one or a few up from the back of church today, and return by Wednesday 3 December. These will be gifted to each guest at lunch on the 7th.

There's a variety of other ways you can help, both in the lead up and on the day. For a full list of needs and to sign up scan the Church Hill Links QR Code at the bottom of the page to find the Volunteer Sign up form. If you'd like to support City Care Ministries financially a link for where you can do so via Square can also be found at Church Hill Links

#### CAROLS AT THE PUB! 6:30PM TOMORROW NIGHT

On Monday 1 December we will fill the Hero of Waterloo in Miller's Point with an evening of singing rousing Christmas Carols (and other Christmas Classics). Doors open at 6:30pm, Carols from 7, fun for the whole evening and the whole family. \$10 donation appreciated. All proceeds go to City Care. Under 18s free if accompanying their parents.



To give us an idea of numbers, we'd love you to register using this QR code.

Giving Taking your place in the life of this church (financially)

#### START or DOUBLE DECEMBER CHALLENGE

To set us up for a great 2026, we'd love to make our budget this year. Not for the sake of the budget, of course, but for the sake of our vision to see the city filled with the Gospel, and lives filled with this love. To this end, we have a challenge:

- START: For those who are members, who don't currently give, to start giving in December. You can do that via the QR Code below.
- DOUBLE: For those who can (and we recognise the challenges people are under), perhaps you can think about doubling your giving in December. We also know that some of you give in 'chunks' from time to time, and perhaps December may be a time for such a gift.

If you belong to and benefit from Church Hill, please take your part in contributing financially to the ministry of the church in this city. The most intentional way to give is to give online, to the bank account listed below. To set up a direct payment from your credit card, complete the form by scanning this QR code.

#### CHURCH HILL GIVING ACCOUNT

Account Name: BSB: 032000 Reference:

**Church Hill Anglican** Account No: 810878 Giving + your service (8:30am/10:30am/4pm/6pm)

#### **CURRENT OFFERTORIES**

August 2025: \$45,906 (Budget \$58,881 September 2025 \$60.104 (Budget \$58,881) October 2025: \$46,443 (Budget \$58,881)

YTD 2025: \$495,463 (Budget \$588,812)

#### USEFUL INFORMATION

#### PARKING

Limited visitor parking on the northern side of St Philip's can be accessed from Clarence Street. Free parking is available on Sundays in the underground car park at No. 1 York Street for swipe card holders. Entry via Clarence Street, from 7:30am to 10:00pm each Sunday. Contact the Church Hill office to order a swipe card.

#### PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO PARKING AT 1 YORK STREET

For your safety please enter and exit the carpark via the lobby and lifts, or fire stairs.

#### No pedestrian access via the driveway ramp.

#### YOUR COMFORT

Our toilets are located in the Parish Hall (St Philip's) and from the Car Park (Garrison)

#### YOUR BABY

All babies are welcome. There is baby friendly space in the Parish Hall, including change facilities and the Sunday service livestream.

#### FIRST AID

Automatic External **Defibrilators** (AED) are located in the West Porch of St Philip's Church and outside the kitchen in the Parish Hall.

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#### PARISH COUNCIL

The Church Hill Parish Council meets 10 times annually. To contact the Parish Council email posecretary@churchhillanglican.com

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#### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Emergency evacuation procedures: Please leave the church in an orderly manner via the south door towards Jamison Street (St Philip's) or gather in the car park (Garrison), or as directed by a member of staff. Please see the staff if someone asks you for money, or makes you feel uncomfortable, or if you see an unattended bag.

#### YOUR SAFETY

Church Hill has a No Tolerance approach to any form of domestic and family violence. We are committed to being a church family where people feel safe. If you or someone near you is in a situation of domestic and family violence, we are here to listen, ready to believe you and make ourselves available to support you. Please contact Jenny Fendler or Justin Moffatt. In addition, you can call 1800 RESPECT, a 24/7 telephone service that provides information, counselling and support. All support is confidential.

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