***PRAYER***

* Pray for renewed commitment to prayer throughout our Diocese.
* Pray for the work of BCA in Australia.
* Pray for those unwell or in distress at this time, especially Robert & Meryl, Jean, Anna, Liam, Max & Betty, Doreen, Shirley and Carol.
* Pray for young mother Brooke Barton who is suffering from paralysis.
* Pray that all politicians will deal
compassionately with refugees and seek a solution that reflects Jesus' love for us all. Pray that nations and individuals will compassionately give.
* Give thanks our doctors
* Pray that God is the centre of families and marriages and his presence is felt.
* Give thanks and pray for the work of
Anglicare and the groups they support and who support them.
* Pray for the all the little children suffering illness that they and their families find strength and peace.
* Pray for those affected by Mother Nature around the world, pray for peace and calm and healing in all places**.**
* pray for the safety of the emergency and armed services personnel
* Pray for the families who have lost loved ones that they may feel God's caring hand on their hearts.
* Pray for peace, calm and clarity in Australia and overseas.

**Prayer of the day**

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way fro Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice;

through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Sprit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Parish Prayer**
 Heavenly Father, empower us by your Holy Spirit to do your will. Visibly strengthen us to reach out in Christ to others through prayer, worship, study, fellowship, and service, enabling us to share your word and peace.
Help us to grow in love, faith and obedience as we discover meaning, purpose and direction for today and hope for tomorrow through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**17th December 2017 A.D**



**We are glad you are with us.
Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer
During the service, let the Lord speak to you
After the service, speak to one another**

**Sentence of Scripture:**

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year if the Lord’s favour, the day of vengeance of our God. *Isaiah 61:1-2*

**BIBLE READING**

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Small print: Page 529

Large Print: Page 1157

 Romsey Reader: Tom Morgan

Lancefield reader: volunteer

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Small Print: Page 837

Large Print: Page 1841

Romsey reader: Doreen Morgan

Lancefield reader: Volunteer

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8,19-28

Reader Rev

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

 SUNDAY 24th December 2017

1st Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Small print: Page 219

Large Print: Page 480

 Romsey Reader: Elaine Lobb

Lancefield reader: volunteer

2nd Reading: Luke 1:26-28

Small Print: Page 723

Large Print: Page 1588

Romsey reader: Glenice Mitchell

Lancefield reader: Volunteer

Gospel Reading

Reader Rev

**ABM Pew Reflection**

Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, has been depicted at times, as a compliant maiden and patronizingly praised for being a ‘doormat’. Listen to the Song of Mary (*Magnificat*), set as an alternative to Psalm 126 today. It is a song of subversion that proclaims the overturning of both the religious and social status quo. Mary not only prepared the way for the coming of Jesus, but she was the Theotokos – the God bearer.

* Pray for a discerning spirit for each other and for the church; and faith and courage to follow God who prepares the way.
* Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui,* the Anglican Church in Hong Kong

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**Collections**

*Could you all please save the following items and give to Doreen.*

 ***Used stamps – for BCA***

*Please collect any unused envelopes, any size, shape or colour for Mrs Gayelene Harrower, wife of the former Bp. of Tasmania. She makes greeting cards and sells them for CMS. Doreen*

**Anglicare**

Please remember to purchase for Anglicare when you shop. Every little bit helps

**DIARY DATES**

Romsey - 8.45 Prayers.

9·ooam service

Lancefield - 10.15am prayer

 10.30am service

**A.M.S. POCKET DIARIES 2018** now on sale. $6.They contains short devotions and the only diaries with the Church calendar.

Actual Announcements taken from Church bulletins

Don't let the worry kill you - let the church help

**Christmas Services 2017**

**Christmas Eve**

11.30pm Christ Church Lancefield

**Christmas Day**

9am St Pauls Romsey

**Rev Jeannie Woollard officiating**

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