

Mark Your Calendars


24th December
 7.00 pm Christmas Eve Communion
 Inverleigh

25th December
 9.00 am Christmas Communion
 Bannockburn

4th January
 9.00 am Devonshire Tea
 Parish Ministry Centre

11th January
 8.30 am Men's Breakfast
 Parish Ministry Centre

9th February
 4.00 pm Archbishop's final
 Evensong St Paul's Cathedral

5th March
 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy
 St Paul's Inverleigh

Parish Roster for December 29

Church Cleaning:
 Inverleigh: TBN
 Bannockburn: Wendy Wood
 Ivan Marsetti

Reading:
 Bannockburn: Freda Duke

Communion Assistant:
 Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan
 Bannockburn: Ivan Marsetti

Morning Tea:
 Bannockburn: Freda Duke
 Ivan Marsetti

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve
 St Paul's Inverleigh
 7.00 pm
 Vigil Eucharist

Christmas Day
 St John's Bannockburn
 9.00 am
 Family Communion

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St John's Op Shop
 tbn

Surprise Op Shop
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ARCHBISHOP'S LAYING UP OF STAFF

Choral Evensong St Paul's Cathedral
 9 February 2025 4.00pm

The laying up of the Bishops' Staff (Crozier) is a traditional sign of surrendering the role of Diocesan Bishop due to retirement or translation. I have the opportunity for 3 free tickets to attend the service, one for myself, as Clergy, and two only for parish representatives. If you are interested please let me know by email as soon as possible. First in best dressed.

A message from Bishop Barker
 Instead of separate gifts from parishes or individuals, if you would like to make a contribution the Archbishop and Joy's farewell gift. they can be made through the ADF

Account Name: MATC
 Description: Archbishop's Farewell Gift
 Account Number: 05010565
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MORE GEN Z MEN FIND MEANING IN CHRISTIANITY

Gender differences in the spiritual profile of Generation Z Australians

How do young Australian men and women approach religion? The long-term research evidence is that women tend to be more religious than men. So, when it was reported in September 2024 in the NY Times that "In a First Among Christians, Young Men Are More Religious Than Young Women" (www.nytimes.com/2024/09/23/us/young-men-religion-gen-z) it was unexpected and intriguing. Is this a trend evident in Australia?

Definition of Gen Z:

For this study, Generation Z is defined as people aged from 18 to 27 years in 2022.

Measuring religiousness or spirituality:

Some common measures include:

Beliefs: Understanding what Australians believe on religious matters, like belief in God, provides a cognitive perspective.

Experience: This can cover the breadth of their affective or emotional experiences, such as mystical or supernatural experiences.

Private practice: e.g. prayer and meditation

Public practice: e.g. church attendance, affiliation with a particular religion, denomination or movement

Knowledge: Religious knowledge may include familiarity with holy texts, key characters and so on.

The Findings

Compared to Gen Z males, Australian Gen Z females they are more likely to agree there is some spirit or life force and to have had a mystical or supernatural experience. There is little or no gender difference in the Gen Z cohort with regard to private religious practices, such as prayer or meditation, or public practise, such as frequent service attendance (at least monthly). Gen Z males are more likely than females to have adopted a Christian identity and also more positive about the role of Christian religion in society.

This Australian study confirms, however, that some Gen Z males are more religious than their female counterparts. But, it appears that this is more about adopting a Christian identity, rather than actively engaging Christian practices.

(n = 3090)

<https://www.ncls.org.au/articles/more-gen-z-men-find-meaning-in-christianity/>

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Worship Today: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sentence: Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1:45*

Collect: 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.**

Readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Song of Mary (Sung—161); Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 143 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise; 161 – Tell out, my soul; 328 – Joseph, your love of life; 691 – Faith will not grow from words alone; 268 – Joy to the world

Bannockburn: *To be in your presence;* Immortal, invisible, God only wise; Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; Tell out my soul; Faith will not grow from words alone; *Such love;* Joy to the world; *You are the vine*

Meredith: *To be in your presence;* Immortal, invisible, God only wise; Joseph, your love of life; Tell out, my soul; Faith will not grow from words alone; Joy to the world; *Such love*

Intercessions: Jesus, son of Mary, dwell in us.

World: all national leaders and those in authority that they may work together for justice and peace in the world; for Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iran, Lebanon, and all nations in conflict, war, or the threat of war; all who suffer displacement, poverty, hunger, loss, injury; all refugees or asylum seekers; for South Sudan, Syria, and all developing nations seeking revitalisation with security, housing, education, employment, medical intervention, food, freedom, and clean water; may all be willing to examine self in order that we may see the fruit of the kingdom.

Church: for all church leaders and unity of the worldwide Church, especially our bishops; Abp Philip (and Joy) preparing for retirement and the Board of Nominators; our Nativity Selfie, the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, praying for those we would like to invite to church this Christmas, for growth in our church health and enabling growth in our churches.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; those working toward reconciliation and treaty, recognition of the country on which we live, work and play; for all who come into our communities to examine culture where it excludes others; conscious at this time of Christmas for those struggling with mortgage or rental stress, food insecurity, difficulty paying bills; to offer hospitality to our Jewish brothers and sisters, the first to here the good news of God; that our communities will be inspired to love their neighbours.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, John Thornton, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Mary Simpson, Sue Withers, Jesse Osborne, Sylvia Trevey, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Stephen Tanti, and all others on our hearts and minds.



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REV. STEPHEN POLLARD IS THE CURRENT VICAR OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH IN

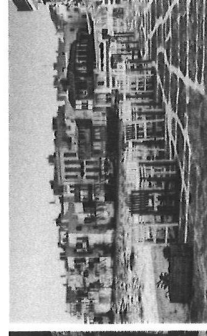
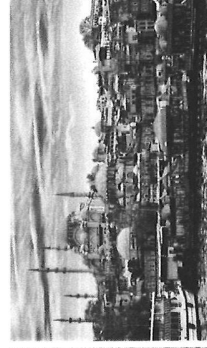
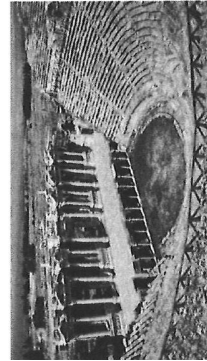
Newtown, and is also the Archdeacon of Geelong. He invites you to join him on a life-changing journey through this historic and holy region where the stories and miracles of the Acts of the Apostles and New Testament epistles truly come to life.

PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Emirates Flight from Melbourne to Athens via Dubai and then return Istanbul to Melbourne via Dubai
- Local flight from Athens to Izmir
- 6 nights hotel accommodation in Turkey, 1 night in Athens, 4 nights on the cruise in Greece (XC Cabins) in shared twin rooms/cabins.
- Breakfasts and dinners daily.
- Lunches while on the cruise
- All tips, gratuities, and portage
- Whisperer headsets
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- Air-conditioned coach
- 4 Shore Excursions while on the cruise
- Lunches (except on the cruise)
- Turkey Visa which is US\$60 and obtained online before departure

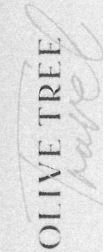
PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Drinks with meals
- Travel insurance
- Incidentals, laundry



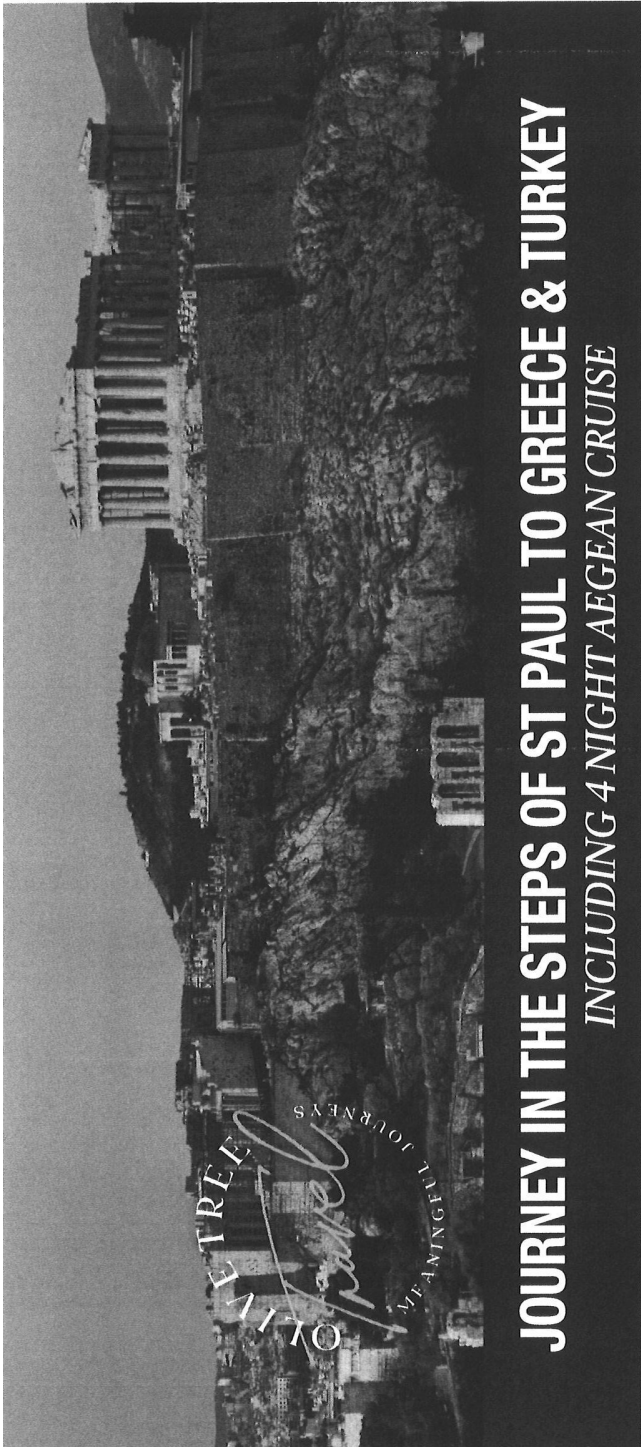
NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and request a booking form from rev Stephen Pollard, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place on the trip, a deposit of AUD\$500 per person is payable by 17th February 2025 (unless sold out prior)
3. Final balance is due by late August 2025



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Detailed Itinerary available on request. For further information: Ven Stephen Pollard allsaintsnewtownvicar@gmail.com



JOURNEY IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL TO GREECE & TURKEY

INCLUDING 4 NIGHT AEGEAN CRUISE

25TH OCT -
7TH NOV 2025

LED BY
REV. STEPHEN POLLARD

14
DAYS

ESTIMATED PACKAGE PRICE
per person (twin share)

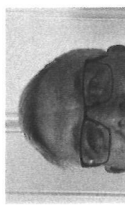
AUD\$ **8,590***

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM/ CABIN SUPPLEMENT:

AUD\$ **1,895***

FULLY ESCORTED
*price is subject to change. Conditions apply. Based on minimum group size of 20 participants. The number of single cabins cannot exceed 5% of the group

REGISTER HERE



Experience this pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece accompanied by the Venerable Stephen Pollard. This is more than just a religious tour or holiday. It's following Paul's missionary journeys, and other early missionary evangelists, as they spread the faith throughout the region.

By Creation in the observance of All Saints Anglican Church Inc.

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly expectation of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Pss 124, 125 & 126
Isaiah 28:1-13
Mark 13:14-37

Evening: Pss 127, 128 & 129
Isaiah 59:1-15a
Revelation 15

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 130, 131 & 133
Isaiah 28:14-29
Galatians 3:23-4:7
The Birth of Our Lord

Evening: Ps 83
Isaiah 33:17-22
Revelation 22:14-21

Wednesday

BIRTH OF OUR LORD *Christmas*

Morning: Ps 132:10-18
Micah 4:1-8
Matthew 1:18-2:6

Evening: Ps 138
Micah 5:2-5a
1 John 4:7-21

Thursday

STEPHEN Deacon and Martyr *Stephen*

Morning: Ps 72
Exodus 18:13-26
Acts 7:1-49

Evening: Ps 139
Isaiah 60
Titus 1

Friday

JOHN Apostle and Evangelist *John*

Morning: Ps 74
Exodus 33:7-11a
1 John 5:1-12

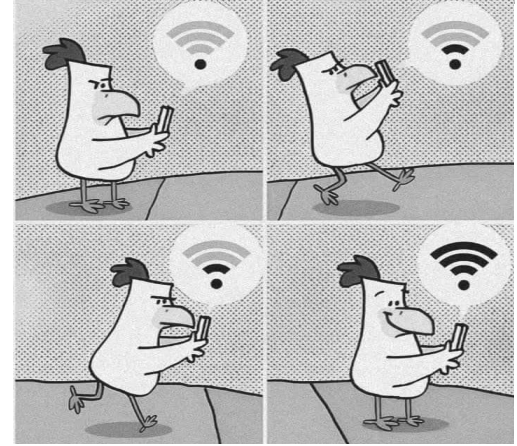
Evening: Pss 141 & 142
Isaiah 60:12-22
Titus 2

Saturday

HOLY INNOCENTS *Holy Innocents*

Morning: Pss 2 & 36
Genesis 37:13-20
1 Peter 4:12-19

Evening: Ps 119:153-176
Isaiah 61
Titus 3



That answers the eternal question

Next Sunday 29th December
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

NO MEREDITH 5th SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion
Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion
Meredith

Readings
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52