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Holy Cross / Monarto / Christ Church
Bulletin



*Receiving the gift of God's love through
Jesus and bringing hope to the community*



*Reaching out with the Love of Jesus
that All may Know, Worship & Grow in Christ*



HOPE
Advent increases our hope
A hope which does not disappoint
The Lord never lets us down

Prayer Page

For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups and individuals.

"Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do"

1 Thess. 5:16-1



Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord, and come. Protect us, so that we may be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins, and saved by your deliverance. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer points - please pray for...

- ✠ For Joyleen Kuchel, Janise and John Fournier as they lead us in worship today at Holy Cross.
- ✠ Pray for the following kindy children and their families: William, Milla, Regan, Phoenix, Savanna and Tahlia
- ✠ Gracious God, we thank you for your love that reaches out to us through Christ our Saviour. Give us joy and gladness as we wait for his coming again.
- ✠ For the beginning of Advent and thank God for his promise of never ending love and mercy towards us as we continue to wait for Jesus' Second Coming and our undeserved rescue.

We think particularly of

- ✠ **Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Lorna Burrett, Paul Fiegert, Lila Grocke, Gordon Jenke (Pat), Leila Koehler, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Bob Steele, Doreen Steinborner, Kurt Unger (Erna), Felicity Woods.**
- ✠ **Lord God, We ask for Your blessings for Henk Visser, Jeanette Zanker, Bev Paech, Vernon Graetz, Vena Shinnick, Gordon Lutze, Darryl Klose (Flinders Medical Centre), Murray Piltz, Loes Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller and also for their carers.**
- ✠ Resthaven - **Ray Box, Melva Kowald, Barbara Noble, Dot Noller, Erna Unger (Kurt).**
- ✠ Lerwin - **Colleen Fawcett, Lil Fiegert, Stewart Jaensch, Dorothy Klitscher (Elizabeth & Leon), Betty Paech.**
- ✠ Tailem Bend Hospital - **Bevan Schulz (Bev).**
- ✠ Aminya Village Hostel, Mannum - **Rita & Keith Faehrmann, Laurel Geisler, Dawn Jaensch, Rita Schiller.**
- ✠ Oakfield Lodge, Mt Barker - **Lorraine Jacobs, Evelyn Kuchel.**
- ✠ **Ruth Neindorf** - Bupa Aged Care, 104 Woodville Rd, Woodville 5011. Ph: 8211 1200. Ruth's mobile: 0438 724 412
- ✠ **Erica Stone (Les)** - Bethsalem Care, 10 Education Street, Happy Valley 5159. Ph: 8321 0487

If you would like to be included in the Prayer list, please contact David Schirmer on 8531 2372 or 0459 943 682 for Holy Cross and Yvonne Stiller on 8532 6553 for Christ Church.



Rosters

♥"COMMUNION"

Christmas Eve

10-Dec

17-Dec

24-Dec

		Service Time	9am	10:30am ♥		7pm
Monarto		Wardens	Rob & Liz	Barolo's	No morning service	Haydn & Penne
		Readers	Terry Franklin	Barolo's		Rob Thiele
		Tea Coffee	Jo & Maudie			Rob & Liz
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	W Doecke	I Kluge ♥	R Zanker	Christmas Eve Unity 7:30pm
		Wardens	I Kluge V Spencer	B&L Doecke I Pumpa	J&G Pohl	
		Readers	P Hammond	H Courtney	M Herrmann	
		Greeters	F Kerkham J Ahrns	C Coulter J Herrmann	D Borchardt M Warnest	
		Organist	Joyce	June		
		Flowers	A Leske	C Miegel	C Mattner	
		Tea/coffee/milk	L Penhall H Schubert	J&J Stiller		
		PA	Wes	David	David	
		Data Projector	B Frahn		C Mattner	
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Pfeiffer ♥	M Jaensch		Wardens D&J Lienert P&V Jaensch
		Wardens	P&V Jaensch	J Brodde		
		Readers	C Miegel	S Kuchel		
		Greeters	C&P Miegel	S Kuchel		
		Music				
		Prayers	Pastor Tim	G Schubert		
		PA	Lees family	Tony		
		Data Projector	Y Stiller	J Hage		
		Counter	Gerry K	Delton S		
	Sunday School					Greeters R&J Zanker R&J Martin
	Leader	Adrian				
	Helper	Jemima/ Sophie				
	Grounds Roster	R Zanker	R Zanker	R Zanker	R Zanker	
	Water & Care	R Herrmann		Y Koch		

RosTers

Thursday Communion
21st December – 1.30pm
L Rosenzweig & M Smith



	Sunday 3rd December 9.30am No Communion	Sunday 10th December 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 17th December 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 24th December 9.30am Holy Communion
GREETERS	T & H Hueppauff	L & E Klitscher	J Coombe C Dutschke	R & V Zerk
LS SERVERS	N/A	R Paech J Sacco	M Altmann S Gates	J Fournier C Paech
LECTOR	K Coventry	J Sacco	M Altmann	C Paech
PA OPERATOR	B Kuchel	B Kuchel	A Wegener	P Welke
MM PROJECTOR	D Rigney	A Gates	M Page	E Welke
V C OPERATOR	J Kuchel	J Kuchel	R Thiele	C Stephens
USHERS	J Venning K Thompson C Schache	R & D Paech J Sacco	B & M Gerlach	B & J Kuchel
CHILDREN'S ADDRESS	A Pearce	M Altmann	J Coombe	
BELL RINGER	B Gerlach	R Paech	B Gerlach	B Kuchel
ALTAR GUILD	N/A	G Schirmer	E Welke	L Rosenzweig
COUNTERS	B & M Gerlach	C Paech	K Pfeiffer	B & M Gerlach
FLOWERS	P Altmann	A Bratkovic	H Carroll	V Zerk
MORNING TEA	L Rosenzweig M Smith	A & E Wegener	Y Patterson J Venning	R & E Waldhuter
HALL & KITCHEN CLEANING	D Pfeiffer	R & V Zerk	R Packer	A & L Wiencke

Hall & Kitchen Cleaning is to be carried out prior to the Sunday listed.
If you are unable to fulfil your role. Please arrange for someone else to fill in and advise the office

MINISTRY TEAM	6th December L Rosenzweig	13th December M Woitd	20th December D Steinborner	27th December J Jarrott



WELCOME

Dear friends in Christ, thank you for joining us! This morning our Lord feeds us through Holy Communion. If you are a visitor who is a baptised believer and not a member of the Lutheran Church but believe that you will be receiving the body and blood of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, then an open invitation is extended to you. Non communing adults and children are encouraged to come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Attendance Records Slips - You will find these cards on the ends of the pews. We would like you to fill in the details and give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.

Welcome
We welcome all visitors and pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregation.



TODAY at the 10:45am service
we celebrate God's presence through the baptism of

James Alexander Zorich
Please pray for his parents
Michael and Rachel
and thank God for His gift of Baptism.



Pastor Tim has declined his call to Ceduna. Please pray for Ceduna as they continue their call process

READINGS FOR TODAY



Isaiah 64: 1-9
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37



Thank you to Peter Welke who is leading the service at Monarto today

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations December



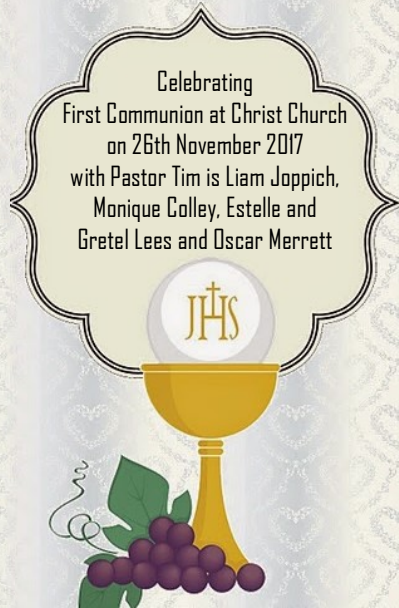
3rd Bevan Schulz
4th Luke Richards
5th Raelene Wegener
Carl Beauglehall
6th Joyleen Kuchel
Michael Thiele

6th Joyce Marrett
Kayley-Mia Blake
7th Annette Thomson
8th Andrew Bensch
Chase Paech
9th Irene Kuchel



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

First Communion



Holy Cross



Month of October
2017

Income \$19,702.80
Expenses \$21,553.38



The Concordia Kindy children are presenting their Christmas Nativity play to the residents of both Lutheran Villages. Members of the congregation are invited to attend either performance.

Murray Heights
Mon 4th Dec 10:45am
Owl Drive
Tues 5th Dec 10:45am

SPIN Camp 2018

Registrations are now open for this camp which is being held from **9th to 12th January 2018** for young people in **years 4-6** (in 2017).

It will be held at Camp Kedron, Barmera. Registrations close 17th December, unless sold out earlier. Please visit:
www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin
for more information.



This Christmas Christ Church will be again supporting the ALWS Gifts of Grace projects.

Pick up ALWS Gifts of Grace catalogue from the church or office now!

Feed a child. Care for a cow. Help start a Business. See what you can grow....

Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know
when the time will
come.

Mark 13:33

Bring-and-share

Advent Luncheon,
straight after worship next
Sunday, **10th December** at

Holy Cross

Christmas Services

Christ Church	Christmas Eve 9.00am 7:30pm at Unity College	Christmas Day 10:30am
Holy Cross	7.00pm Children's Service	9.30am
Monarto	7.00pm	9.00am





Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the recent Christmas Lunch a success.

Many thanks to the 90 who came along to enjoy the lunch and entertainment.

LLL Calendars are now available. You can pick one up from your LLL Rep.
Christ Church - Gary Beaglehall

Please see the notice board in the Church Halls for information on events etc outside of our congregation

Senior Care Team Meeting
Ed Centre.
Wed 6th Dec 10am
Bring a small plate of finger food to share for lunch

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS TO TEEN CHALLENGE




Please continue to support Team Challenge Murray Bridge with donations of food for Christmas, can you help with:

Christmas Puddings
Long life Custard
Christmas cakes - any size
Christmas lollies
Shortbread Biscuits
Soft drinks or juices
Cans of fruit salad
Jellies
Cans of Ham or Turkey
Cans of peas and corn
Cans of beetroot

Fresh carrots or potatoes can be helpful

Please - no Mince Pies, they are not popular and often left over.
(Please – no food which contains alcohol)

*Teen Challenge thank us for our continued support throughout the year, it is very much appreciated.
Please keep Teen Challenge in your prayers for God to bless them financially and with food for them to maintain their Ministry.*



Christmas Tree Festival

Could you please help us? Our requirements at this stage, are:

- ♥ Finance for gift packages
 - ♥ Wallet cards and posters are available at church or the office. Please take and distribute them.
- Any further queries, please feel free to contact either Jan, Heather or Coralie.

We also require **Fresh made scones**, which should be delivered to the town hall during the festival.

There are still 5 jars that need to be filled with yummys for the gift table
Funds raised goes to ALWS and School Chaplaincy program

For further information please contact Denise Lohmeyer on 8531 0935 or 04883 102 77.
Thanking you in advance.

If you are interested in helping in the kitchen at the Christmas Tree Festival please see Denise in the bookshop in JDHall or phone her on 0488 310 277 or 8531 0935

Catering needs for Christmas Tree Festival - Morning & Afternoon
Tea:

- ♥ Donation of cash for items
- ♥ Honey Biscuits (or others)
- ♥ 8 litres milk
- ♥ 2 litres of cordial
- ♥ 500gm margarine
- ♥ ½ kg cheese
- ♥ 3 x 600ml whipping cream
- ♥ People to assist in the kitchen

Please contact Denise if you can help (number above)



Murray Bridge Christmas Carols
Sunday 10th Dec

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*Run by Murray Bridge Interchurch Council*

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**We still require 5 people to take up offerings on the night from the Lutheran Churches in Murray Bridge. If you can help please contact Yvonne at Christ Church office.**

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## The **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

A display of trees highlighting

### **GOD'S PROMISES**

**MURRAY BRIDE TOWN HALL**

Fri/Sat Dec 8th & 9th 9am-5pm

Sun 10th 9am-3pm

Sunday Carol singing 10:45am

## "From the Darkness to the Light"

You're invited to come

and hear a journey of faith,

from being lost

to being found in Jesus,

by a friend I met in Mobilong Prison.

A story of darkness and helplessness in a  
hardened heart to faith in Jesus Christ.

FOR

# MEN

Men's Breakfast—8am

16 December—Saturday

Christ Church Lutheran Hall

RSVP: 11 December— 85326553

(Please help by sending in an RSVP. It makes the catering less stressful.)

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a prominent symbol of the Advent Season. It is usually made up of evergreen branches (representing Life, immortality) placed in a circle (representing eternity of God). Set on the branches are four candles (four weeks of Advent): three purple candles and one pink candle, and a white candle in the centre (see below for each candle). As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. We use the Advent wreath as a way to prayerfully reflect the passage of the Advent season, each candle representing an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Candle of **HOPE** (purple)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Candle of **LOVE** (purple)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Candle of **JOY** (pink)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Candle of **PEACE** (purple)
- Christmas – Candle of **CHRIST** (white)



Today (Sunday 3rd Dec) is the  
First Sunday of Advent,  
Candle of **HOPE**

### Prayer:

We Believe in you, Lord.  
We know that you can help us  
to love and respect each other more.  
you are our light,  
the light that overcomes darkness,  
come, Lord Jesus!



*Women's*  
**Guild**

**Women's Guild Meeting**

December 13th - 10.00am  
Concordia Hall

Devotion: L Penhall  
Musician: J Stiller  
Offering: Australian Lutheran World Service

Followed by Christmas Luncheon at Church of Christ Coffee Shop

**Holy Cross Christmas Eve Children's Service**

We are looking for donations of lollies and money. for gifts. to give to all the children that attend the Christmas Eve Children's Service.

If you are able to help. contact Cynthia Dutschke on 0400 046 052.  
Donations can be left at the Holy Cross office.

Thank you!



*Thank You*  
*God Bless You*

Trevor and Helen Hueppauff wish to say thank you to everyone for their prayers, visits, telephone calls and wishes on Trevor's recent illness.

It has been really appreciated.

**DEAR GOD,  
I WANNA TAKE A  
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK  
FOR ANYTHING FROM  
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO  
SAY THANK YOU,  
FOR ALL I HAVE.**

A big Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Holy Cross Christmas Float such a success.



*Christmas Dinner*

Presented by the  
**Combined Christian Churches**

Uniting Church,  
Narooma Blvd, Murray Bridge.

December 25th 2017  
12 noon for 12.30pm

If you are on your own and would like to celebrate with others, please register by 18th December 2017 for Catering purposes.

*"Come and find the heart of Christmas in Community."*

RSVP by 18th December, 2017 to  
Rev. Frances Bartlett or Margaret Daly  
0407 687311 0413 800 721  
85 325 150 (UC Church office)



## Music Ministry

*Are you a musician or singer? Don't mind strumming the guitar or blowing that trumpet every now and again? Perhaps you have always wanted to develop your skills on a sound desk?*

**Music Ministry!** is an exciting new venture that will be jointly launched by Christ Church & Holy Cross in 2018.

A ministry that will bring people together with a common interest of music (no matter their skill). With the purpose to exhort, uplift and encourage the body of Christ through song and worship.

Not a musician? You can pray for us! and the launch of this ministry over the coming months.

Expressions of interest will open soon!

*Music is one of God's good gifts. God has given both man and angels the gift of music-making (Genesis 4:21; Job 38:7).*

## Diary Dates: 3rd-10th December (cont)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 10th<br>Mark 1: 1-8    | 9am-3pm<br><br>12.15pm<br>from 5.30pm | Christmas Tree Festival ~ MB Town Hall<br>Including CHIL Christmas Activities 9am-11am<br>Including Carols and readings at 10.45am<br>followed with a Community lunch<br>Singles Luncheon ~ Swanport Hotel<br>Murray Bridge Christmas Carols<br>~Wharf Hill |
| 13th Wednesday                 | 10.00am                               | Women's Guild Meeting<br>Followed by Christmas Luncheon at Church of Christ Coffee Shop                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 14th Thursday<br>14th Thursday | 10.00am<br>3.00pm                     | Lerwin Ecumenical Service<br>Resthaven Communion Service                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Peace Doves and Peace Lamps for sale on 10th December at Holy Cross.

### Help grow the circle of peace

The SA Council of Churches encourages prayer and support for the diminishing Christian population in the Holy Land. During the last 3½ years, SACC has made available for sale Peace Lamps and Peace Doves made by young Palestinian Christians in their ceramic workshop in the village of Taybeh, in the West Bank. Each purchase contributes to supporting young people in meaningful work in Palestine and providing hope for them. Their goal is to 'place a Peace Lamp in every church in the world'. Any surplus from sales & donations is used by the community for local projects such as aged care, and providing Christmas gifts to the Christian families remaining in Gaza.



Dawn and John Sullivan, members of SA Council of Churches Ecumenical Partners for Peace and Justice Committee, will visit Holy Cross on 10th December to sell these lamps and doves and to explain the details and aims of the project. The Peace Lamps (\$44) and the Peace Doves (\$20) can be placed in churches, in prayer rooms, on dinner tables, as a sign of solidarity with our Palestinian sisters and brothers in Christ, and as a reminder of the need to pray for peace.

**HIDDEN HURTS HEALING HEARTS**

**LCA CAMPAIGN FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**

launch Sunday 26 November

Information packs have been mailed to every congregation. Every adult should receive a flyer.

[www.preventDFV.lca.org.au](http://www.preventDFV.lca.org.au)

A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL - Toll Free Number 1800 644 628



## Diary Dates: 3rd-10th December

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| <b>Sunday, 3rd</b><br><i>Mark 13: 24-37</i>        | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>9.30am</b><br><br><b>9.45am</b><br><b>10.30am</b><br><b>10.45am</b>      | <b>Worship with Communion at Christ Church</b><br><b>Worship with no Communion at Holy Cross</b><br><i>includes Kidz Zone Activity</i><br><b>Trading Table at Holy Cross</b><br><b>Worship with Communion at Monarto Zion</b><br><b>Worship Service with Baptism of James Zorich at Christ Church</b><br><i>Includes Sunday School</i> |
| <b>Monday, 4th</b><br><i>Galatians 1: 1-17</i>     | <b>10.00am</b><br><b>10.00am</b><br><b>10.45am</b><br><b>6.00pm</b>                          | <b>Monday Morning Bible Study ~ Holy Cross</b><br><b>Cards and Coffee ~ Ed Cen, Christ Church</b><br><b>Kindy Nativity play ~ at Murray Heights</b><br><b>Waterford Group ~ Function Centre</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Tuesday, 5th</b><br><i>Galatians 1: 18-2:10</i> | <b>6.00pm</b><br><br><b>10.45am</b>                                                          | <b>Shalom Group Christmas Party</b><br><i>~ Owl Dr Village Centre</i><br><b>Kindy Nativity play ~ Owl Drive</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday, 6th</b><br><i>Galatians 2: 11-21</i> | <b>9am-10am</b><br><b>10.00am</b><br><b>9.30am</b>                                           | <b>Recycling Shed open</b><br><b>Christ Church Senior Care ~ Ed Centre at CC</b><br><b>Crafty Capers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Thursday, 7th</b><br><i>Galatians 3: 1-14</i>   | <b>10.00am</b><br><b>10.00am</b><br><b>7.00pm</b>                                            | <b>Bible Study ~ Christ Church Ed Centre</b><br><b>Bulletin notices due</b><br><b>Holy Cross Church Council Bible Study</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Friday, 8th</b><br><i>Galatians 3: 15-22</i>    | <b>9am-5pm</b><br><b>10.30am</b><br><b>12.00noon</b>                                         | <b>Christmas Tree Festival ~ MB Town Hall</b><br><b>Lerwin Communion ~ Holy Cross</b><br><b>Steen Olsen's farewell</b><br><i>~ Immanuel Lutheran Church</i>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Saturday, 9th</b><br><i>Psalms 85: 1,2,8-13</i> | <b>9am-5pm</b><br><b>1.30pm</b>                                                              | <b>Christmas Tree Festival ~ MB Town Hall</b><br><b>Holy Cross Fellowship Cards ~ at Holy Cross</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Sunday, 10th</b><br><i>Mark 1: 1-8</i>          | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>9.00am</b><br><b>9.30am</b><br><br><b>9.45am</b><br><b>After service</b> | <b>Worship at Monarto Zion</b><br><b>Worship at Christ Church</b><br><b>Worship with Communion at Holy Cross</b><br><i>Dawn &amp; John Sullivan presenting Peace Doves and Peace Lamps</i><br><i>Including Sunday School</i><br><b>Bring-and-Share Advent Luncheon at Holy Cross</b>                                                   |



A joint venture of  
the Lutheran Churches  
of Murray Bridge

# Music Ministry.



LAUNCHING IN 2018.

A ministry that will bring God's people together who  
have a common interest in music.  
With the purpose to exhort, uplift and encourage the  
body of Christ through song and worship.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
OPENING SOON IN DECEMBER / JANUARY


**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER**  
**WHARF PRECINCT** Wharf, Rd  
**MURRAY BRIDGE**


WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
**RACHAEL LEAHCAR**





Featuring  
**ADAM PAGE**  
 Murray Bridge Community Band + High School Band  
 Childrens Choir & much more

**MURRAY BRIDGE**  
**Christmas Carols**

Main event starts at 7pm

Food stalls open from 5pm. Facepainting for the kids. Candles and Programs available.  
 Bring a Chair + Rugs and enjoy this FREE event for the whole family!  
 For more information contact: 0419 848 336 or 0447 283 980  
 Find us on Facebook 

Brought to you by the Murray Bridge Interchurch Council 

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**Lutheran Community Care**  
 Have started their 2017 Christmas Appeal, donation envelopes are at the front of the church.  
 All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.  
*"As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are reminded of all he brought to those who were suffering when he walked this earth. We are also reminded of his love for us. Let us continue to bring his love to life this Christmas."*

**CHRIST CHURCH NOMINATIONS FOR 2018**  
 Please consider nominating for a position on the Leadership Team in the New Year. Positions to think about:  
*Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Worship, Prayer and Property*  
 If you are already on a committee/group - please stay, we value your involvement.

**Singles Luncheon**  
 Sunday 10th Dec 12:15pm  
 Swanport Hotel

**Copies of Today's Sermon**

There are copies of today's sermon available as you leave the church, if you would like to take a copy with you or to pass on. More copies are available from the Office from Tuesdays. Please let the Office know if you would like it emailed to you.




**Closing of the Spring Head Lutheran School THANKSGIVING SERVICE - for 161 years of education**  
**Spring Head School SA - 10 December 2017**  
 Morning tea from 9.00am - Worship service at 10.30 am followed by lunch and afternoon tea  
 All past and present students, staff and associates of the school are welcome.  
 Spring Head School Hall, 280 Springhead Road, Mount Torrens SA  
 For more information, contact Rosalie Hughes at the church office  
[onkaparish@internode.on.net](mailto:onkaparish@internode.on.net) or phone 08 8389 7357



3 December 2017

FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

Advent is a time to be alert  
for the coming of Christ

verse for the week

Beware, keep  
alert; for you  
do not know  
when the time  
will come.

MARK 13:33

Caring Conversations



SHARE

Share your highs  
and lows of the  
day, or respond  
to the following  
questions:

1

Talk about a time  
you were waiting  
for something or  
someone.

2

Advent begins  
with a focus on  
Christ's second  
coming. How does  
your Christian faith  
help you keep  
alert for Christ's  
return? Reflect on  
how waiting for  
Christ's return is an  
important part of  
the Christian faith.  
Jesus said,  
"my words will  
never pass away"  
(Mark 13:31).

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What words or  
stories of Jesus  
are especially  
important to you?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

|   |                      |                                 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| S | Mark 13:24-37        | The day and hour unknown        |
| M | Isaiah 64:1-9        | A communal prayer for help      |
| T | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  | God is faithful                 |
| W | Isaiah 9:1-7         | The promised messiah            |
| T | Matthew 24:29-31     | The coming of the Son of Man    |
| F | Revelation 1:1-6     | Christ sends a message          |
| S | Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 | Prayer for Israel's restoration |
| S | Mark 1:1-8           | The beginning of the good news  |



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What  
word or phrase was important to  
you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Gracious God, we  
thank you for your  
love that reaches  
out to us through  
Christ our Saviour.  
Give us joy and  
gladness as we  
wait for his coming  
again. Amen.



BLESS

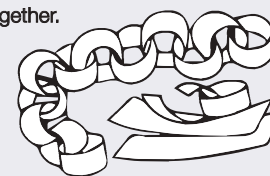
May the God of  
grace and peace  
and the Lord  
Jesus Christ keep  
you strong in your  
faith until Jesus  
comes again.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3  
AND 8

Creative Response

Make a paper chain with a link for each day of December up  
to Christmas Day. Write one of the instructions listed below on  
each link. Remove a link each day and do what it says:

1. Share: "What gives you peace?"
2. Share: "What gives you joy?"
3. Share: "What gives you hope?"
4. Share compliments with each other.
5. Read Jeremiah 33:14-16.
6. Share hugs with one another.
7. Share good Christmas memories.
8. Read Isaiah 11:1-3.
9. Play a game together.
10. Sing a Christmas carol.
11. Share what you like about Christmas.
12. Read Micah 5:2-4.
13. Tell the nativity story to each other.
14. Prepare Christmas cards to give out.
15. Read Isaiah 7:14.
16. Sing another Christmas carol.
17. Do deeds of service for each other.
18. Share a Christmas food.
19. Read Isaiah 9:6-7.
20. Go for a walk together.
21. Draw a Christmas picture together.
22. Read Luke 1:26-38.
23. Read Matthew 1:18-24.
24. Read Luke 2:1-7



mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for giving us hope for the  
heart and food for the plate. For Jesus our saviour  
we watch and we wait. Amen.

Service



Part of Christian  
waiting for Christ's  
coming again  
is to care for  
others with loving  
service. Purchase  
nonperishable grocery  
items to donate to a  
local food shelf. Pray  
for the people who will  
receive the food.



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