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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*

**Christ Church
celebrate love**

"For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son, that
whoever believes in
him shall not perish
but have eternal
life." (John 3:16)



**Holy Cross
celebrate Peace**

"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." (Isaiah 9:6)

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 our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. Help us by his coming to serve you with pure hearts and minds. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please pray for...

- ✠ Pray for Dawn and John Sullivan, from SA Council of Churches, as Holy Cross welcome them as their guest speakers today.
- ✠ Pray for the following kindy children and their families: Hannah, Waylen, Tomas, Chelsea & Addison. Also for all students, teachers/workers/volunteers for the end of the school year this week.
- ✠ **Holy Cross members:** Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Lorna Burrett, Paul Fiegert, Lila Grocke, Gordon Jenke (Pat), Peter Heintze, (Sharon), Leila Koehler, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Bob Steele, Doreen Steinborner, Felicity Woods.
- ✠ **Christ Church members:** Darren Piltz, Henk Visser, Jeanette Zanker, Bev & Peter Paech, Vernon Graetz, Vena Shinnick, Gordon Lutze, Darryl Klose (home), Murray Piltz, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller and also for their carers.
- ✠ **Resthaven** - Ray Box, Melva Kowald, Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.
- ✠ **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
- ✠ Holy Cross are celebrating their most recent baptism anniversaries today:
Chase Paech 8th Dec 2013
Felix Patriitti 22nd Dec 2013

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.



Women's Guild Meeting

Dec 13th - 10am
Concordia Hall

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

Followed by Christmas Luncheon at **Church of Christ Coffee Shop**



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. If you can help please see Gerry Korzeba at the BBQ site.**

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BE **still** AND **listen**



### 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 lollies, Christmas cakes - any size, 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.*



# CHRIST CHURCH & MONARTO

## Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION" Christmas Eve Christmas Day

17-Dec 24-Dec 24-Dec 25-Dec

|                |                | 17-Dec          | 24-Dec                  | 24-Dec                   | 25-Dec                                                                                                                                   |            |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Monarto        | Service Time   | 10:30am ♥       | No morning service      | 7pm                      | 10:30                                                                                                                                    |            |
|                | Wardens        | Barolo's        |                         | Haydn & Penne            | Colin & Raelene                                                                                                                          |            |
|                | Readers        | Barolo's        |                         | Rob Thiele               | Penne L-Brown                                                                                                                            |            |
|                | Tea Coffee     |                 |                         | Rob & Liz                |                                                                                                                                          |            |
| Christ Church  | 9am            | Elder/Assist    | R Zanker ♥              | I Kluge                  | <b>Christmas Eve Unity 7:30pm</b><br><br><b>Wardens</b><br>D&J Lienert<br>P&V Jaensch<br><br><b>Greeters</b><br>R&J Zanker<br>R&J Martin |            |
|                |                | Wardens         | B&L Doecke<br>I Pumpa   | J&G Pohl                 |                                                                                                                                          | J&G Pohl   |
|                |                | Readers         | H Courtney              | M Herrmann               |                                                                                                                                          |            |
|                |                | Greeters        | C Coulter<br>J Herrmann | D Borchardt<br>M Warnest |                                                                                                                                          | R&J Zanker |
|                |                | Organist        | June                    |                          |                                                                                                                                          | Coralie    |
|                |                | Flowers         | C Miegel                | C Mattner                |                                                                                                                                          |            |
|                |                | Tea/coffee/milk | J&J Stiller             |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
|                | PA             | David           | David                   | David                    |                                                                                                                                          |            |
|                | Data Projector |                 | C Mattner               | C Doecke                 |                                                                                                                                          |            |
|                | 10:45am        | Elder/Assist    | M Jaensch               |                          | G Schubert ♥                                                                                                                             |            |
|                |                | Wardens         | J Brodde                |                          | <b>Christmas Day Service at 10:30am</b>                                                                                                  |            |
|                |                | Readers         | S Kuchel                |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
|                |                | Greeters        | S Kuchel                |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
|                |                | Music           |                         |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
| Prayers        |                | G Schubert      |                         |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
| PA             |                | Tony            |                         |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
| Data Projector | J Hage         |                 |                         |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
| Counter        | Delton S       |                 | J Brodde                |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |
| Grounds Roster | R Zanker       | R Zanker        | R Zanker                | R Zanker                 |                                                                                                                                          |            |
| Water & Care   |                | Y Koch          |                         |                          |                                                                                                                                          |            |



### WELCOME

Dear friends in Christ, thank you for joining us! We welcome all visitors and pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregations. If you are at a service where our Lord feeds us through Holy Communion and 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.

### READINGS FOR TODAY



Isaiah 40: 1-11  
2 Peter 3: 8-15a  
Mark 1: 1-8

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

### 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.



## Baptismal Birthday Celebrations December



9/12 Noah Patritti  
10/12 Trevor Paech, Simone Lees  
11/12 Alice Kowald, Todd Elliott,  
Carlien Bissett  
12/12 Ashley Roocke  
13/12 Olivia Altmann, Martin Lees

13/12 Stephen Jaensch  
15/12 Sandra Gates, Adele Doecke,  
Lores Frahn  
16/12 Dale Blake, Alex Hein,  
Shirley Lutze



*Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday*

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

# Holy Cross News....

## 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!



## Bring-and-share

*Advent* Luncheon, straight after worship, today, **10th December** at *Holy Cross*

### Holy Cross



Month of October 2017  
Income \$19,702.80  
Expenses \$21,553.38

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

**'TODAY'**

### 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



# HOLY CROSS

## RosTers

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



|  | Sunday<br>10th December<br>9.30am<br>Holy Communion | Sunday<br>17th December<br>9.30am<br>Holy Communion | Sunday<br>24th December<br>9.30am<br>Holy<br>Communion | Sunday<br>24th December<br>7.00pm<br>Christmas Eve |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| GREETERS                                                                            | L & E Klitscher                                     | J Coombe<br>C Dutschke                              | R & V Zerk                                             | P & E Welke                                        |
| LS SERVERS                                                                          | R Paech<br>J Sacco                                  | M Altmann<br>S Gates                                | J Fournier<br>C Paech                                  | N/A                                                |
| LECTOR                                                                              | J Sacco                                             | M Altmann                                           | C Paech                                                | N/A                                                |
| PA OPERATOR                                                                         | B Kuchel                                            | A Wegener                                           | P Welke                                                | B Kuchel                                           |
| MM PROJECTOR                                                                        | A Gates                                             | M Page                                              | E Welke                                                | A Gates                                            |
| V C OPERATOR                                                                        | J Kuchel                                            | R Thiele                                            | C Stephens                                             | A Wegener                                          |
| USHERS                                                                              | R & D Paech<br>J Sacco                              | B & M Gerlach                                       | B & J Kuchel                                           | R & D Paech<br>J Sacco                             |
| CHILDREN'S ADDRESS                                                                  | J Coombe                                            | M Altmann                                           | A Pearce                                               | N/A                                                |
| BELL RINGER                                                                         | R Paech                                             | B Gerlach                                           | B Kuchel                                               | R Paech                                            |
| ALTAR GUILD                                                                         | G Schirmer                                          | E Welke                                             | L Rosenzweig                                           | N/A                                                |
| COUNTERS                                                                            | C Paech                                             | K Pfeiffer                                          | B & M Gerlach                                          | B & M Gerlach                                      |
| FLOWERS                                                                             | A Bratkovic                                         | H Carroll                                           | V Zerk                                                 | V Zerk                                             |
| MORNING TEA                                                                         | R Packer<br>C Schache                               | Y Patterson<br>J Venning                            | R & E Waldhuter                                        | N/A                                                |
| HALL & KITCHEN CLEANING                                                             | R & V Zerk                                          | R Packer                                            | A & L Wiencke                                          | N/A                                                |

\*\*\*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 | 13th December<br>M Woidt | 20th December<br>D Steinborner | 27th December<br>J Jarrott | 3rd January<br>E Welke |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
|               |                          |                                |                            |                        |

# "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. Thankyou)*

## Holy Cross News cont....



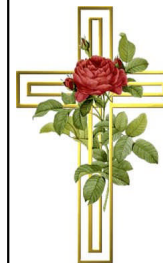
**Holy Cross  
Friday  
Afternoon  
Fellowship  
Group**

**Friday 22nd Dec - 2.30pm**

Home of  
Peter & Edna Welke  
**Unit 57/7 Duldig Rd M. Bridge**  
Ph. 8531 2360

*Please bring a plate of  
afternoon tea to share*

**All Welcome**



Our deepest condolences to Kurt Unger on the passing of his wife Erna, on Saturday 2nd December. Our prayers are with Kurt's children Trudy and Walter and Trudy's husband Ian Sullivan

Erna's funeral service will be held at Holy Cross on Wednesday, 13th December at 2.00pm followed with refreshments in Concordia Hall.

*Jesus says: Don't be afraid! I am the first, the last, and the living one. I died, but now I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys to death and the world of the dead.  
(Revelation 1:17,18 CEV)*

**Holy Cross  
Church  
Council**



Social  
Meeting with **Christ Church  
Leadership Team**

Thurs 21st Dec - 6.00pm  
16 Loddon Rd Avoca Dell

*Happy 2nd week of Advent!*



## Holy Cross News cont....

Dear Holy Cross Sunday School Parents:

*Upcoming Dates as we prepare for the Christmas Eve Service:*

### Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>:

9.30am Church Service  
9.45am - 10.30am: Costume fitting and Practice in the Sunday School Rooms.

### Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>:

9.30am Church Service  
9.45am - 11.00am: Practice in the Sunday School Rooms

### Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>:

5.30pm-8.00pm: Sausage Sizzle and FINAL PRACTICE in the Church.  
All the Family is Welcome.  
*Please let me know if you can come by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.... Thanks*

### Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>:

9.30am Church Service  
9.45 - 10.30am: NO PRACTICE. Activities and Games in the Sunday School Rooms  
7.00pm: Christmas Eve Service. Children to be at the Sunday School Rooms at **6.15pm SHARP**



## Children's Christmas Program



Any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact me,

Cynthia Dutschke  
Mobile: 0400 046 052  
Email: [cynsie@internode.on.net](mailto:cynsie@internode.on.net)

## Diary Dates: 10th-17th December (cont)

|                                          |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 17th<br><i>John 1: 6-8,19-28</i> | Christ Church<br><br>Holy Cross<br><br>Monarto | 9am ~ Worship with Communion<br>10.45am ~ Worship<br><b>Trading Table &amp; Sausage Sizzle</b><br>9.30am ~ Worship with Communion includes Kidz Zone Activity <b>9.45am</b><br><b>Trading Table 10.30am</b><br>10.30am ~ Worship with Communion |
| 21st Thursday                            | 1.15pm<br>6.00pm                               | Third Thursday Communion-Holy Cross<br><b>Church Councils Meeting</b> , 16 Lodden Rd-Avoca Dell - <b>Holy Cross &amp; Christ Church</b>                                                                                                         |
| 22nd Friday                              | 2.30pm                                         | Small Group Ministries, Peter & Edna Welke Unit 57-7 Duldig Rd                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## Christmas / New Year Services

### Christmas Eve Sunday 24th

|                      |               |                                     |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Christ Church</b> | <b>9am</b>    | <b>7:30pm</b> Unity College Steeple |
| <b>Holy Cross</b>    | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>7pm</b> Children's Service       |
| <b>Monarto</b>       | <b>—</b>      | <b>7pm</b>                          |

### Christmas Day Monday 25th

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Christ Church</b> | <b>10:30am</b> |
| <b>Holy Cross</b>    | <b>9:30am</b>  |
| <b>Monarto</b>       | <b>9am</b>     |

### New Year's Eve Sunday 31st

|                      |               |                |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Christ Church</b> | <b>9am</b>    | <b>10:45am</b> |
| <b>Holy Cross</b>    | <b>9:30am</b> |                |
| <b>Monarto</b>       | <b>9am</b>    |                |

**Community Ecumenical service at Uniting Church 7pm**



Jesus is the reason for the season

# Diary Dates: 10th-17th December

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 10th</b><br><i>Mark 1: 1-8</i>            | <b>Monarto</b><br><b>Holy Cross</b>     | 9am ~ Worship<br>9.30am ~ Worship with Communion<br><i>Dawn &amp; John Sullivan presenting Peace Doves and Peace Lamps</i><br>9.45am ~ Including Sunday School<br><b>After Service</b> ~ Bring-and-Share Advent Luncheon |
|                                                     | <b>Christ Church</b><br>9am-3pm         | 9am ~ Worship<br><b>Christmas Tree Festival</b> ~ MB Town Hall<br>Including Carols and readings at 10.45am followed with a Community lunch                                                                               |
|                                                     | 12.15pm<br>from 5.30pm                  | <b>Singles Luncheon</b> ~ Swanport Hotel<br><b>Murray Bridge Christmas Carols</b><br>~Wharf Hill                                                                                                                         |
|                                                     |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Monday, 11th</b><br><i>Galatians 3:23-4:11</i>   | 9.30am<br>10.00am                       | <b>Cards &amp; Coffee</b> ~ Christ Church Ed Cen<br><b>Monday Morning Bible Study</b> ~ Holy Cross - last one for 2017                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday, 12th</b><br><i>Galatians 4: 12-20</i>   | 11.00am                                 | <b>Resthaven Ecumenical Service, (Holy Cross)</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday, 13th</b><br><i>Galatians 4: 21-31</i> | 9am-10am<br>9.30am<br>10.00am           | Recycling Shed open, Holy Cross<br><b>Crafty Capers</b> ~ Holy Cross, last one for 2017<br><b>Women`s Guild Meeting</b> at Holy Cross<br>Concordia Hall, followed by Christmas Luncheon at Church of Christ Coffee Shop  |
| <b>Thursday, 14th</b><br><i>Galatians 5: 1-15</i>   | 10.00am<br>10:00am<br>10.30am<br>3.00pm | <b>Bulletin notices due</b><br><b>Bible Study</b> ~ Christ Church Ed Cen<br><b>Lerwin Ecumenical Service (Holy Cross)</b><br><b>Resthaven Communion Service (Holy Cross)</b>                                             |
| <b>Friday, 15th</b><br><i>Galatians 5: 16-24</i>    |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Saturday, 16th</b><br><i>Psalms 126</i>          | 1.30pm<br>8.00am                        | <b>Holy Cross Fellowship Cards</b> ~ at Holy Cross<br><b>Men`s Breakfast</b> ~ JDH Christ Church                                                                                                                         |

## Christ Church News....

**No morning tea/coffee today.**  
 Join us for a shared lunch at the Christmas Tree Festival, Town Hall

**LLL Calendars** are now available. You can pick one up from the office

### 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.



Celebrating a Special Birthday this week...

13th **Tania Klemm** 50th  
 14th **Dawn Jaensch** 70th  
**Rita Faehrmann** 90th

*Congratulations!*



Thank you to David Pech who is leading the first service at Christ Church today

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....*



**Next SUNDAY**  
**17th Dec**  
**TRADING TABLE**  
 and  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



**Suddenly - Incredibly Loved**

*A Ministry Expression of Peter & Julie Steicke*  
 now available from Christ Church bookshop



Thank you to Kevin Schrapel, Sabine Jericho and the worship team for their efforts with the Advent Tea last Friday night.

## Christ Church News cont....

Holy Cross  
Church  
Council  
Social  
Meeting with **Christ Church  
Leadership Team**  
Thurs 21st Dec - 6.00pm  
16 Loddon Rd Avoca Dell



The church Christmas tree  
is being decorated on

Friday  
22nd Dec

**9.30am**



Helpers Appreciated.

*Senior Care Team  
had their last meeting for this  
year. They thanked Mavis  
Goedecke for her many of years  
of service presenting her with a  
card and flowers*



## Combined News....

### Murray Bridge Christmas Carols

**Tonight, Sun 10th Dec**

Food stalls open from 5pm,  
main event  
starts at 7pm

*Bring your own chairs and  
or rugs*

Brought to you  
by the  
**Murray Bridge  
Interchurch  
Council**



### Music Ministry

*Are you a musician or singer? Don't  
mind strumming the guitar or blowing  
that trumpet every now 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)*

### Christmas Dinner

Presented by the  
Combine 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"**

RSPP by 18th December to  
Rev Frances Bartlett or Margaret Daly  
0407 687 311 0413 800 721  
UC Church Office 8532 5150







Now is the time to prepare  
the way of the Lord

verse for the week  
A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness  
prepare the way  
of the LORD, make  
straight in the  
desert a highway  
for our God."  
ISAIAH 40:3

Caring Conversations

SHARE

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

1

Talk about how you have been comforted during a time of need.

2

Tell about a time you have felt God's comfort in your life.

3

Mark 1:1 speaks of the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Reflect on how this good news is filled with the comfort of God's love and forgiveness.



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

|   |                     |                                |
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| S | Mark 1:1-8          | The beginning of the good news |
| M | Isaiah 40:1-11      | Comfort my people              |
| T | 2 Peter 3:8-15a     | Promise of the Lord's coming   |
| W | 1 John 4:16-21      | God is love                    |
| T | 1 Timothy 1:12-17   | Gratitude for God's mercy      |
| F | Malachi 3:1-4       | God promises a messenger       |
| S | Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 | A prayer for God's peace       |
| S | John 1:6-8, 19-28   | John's witness to the light    |

TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord God, make us ready to be your messengers of comfort, love, and forgiveness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESS

May the God of love and comfort, fill you with the good news of Jesus Christ and give you peace.

Creative Response



As a household decorate and number enough envelopes for each day left before Christmas.

String them on a ribbon or cord and hang it up.

Place a symbol, Bible verse or small treasure (e.g. an ornament, or lolly) in each envelope and seal it.

Take turns opening a packet each day.

The anticipation grows as the line of packages decreases and Christmas approaches.



mealtime prayer

God our saviour, thank you for this food and all who prepared it. Help us to prepare the way for you. Amen.

Service



We can share God's message of love with others by doing deeds of kindness.

Using card or other materials, make a "road" to attach to a wall in your home. Write the words of Mark 1:3 on your road. As your household journeys through the second week of Advent, use sticky notes to record any acts of service you perform. Attach these notes to your road. Pray that your acts of service may help others to see and know Jesus.

