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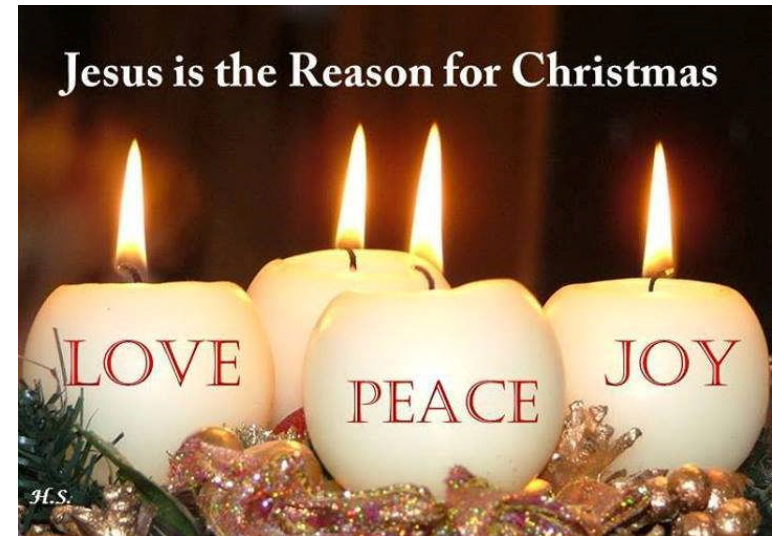
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Holy Cross / Monarto / Christ Church
Bulletin



Fourth Sunday Of Advent 24th December 2017 *1st Sunday after Christmas 31st December 2017*



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

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 and come, Lord. Support and help us, so that what is hindered by our sins may be hastened by your great mercy. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please pray for...

- ✚ Give thanks to a wonderful God who gave such an awesome gift — His Son Jesus. Pray we never take His blessings, love and forgiveness for granted and that we place Him at the centre of all we do & say.
- ✚ Pray for people who are searching for real meaning in their lives—that they may find Jesus this Christmas.
- ✚ **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 (Wakefield Hospital) Paech, Vernon Graetz, Vena Shinnick, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller Bruce Kuchel 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), Alice Kowald (Lou), Betty Paech.
- ✚ **Aminya Village Hostel**, Mannum - Laurel Geisler, Dawn Jaensch. Rita & Keith Faehrmann,
- ✚ **Tailem Bend Hospital** - Bevan Schulz (Bev).
- ✚ **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
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READINGS FOR TODAY

2 Samuel 7: 1-11,16
Romans 16: 25-27
Matthew 1: 19-25
Luke 1:26-28



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.



Diary Dates: (cont)

January 2018

2nd Tuesday	11.00am	Resthaven Service, Christ Church
3rd Wednesday	9.00am-10.00am	Recycling Shed reopens, Holy Cross
4th Thursday	10.30am	Lerwin Service, Christ Church
4th to 8th January Pastor Tim away		
6th Saturday	1.30pm	Holy Cross Fellowship cards returns—Concordia Hall



*This Christmas
as we celebrate*

♥ *the miracle gift of*

JESUS

*may we share with others
the joy that knowing*

HFM brings



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PJS

Diary Dates: 24th-31st December

<p>Sunday 24th December Luke 1: 26-28 Christmas Eve</p> 	<p>Christ Church</p> <p>Holy Cross</p> <p>Monarto</p>	<p>9am ~ Worship 7:30pm ~ Unity College Steeple 9.30am Worship Service~ with Holy Communion 7.00pm ~ Family/Children's Service 5:30pm ~ tea followed by 7pm Service</p>
<p>Monday, 25th December Christmas day Isaiah 62: 6-12 Titus 3: 4-7 Luke 2: (1-7),8-20</p> 	<p>Monarto</p> <p>Holy Cross</p> <p>Christ Church</p>	<p>9am ~ Communion 9.30am ~ Worship with Communion 10:30am ~ Communion</p> 
<p>Tuesday, 26th Colossians 1: 1-14</p>		<p>Public Holiday</p>
<p>Wednesday, 27th Colossians 1: 15-23</p>		<p>Holy Cross Office Closed</p>
<p>Thursday, 28th Colossians 1: 24-2:7</p>		<p>Holy Cross Office Closed</p>
<p>Friday, 29th Colossians 2:8-23</p>		<p>Holy Cross Office Closed</p>
<p>Saturday, 30th Psalms 148</p>		<p></p>
<p>Sunday 31st Luke 2: 22-40 New Years Eve</p> 	<p>Christ Church</p> <p>Holy Cross</p> <p>Monarto</p>	<p>9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Worship 9.30am ~ Worship with Communion includes Kidz Zone Activity 9.45am 9am ~ Worship</p>

Community Ecumenical Service at Uniting Church 7pm



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.

Future Birthdays & Anniversay

Please note that from today onwards, birthday and Anniversary notices will only be put in the bulletin if requested by the individual/s involved.



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.

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

December		January		
25th	Erwin Rohrlach Rosa Waltrovitz Glenda Schirmer Beverly Frahn	31st	Lynette Little Harry Rigney Holly White Sarah Doecke	
26th	Norm Bensch Roxanne Rowland		1st	Rosemary Hein Brenda O'Reilly
27th	Jackson Koch		2nd	Amelia Schiller Yvonne Patterson
28th	Dennis Pfeiffer		3rd	Tamra Lees
			4th	Julie Richards
			5th	Noelene Kluge
			6th	Bryan Lees

Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

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

Holy Cross News....

TRADINGTABLE

Holy Cross Trading Table

from 16/7-17/12 raised \$506.70.

For the year raised \$1,167.45.

The next Trading Table will be on the 21st January.



Thank you for your continued donations and support

The Recycling Shed is now closed and will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Please hold on to your recycling during this time.

Did you know they also take shredded paper? Pop it in a bag and bring it along with your next drop off.



Combined News cont....

Daily Devotion books



'Time out with the Shepherd'

Holy Cross see Trudy Gogel
Christ Church see Denis Pfeiffer
(8531 1188)
Monarto see Max Paech

Devotion Book for 2018
Now available
Cost \$23.00

Please note:-
this bulletin is for 2 weeks, Next bulletin will be on the 7th January

TEEN CHALLENGE is closed until 15th January 2018



Have you seen the sign?

After several years of patience and perseverance, we finally have our new sign erected (on the Charles St side of the church). Many thanks to Alan Packer for doing much of the initial groundwork and negotiations, and the late Shirley Wilhelm and the Social Committee for providing the finance.

If you have any suggestions as to what we should display on the sign from week to week, or if you would like to be the person responsible for changing the messages each week, please contact the office.



~ Holy Cross Office Movements over Christmas ~

The office will close on Friday 22nd at 12noon and reopen again on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 9.00am. Next week's bulletin, will be for 2 weeks, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The next bulletin on Sunday 7th January 2018 will be put together by Christ Church. If you have anything you want in this bulletin, please contact Yvonne on 8532 6553 before cut off time of Thursday 10am. Carla will be starting holidays after 22nd December and come back on the 9th January 2018. The office will be staffed by our regular volunteers during this time and we thank them greatly in advance. Hoping you all have a Blessed Christmas.



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Do you know a **YOUNG ADULT** who is/will be going to Adelaide in 2018 for study, training or employment? We have a letter from Peter Miller who is the Young Adult & Tertiary Student Chaplain for the Lutheran Church in SA-NT. He offers assistance in transitioning to city life including finding accommodation, support with enrolment at Uni's/TAFE's and help with connecting up with other Christian young adults/sporting groups etc.

Upcoming Blueprint Ministries Events

Family Camp - 12 – 14 January Camp Kedron,

Barmera

Spend a weekend with your family recharging and connecting.

Renew Young Adults - 2-5 February Ankara, Walkers Flat

Join other young adults from across the state to be renewed and refreshed in your faith journey for the coming year. Those who finished year 12 in 2017 receive their registration half price!

Invigor8 - 24 February Adelaide West Uniting Church

Join us for a special focus on ministry in the home as we hear from Mark & Lisa Scandrette, authors of "Belonging & Becoming". Registrations now open.

Registrations & more details online

<http://www.blueprintministries.org.au/>

or contact Blueprint Ministries

E: info@blueprintministries.org.au

Blueprint
ministries

LCA SA/NT Child & Family, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Christ Church and Monarto News....



Pastor Tim will be away from 4th to 8th January

CHRIST CHURCH NOMINATIONS FOR 2018



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

Thankyou to all those who have supported me with prayer. I feel I have now 'turned the corner'. My aortic valve replacement was a success but unfortunately a heart complication developed which is still causing concern. However we trustingly go forward leaving it all in the Father's hands.

Gordon Lutze

Thank You!



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!



Combined News

A New Year's Eve service will be held in the Murray Bridge Uniting Church, Sunday 31st December at 7pm. All welcome. Please bring a small plate of supper to share. (Poppers provided)

Holy Cross News cont....

Office Volunteer needed

We are looking for an office volunteer to sit in the office on Tuesday afternoons while OARs Transitions are in.

Starting at 12.30pm and finishing around 4.00-5.00pm.

You are not required to do anything but must be able to occupy yourself.

Please see Carla in the office.

Returning.. from Christmas Holiday Break...	
Recycling	3rd January
Fellowship Cards	6th January
Dance Group	10th January
Bible Study	29th January
Crafty Capers	31st January

God is

Dear Holy Cross Sunday School Parents:

Sunday December 24th:

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**



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

Cynthia Dutschke

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HOLY CROSS VISITOR SIGN IN SHEET

To best protect our volunteers and staff who work in our church office and building during normal business hours Church Council have developed a sign in sheet. Each volunteer and staff member is asked to sign in when they begin working and sign out when they leave.

We often have people working in offices and in the case of an emergency we do not want to miss finding someone. Please speak to a Church Council member if you have any questions about this. Thank you for assisting us to keep everyone safe.




HOLY CROSS

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Thursday Communion
18th January -1.15pm



	Sunday 24th December 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 24th December 7.00pm Christmas Eve	Monday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Day	Sunday 31st December 9.30am Holy Communion
GREETERS	R & V Zerk	P & E Welke	D & G Schirmer	A Pearce J Venning
LS SERVERS	J Fournier C Paech	N/A	P Welke S Gates	R Paech W Hein
LECTOR	C Paech	N/A	M Page	W Hein
PA OPERATOR	P Welke	B Kuchel	E Ahrens	M Page
MM PROJECTOR	E Welke	A Gates	M Ahrens	D Altmann
V C OPERATOR	C Stephens	A Wegener	A Wegener	R Thiele
USHERS	B & J Kuchel	R & D Paech J Sacco	P & E Welke	J Coombe C Dutschke
CHILDREN'S ADDRESS	A Pearce	N/A	N/A	J Coombe
BELL RINGER	B Kuchel	R Paech	B Kuchel	R Paech
ALTAR GUILD	L Rosenzweig	N/A	S Gates	J Sacco
COUNTERS	B & M Gerlach	B & M Gerlach	B & M Gerlach	C Paech
FLOWERS	V Zerk	V Zerk	V Zerk	J Coombe
MORNING TEA	R & E Waldhuter	N/A	N/A	T & L Little C & M Wandel
HALL & KITCHEN CLEANING	A & L Wiencke	N/A	N/A	J Kuchel

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	27th December J Jarrott	3rd January E Welke	10th January K Pfeiffer	17th January D Schirmer

CHRIST CHURCH & MONARTO

Rosters

Christmas
Eve
24-Dec

Christmas
Day
25-Dec

♥ "COMMUNION"

31-Dec

7-Jan

		Service Time	7pm	9am ♥	9am	10:30am
Monarto	Wardens	Haydn & Penne	Colin & Raelene	Max & Maxine	Tyson, Trevor, Joy	
	Readers	Rob Thiele	Penne L-Brown	Rollo Hein	Trevor Hilton	
	Tea Coffee	Rob & Liz				
	Elder/Assist			J Pohl	I Kluge	
Christ Church	9am	Wardens		J&G Pohl	A&D Hampel	M&D Schopp
		Readers			G Molineux	H Courtney
		Greeters		R&J Zanker	J Bahr H Visser	D Borchardt M Warnest
		Organist		Coralie	Glynniss	Alison
		Flowers			C Mattner	
		Tea/coffee/milk			B&L Doecke	R&M Hermann
		PA		David	David	Wes
		Data Projector		C Doecke	B Lablack	C Beauglehall
		Elder/Assist		G Schubert ♥	G Schubert	M Jaensch
		Wardens			D Doecke	D&J Lienert Y Koch
	10:45am	Readers			D Doecke	D Pfeiffer
		Greeters			K&R Schrapel	G&M Schultz
		Music				
		Prayers			D Schiller	K Schrapel
PA				Lees Family	Nathanael	
Data Projector				J Brodde	Y Stiller	
	Counter		J Brodde	V Jaensch	Belinda J	
	Grounds Roster	R Zanker	R Zanker	R Zanker		
	Water & Care			J Schirmer	R Herrmann	



Mary said,
"I am the Lord's
servant. Let it
happen as you
have said."

LUKE 1:38

SHARE

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

1

Can you remember a time when you had an unexpected visitor? Tell your story.

2

Read Luke 1:26-38.

What can we learn from Mary in these verses?



3

Have you ever been challenged by God to do something difficult?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 1:26-38	The birth of Jesus foretold
M	Titus 2:11-14	God's kindness
T	Isaiah 9:2-7	The coming king
W	Titus 3:4-7	The mercy of God
T	John 1:1-14	The word became flesh
F	Isaiah 52:7-10	Message of hope
S	Psalms 96	Sing a new song
S	Luke 2:22-40	Jesus presented in the temple

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Dear loving God, give us faith like Mary to accept the good news of Jesus' birth, and confidence to go out into the world as a servant of your love in Christ. Amen.

BLESS

May the Lord be with you. May God's favour rest on you and the Holy Spirit come to you and give you peace.

Creative Response

Place figures from a Christmas nativity set (e.g. wise men, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, animals) throughout your home.

During this week, move them closer to the manger.

Have Mary and Joseph arrive first, followed by the shepherds and wise men.

Last of all, place Jesus in the manger (on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day).



mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for the gift of food, family and friends, signs of your love for us. Most of all, thank you for your gift of Jesus. Amen.

Service

As a disciple of Jesus, find ways to be a servant of others in your own home during this busy time of year.





Growing
FAITH
at home

31 December

FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER
CHRISTMAS

We praise God for
Christ's birth.

verse for the week
I have seen your
salvation which
you have prepared
for all people.

LUKE 2:30-31

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Tell about when you waited a long time for something. What was it like waiting and what was it like when the waiting was over?

2

What were Simeon and Anna waiting for (Luke 2:25-38)? How did they react to seeing baby Jesus?

3

Imagine yourself in the place of Simeon and Anna. What would you say?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 2:22-40	Jesus presented in the temple
M	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Rejoice in the Lord
T	Galatians 4:4-7	Adoption as God's children
W	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	For everything a season
T	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Now is the time of salvation
F	Isaiah 43:16-21	The Lord is doing a new thing
S	Psalms 148	All creation praises God
S	John 1:10-18	The word became human



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, thank you for Jesus, through whom we are adopted as your children. Let all you have made praise you! Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord make you strong and wise, and bless you with God's saving grace.

Creative Response

Take time this New Year's Eve to reflect on the past year with family and friends. As the evening proceeds, share memories together.

Consider using the following questions:

- What were some good things that happened this past year?
- What were some challenges you faced?
- What are your hopes and concerns for the coming year?
- What have you learned from your experiences this past year and how does it connect with your faith in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem?
- What commitments would you like to make for reading the Bible and to prayer in 2018?

Finish this time of conversation with prayer for one another, asking God to bless and care for one another, the church, and world in the coming year. End with the Lord's Prayer.



mealtime prayer

Praise the Lord all children, women and men, for God gives us food for our bodies and Jesus as our saviour. Amen.

Service



In the temple in Jerusalem, Simeon and Anna encouraged and blessed two young, first-time parents, Mary and Joseph.

Contact parents with young children in your church or community and offer to carry out a household act of service. (e.g. Help out with cleaning, ironing or childcare so they can enjoy some time out together.)

