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Christ Church / Holy Cross / Monarto



**First Sunday Of Epiphany
7th January 2008**

*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*



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**BAPTISM
OF
JESUS**



MARK 1: 4-11: The first part of this reading deals with John (the Baptist) calling people to prepare for the long-expected Messiah. Hearts and lives are to be turned around completely in repentance. Baptism with water brought the cleansing of forgiveness. The second part of the reading describes the baptism of Jesus. He had no sin but took his place alongside sinners in this act. Immediately Jesus sees heavenly things; the witness of the Holy Spirit's presence for his earthly ministry becomes visible (the dove). The voice of the Father attests and approves Jesus' divine sonship. Here is a clear revelation of the Trinity; yet the Triune God is always encountered through the 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

Lord, in your mercy listen to the prayers of your people who call on you. Help us to see what we ought to do, and give us the strength to do it. We ask this through our 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 all involved with Thomas Foods International in Murray Bridge, that they find God's peace during the turmoil resulting from the fire this last week.
- ✠ Heavenly Father, the source of all true wisdom, please give me the wisdom I need today, so that I may please you and experience the joy of knowing that I am following you on the path of life. Amen
- ✠ **Christ Church members:** Murray Piltz, Darren Piltz, Henk Visser, Jeanette Zanker, Vena Shinnick, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller Bruce Kuchel and also for their carers.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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

Genesis 1: 1-5
Acts 19: 1-7
Mark 1: 4-11



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)

Sunday 14th John 1: 43-51	Christ Church Holy Cross Monarto	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Communion 9.30am ~ Worship with Holy Communion 9.45am~ Sunday School Baptismal Birthday Celebrations 9am ~ Worship
15th Monday	9.30am 7:30pm	Women's Guild Committee Meeting~ Holy Cross Meeting Room Leadership Meeting ~ Christ Church
18th Thursday	1.30pm 7.00pm	Third Thursday Communion, Holy Cross Church Council Meeting~ Holy Cross Meeting Room

AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN:

**"YOU ARE MY SON WHOM I LOVE;
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED."**

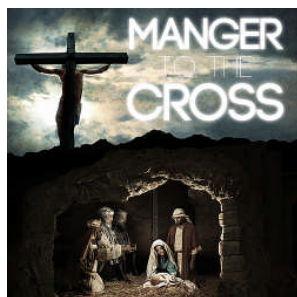
MARK 1:11



Diary Dates: 7th –14th January

Pastor Tim on Holidays until 8th January

Sunday 7th Mark 1: 4-11	Christ Church Holy Cross Monarto	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Worship 9.30am Worship Service~ with Holy Communion 9.45am Kidz Zone Activity Meeting after service to organise Australia Day Luncheon 10:30am ~ Worship
Monday, 8th Proverbs 10: 1-12	9:30am 7:30pm	Cards and Coffee ~ Ed Cen, Christ Church Elders & Property ~ Ed Cen, Christ Church
Tuesday, 9th Proverbs 15: 16-33		
Wednesday, 10th Proverbs 17: 1-20	9am-10am 1:30pm 4.00pm	Recycling Shed open, Holy Cross Christmas Tree Debrief ~ Ed Cen, Christ Church Ministry Team Meeting, Holy Cross
Thursday, 11th Proverbs 21: 30-22: 6	10.00am 10:00am 3.30pm	Bulletin notices due Bible Study ~ Christ Church Ed Cen Resthaven Communion (Christ Church)
Friday, 12th Proverbs 25: 15-28	10.30am	Lerwin Communion (Christ Church)
Saturday, 13th Psalms 139: 1-6,13-18	1.30pm	Holy Cross Fellowship Cards



3 reasons to smile today...
 - Jesus loves you.
 - Jesus died for you.
 - Jesus will always be with you



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 & ANNIVERSARIES: 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 (Holy Cross from Tuesdays). Please let your Church Office know if you would like it emailed to you.



Baptismal Birthday Celebrations



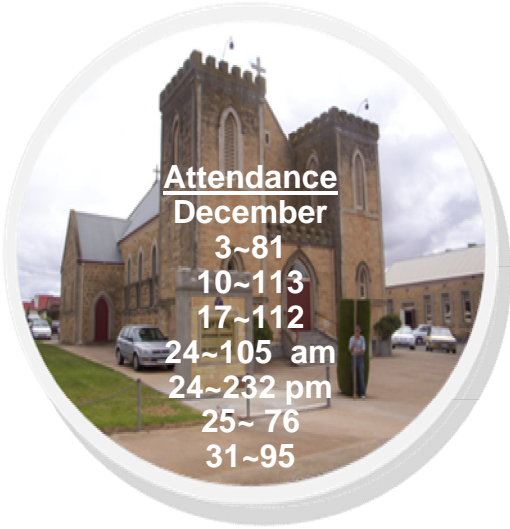
7th	Tania Klemm	11th	Kurt Unger
8th	Rita Faehrmann Trent Mueller	12th	Maurice Wegener
10th	James Bissett Colin Schenscher Tyson Beitz	13th	Stefan Richards
		14th	Jarrood Pica Beverly Paech



Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday

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

Holy Cross News....



**SHORT SOCIAL
 COMMITTEE MEETING**
 TODAY 7TH JANUARY 2018
 AFTER SERVICE IN CHURCH
 TO ORGANISE **AUSTRALIA
 DAY LUNCHEON**
 ON 28TH JANUARY 2018

Church Council
 Church Council Meeting
 Thursday 18th January at 7.00pm
 Holy Cross Meeting Room

**~THIRD THURSDAY
 COMMUNION~**

**Thursday
 18th January 1.30pm**

Concordia Hall

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	Trading Table	21st January
Fellowship Cards	6th January	Bible Study	29th January
Dance Group	10th January	Crafty Capers	31st January

*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

Combined News cont....

TEEN CHALLENGE is closed until 15th January 2018



For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways

Psalm 91:11

Joint Bulletin

The joint bulletin trial will be continuing. Please pass on any feedback to your Leadership Teams or Church Offices. A colour version is available on the Christ Church webpage

Did you know?

LCA have a number of online eNews publications which you can sign up for free! Just google *LCA enews* to keep up to date

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)

HOLY CROSS

Thursday Communion
18th January -1.15pm
Y Patterson & E Wegener



RosTers

	Sunday 7th January 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 11th January 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 21st January 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 28th January 9.30am Holy Communion
GREETERS	T& L Little	P & E Welke	A Pearce J Venning	
LS SERVERS	S Peltz L Rosenzweig	P Welke J Sacco	J Fournier M Page	
LECTOR	John Fournier	A Wegener	M Page	
PA OPERATOR	A Wegener	E Ahrens	T Hanckel	B Kuchel
MM PROJECTOR	A Rigney	D Altmann	A Gates	W Hein
V C OPERATOR	R Thiele	M Page	G Herrmann	J Kuchel
USHERS	A Pearce K Thomson	R & D Paech J Sacco	B & M Gerlach	
CHILDREN'S ADDRESS	P Welke	A Pearce	J Coombe	Pastor Greg
BELL RINGER	B Kuchel	R Paech	B Gerlach	
ALTAR GUILD	L Rosenzweig	M Wandel	E Wegener	
COUNTERS	K Pfeiffer	B & M Gerlach	C Paech	
FLOWERS	T Gogel	M Gogler	M Haeusler	
MORNING TEA	R & V Zerk	L RosenZweig	P & E Welke	
HALL & KITCHEN CLEANING	G & R Smith	B & A Kretschmer	D Pfeiffer	

*****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	10th January K Pfeiffer	17th January D Schirmer		

CHRIST CHURCH & MONARTO

Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

		14-Jan	21-Jan	28-Jan	
Monarto	Service Time	9am	10:30am ♥	9am	
	Wardens	Rob & Liz	Barolo's	Haydn & Penne	
	Readers	Haydn Hein	Pam Hilton	Max Paech	
	Tea Coffee				
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	D Hampel	J Pohl ♥	G Beauglehall
		Wardens	B&L Doecke I Pumpa	A&D Hampel	I Kluge V Spencer
		Readers	A Grieger	C Mattner	B Traeger
		Greeters	R&A Grieger	J Rosenzweig C Mattner	R&J Zanker
		Organist	Joyce	June	Glynniss
		Flowers	J Stiller	L Piltz	J Lienert
		Tea/coffee/milk	D Borchardt B Zadow	L Penhall H Schubert	M Warnest J Pope, S Fiegert
		PA	Wes	David	David
		Data Projector	B Frahn	J Irvine	D Hampel
		10:45am	Elder/Assist	D Pfeiffer ♥	G Korzeba
	Wardens		P&V Jaensch	J Brodde	G Schubert
	Readers		L Zadow	M Schubert	D Doecke
	Greeters		B&J Martin	G&M Schubert	D&H Pfeiffer
	Music				
	Prayers		Pastor Tim	D Schiller	G Schubert
	PA		Nathaneal	Roger	Roger
	Data Projector		J Hage	J Martin	J Brodde
	Counter		Gerry K	Delton S	J Brodde
	Grounds Roster				
	Water & Care		Y Koch	J Schirmer	

Combined News cont....

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL DEBRIEF

YOU - Christ Church, Monarto and Holy Cross members are invited to share your thoughts and ideas for improvements following the 2017 Christmas Tree Festival.

Come along this Wednesday 10th Jan, 1:30pm, Christ Church Ed Centre.

If you cant make it and would like to provide feed back, please contact:

Coralie 8532 3064 Jan 8532 5050

Denise 0488 310 277 Heather 0400 333 422

More than **\$3,600** was raised at the event and as decided previously this will be divided equally between the **Murray Bridge School Chaplaincy program** and **Australian Lutheran World Service 'Gifts of Grace'**.

All praise and thanks to our Lord for the blessings received by many over the three days.

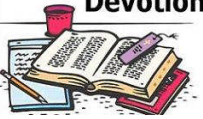
And again many thanks to you all who supported us with your gifts and talents, prayers, attendance, encouragement and participation!



Combined News

Daily Devotion books

Daily Devotions Devotion Book for 2018
 Now available Cost \$23.00




'Time out with the Shepherd'

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

Murray Bridge Women's Guild

Monday 15th Jan ~ 9.30am
 Holy Cross Meeting Room
 Women's Guild
 Committee Meeting



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 P: 8267 5211



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

Christ Church and Monarto News....




Pastor Tim is away until the 8th January


NOMINATIONS ~ 2018

Please consider nominating for a position on the Leadership Team or committee/group. If you are already on a committee/group - please stay, we value your involvement.

For more information please speak with Allan Hampel, Ron Jericho, Janelle Traeger or Pastor Tim.



YOU Can Make a Difference!



Ron Jericho has been working on our webpage - Adding funeral sermons

Check it out today!

Christmas Greetings from Myanmar

See the notice board for greetings from Rev James, Myanmar

Are you missing something?

Please collect your containers etc from the JDH. These are left over from funerals etc.

Harvest Thanksgiving 4th Feb

We will require goods such as fruit, vegetables, jam pickles, tinned food etc. Also if you have any hobbies we can also display your items, these would also be appreciated.

Set up will be Sat 3rd Feb 6:30pm
Helpers appreciated.



Christmas Eve DVD

If you would like a DVD of the Christmas Eve Service at Unity please contact the office.

Christ Church and Monarto News....



Ian Kluge's 60th Birthday Party

Ian is turning 60 and we will be celebrating his birthday on

Sunday 21/1/2018
at the **JD Hall** from
2-00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

We would love you to join us.
No presents please.

If you are able to come please advise Dianne, 85313449 H or 0408 807008 Mob for catering purposes. Thank you.

Christ Church Newsletter



Have you missed the newsletter?

Currently we are in need of an editor to put the newsletter together. If this is something you are interested in please contact the office.

Christmas Eve at Christ Church

Christmas Eve at Monarto





7 January 2018

FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus is baptised

verse for the week

A voice came from heaven, "You are my son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased."

MARK 1:11

Caring Conversations

SHARE

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

1

What do you know or remember about the day you were baptised?

2

What happened when Jesus was baptised?

3

What did God do for you when you were baptised?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 1:4-11	Jesus is baptised
M	Mark 9:2-8	Jesus is transfigured
T	Acts 19:1-7	Paul in Ephesus
W	Acts 22:2-16	Paul describes his baptism
T	Job 26:7-14	Job speaks of creation
F	Genesis 1:1-5	In the beginning
S	Psalms 29	A psalm of creation
S	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

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, we have come to worship you. We give you the gift of our hearts. Amen.

BLESS

Child of God, may the Lord give you his Spirit and make you sure of his love.

Creative Response

At the time of creation, the Spirit of God was "moving over the waters" (Genesis 1:2). The same creative, life-giving Spirit of God was present and active when Jesus was baptised in the waters of the Jordan River (Mark 1:10), and is present and active whenever and wherever people are baptised in the name of Jesus (Mark 1:8, Acts 2:38).

Share a ritual of baptismal remembrance. Set out a bowl of water. Say these words in turn to each person:

(Name), you were baptised on (date) at (place). There and then God adopted you as his own and gave you the Holy Spirit. Remember today that you are his and that he loves you dearly.

Dip a finger into the water and make the sign of the cross on the person's forehead. Then share this blessing with them:

May the Spirit of God move over you and in you, filling you with faith, hope, love and peace. Amen.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, please give us your spirit. Amen.

Service



God calls us to help him in taking care of his creation. As an act of community service, take a few plastic bags and walk around your neighbourhood picking up litter (remember to wear gloves).

