



The Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 19th December 2021

Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

WELCOME... TO OUR BULLETIN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions. Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, there may not be enough notice to let everyone know, we thank you for your understanding.

Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services.

*****Masks are required until further notice*****

Sunday: 19th December - 4th Sunday in Advent

- 9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Pastor Paul
9:30am Christ Church - JD Hall, Family Worship service led by Jeanette Mann, 9am Cuppa and fellowship before Worship.
10:30am Monarto – Lay Reading
11am Christ Church – Traditional Worship in the church, Holy Communion Led by Pastor Paul Calnan

Friday: 24th December – Christmas Eve

- 6pm Monarto – Tea followed by 7pm Worship
6.30pm Christ Church – Family Service on the church lawn.
'Come to the Manger'
7.30pm Holy Cross – Carols and Lessons retiring offering for Lutheran Care



Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day

- 9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Pastor Paul
9am Monarto – Holy Communion Service
9.30am Christ Church – Worship in Church – Holy Communion



Sunday 26th December – First Sunday after Christmas

- 9am Holy Cross – Lay Reading
9.30am JDH – Holy Communion
No Service at Monarto

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

Christ Church Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-12noon – **Closed Wednesday.**
Ph 8532 6553 email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au
Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge
After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed 10am-1pm; Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm – **Closed Monday.**
Ph 8532 4577 email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge
Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Tues to Fri 9am to 6pm Mobile: 0417 466 611 or
email: paul.calnan@lca.org.au *If you require pastoral care outside of these hours please
contact Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer or Council Chairperson: Jeff Henschke*
PASTOR PAUL ON LEAVE from 7th to 31st January if Holy Cross members require
pastoral assistance please contact David Schirmer 0459 943 682 Ministry Team or Jeff
Henschke Church Council chairperson 0428 519 252

Christmas Office Hours:

Both Offices: **Open** Fri 24th Dec; Tues 4th Jan - **Closed** from Mon 27th Dec to Mon 3rd Jan
inclusive

****Please note that there will be no bulletin for the week of Sunday 2nd January'22****

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES ETC:

Church Offices closed from 24th Dec'21 re-open 4th Jan'22

Lutheran Care counsellor closed from 23rd Dec'21 re-open on 4th Jan'22

Emerge Counselling closed from 19th Dec'21 re-open on 10th Jan'22

Christ Church Tuesday morning Bible Study in recess, recommences 1st Feb'22

Holy Cross Monday Morning Bible Study in recess, recommences 31st Jan'22

Holy Cross Cards break from 18th Dec'21 and return on 8th Jan'22

Crafty Capers in recess, recommences 2nd Feb'22

Holy Cross Recycling Shed: closed from 23rd Dec'21 re-open on 4th Jan'22

Teen Challenge: Closed from 24th Dec'21 re-open 10am 13th Jan'22

SHARED MINISTRY TASK GROUP:

***** NEW UPDATE *****

CALL MEETING & INFORMATION SESSION - SUNDAY 12TH DEC 2021

CALL MEETING: POSTPONED DUE TO PASTOR PAUL'S UNVACCINATED STATUS FOR COVID-19

1. Prior to the meeting last Sunday, Bishop Altus informed the Shared Ministry Task Group of Pastor Paul's unvaccinated status for the Covid-19 virus. Bishop Altus wrote to the meeting and his letter is attached for you all to read. In it the Bishop requests that members be informed; and for you all to have time to prayerfully consider your own thoughts. To have conversations with one another and with your leaders about how you are feeling as a consequence of this new information.
The Bishop therefore asked for the Call Meeting to be POSTPONED at this stage.
2. When Pastor Paul returns from holidays; Pastor Kuss has been installed and together with the leadership teams the Bishop indicated that the District will hold the necessary meetings to find the way forward.
3. Pastor Paul has given permission for the following explanation:
"Pastor Paul has his own personal health concerns for him to have a current vaccination. He continues to investigate the situation with his doctor and is hoping to be vaccinated as soon as an appropriate vaccine becomes available".
4. It is extremely important that everyone understands and accepts unreservedly that Pastor Paul is **NOT** an anti-vaxer.

Members need to prayerfully consider the implications and/or limitations for any unvaccinated Pastor's ability to actively minister in all areas of his Call especially with visiting Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Aged Care facilities and vulnerable people.

Those members at the meeting last Sunday indicated that the Call Meeting should be re-adjourned as soon as possible in early February following the District led discussions.

Please speak with your Leaderships with any queries or concerns about this issue.

A recent communique statement from Bishop Altus and the SA-NT District Assistant Bishops that appeared in the on-line *Together* is also available after service and from the office for your reflection.

Shared Ministry Task Group members are **Holy Cross:** Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart; **Christ Church:** Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller; **Monarto:** Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

UPDATE FROM SHARED MINISTRY TASK GROUP

At the Information Meeting held last Sunday 12th Dec, the Task Group informed members of the following:-

1. **Pastors Accommodation.** In order to settle on where the two Pastors should be housed, the meeting asked the Task Group to investigate further the opportunities for both Pastors to be housed together at either Christ Church or Holy Cross eventually. At the moment Pastor Kuss will have his office at Christ Church.
2. **Office Accommodation.** This is a “work in progress” and early in the New Year a small group including all the Office Staff will be working on this.
3. **Finance.** The meeting approved the recommended % split for the individual congregation contributions to the Pastor’s salaries ie 53% CC: 7% Monarto: 40% HC. The Office Secretary’s will continue to be paid by the individual congregations at the moment.
4. **One Name.** The meeting considered the recent Name suggestions for the Shared Ministry that have been in the Bulletin. “Lutheran” is definitely to be included. There was varying debate for Churches v Community but it was felt that in looking forward to use Community would be welcoming for the outside community. The task group will continue to look into using Unity in the title but some felt this could be confusing. All agreed that we need to settle on the new one name as soon as possible.
5. **Webpage/Social Media.** Emily Mueller presented a proposal for a joint webpage and associated social media platforms to be supplied through V interact. The meeting approved the recommended initial setup fee (\$1140) and ongoing monthly payments (\$179) to be shared across the 3 congregations. Thank you to Emily for offering to coordinate this activity.
6. **Safe Place Coordinator.** This activity will be done as one team across the 3 congregations. The 2 new Christ Church volunteers have offered to work with Holy Cross to bring this together. This is a big task and we need to thank Tamra Lees, Joan Martin and Pastor Peter Welke.
7. **Prayer Team.** Bob Martin (CC) has offered to coordinate this new Shared Ministry team. You are welcome to speak with Bob or put your name forward through the Task Group.
8. **Combined Bulletin and Bi-Monthly Combined Newsletter.** The combined Bulletin has been well received and will be ongoing. The meeting supported the proposal for a combined Bi-Monthly Newsletter that the office Secretary’s will now put in place.
9. Task Group briefly indicated other areas that they are discussing ie:
-Combining the various Worship teams as one, along with current activities that are already working across congregations eg, Ladies Guild, Men’s Group and Music Ministry.

The Task Group is always keen to hear from members with their thoughts, suggestions and comments. Our names are listed in the Bulletin, please contact us.

Blessings

Joanne Pfeiffer - Shared Ministry, Coordinator

General Notices

Christmas Tree Festival Thank You: To Ladies Fellowship who supported and helped with the CTF. Raised \$3179.10. Proceeds half to LWS & to School Chaplaincy.

RENEW Young Adults Camp

4 - 7 February 2022, Ankara Campsite, Walker Flat. \$190 Full Camp | \$160 Two Nights - \$130 One Night. 50% off for 2021 School Leavers. Registrations close 23 January

ROSTERS:

Christ Church: Roster is out, please pick up your copy

Holy Cross: Rosters for next year are being drawn up – please let the office or Trudy Gogel know if there are dates you are unavailable. Many thanks.

2022 - DEVOTION BOOK FOR A YEAR - "Time Out to Reconnect" - **\$25 each** if you would like one please contact: **Christ Church** - Dennis Pfeiffer (0437 506 345)

Holy Cross - Trudy Gogel (0407 600 529)

THURSDAY COMMUNION: 23rd December, 1:30pm in Concordia Hall, Holy Cross. All Welcome.

CATERING HELP: Can you help with donating food and/or assisting on the day for Funerals? If you can, please contact; **CHRIST CHURCH** – Julie Mueller 0407 045 149 or Joyce Stiller 8532 1116.

HOLY CROSS – Service Guild Velma Zerk 0438 325 611 or Rhonda Packer 8532 2876.

REG – Regular Electronic Giving: Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

Christ Church: BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504

Holy Cross: BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

WANTED: Artificial Lawn: 1.2 x 1metre piece of artificial lawn to be used for Nativity Scene display in Holy Cross Church. If you are able to help out; please speak to Alan Packer 85322876 or Cynthia Dutschke 0400 046 052

Christmas Day Lunch at Catholic Church Hall 25th December

Once again this year Christmas Day lunch is available at 12.00 pm for anyone who is on their own for Christmas Day. Come along for a time of fellowship and food.

Bookings are essential. RSVP to the Catholic Parish 8531 1699 or Uniting Church 8532 5150



CHRISTMAS EVE – CHRIST CHURCH ON THE LAWNs: Can you help with setting up and packing up on the night? Also looking for people to be involved with the Christmas Eve program. If you can be involved in any of the above please contact Jeanette Mann 0431 791 423 or Cheryl Miegel 0407 185 995. Many thanks

HOLY CROSS - Retiring offering at Holy Cross Christmas Eve service 2021 to be donated to Lutheran Care. Pastor Richard Fox will preach at Holy Cross on 30th Jan 2022, retiring offering to Lutheran Media

DVD MINISTRY DISTRIBUTION: Helpers are needed to distribute the Holy Cross Service DVD's to the Swanport Village, Murray Heights and house bound in Murray Bridge if you can assist please speak to Bob Eggers or ring him on 85311207

HAND HELD MICROPHONE: If anyone knows where the hand held microphone from Holy Cross is could they please let the office know.

LUTHERAN MEN OF AUSTRALIA Newsletter: The latest LMA Newsletter (Dec21-Feb22) is available from the office or halls.

PRINTED SERVICE ORDERS: Holy Cross members who have vision impairment and are having trouble seeing the service on the screen please let Annette at the office know if you would like a printed order of service.

TEEN CHALLENGE: Hamper items can be dropped to Teen Challenge or Christ Church office up until 24th December. Assistance is still required for the Christmas Hamper program as well as their regular on going emergency food. They are seeking help in providing Christmas treats to those families and individuals who are struggling and unable to afford them, everyone deserves to eat a Christmas meal!

Below is a list you may find helpful:

Christmas Puddings

Soft Drinks or juices

Cans of Beetroot

Cans of Peas and corn

Custard & Jellies

Cans of Fruit Salad

Short Bread biscuits

Christmas Lollies

Christmas Cakes-any size

Cans of Ham or Turkey

Fresh carrots and potatoes can be helpful

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY: will run from 19/12/2022 to 16/01/2022 we encourage all members to participate in this survey online if possible. Paper copies are available from both offices, please speak to either Yvonne or Annette if you require a paper based survey.

See attached notice regarding how to access the survey and codes.

THANK YOU: Sandra Gates would like to say that all the people involved put together a beautiful farewell for Peter Paech. The service order was polished looking. We felt supported by everyone in our grief while Pauls conduct, message and flow of service was touching and real.
Thank you to all involved, Sandra.

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day: Almighty and merciful God, each year you make us glad as we look forward to the birthday of your Son. May we who joyfully receive him as our redeemer confidently face him when he comes to be our judge. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Also pray....

- ✠ For families and relationships that they may experience the peace of Jesus Christ and for people who are separated from each other now and at Christmas.
- ✠ Pray that the power of Christ's love would bring lasting transformation throughout our communities as we continue our journey of working together
- ✠ Pray for Pastor David Kuss, his wife Ilona and their family on his acceptance of the Lead Pastor call to the combined shared ministry at Holy Cross, Christ Church and Zion Monarto.

Please Pray for... *(Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)*

Christ Church: Martha Aartsen, Jasmine & Winston Dance, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & their Carers.

Holy Cross: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler & Vicki Gollasch and family, Trevor, Christabel and Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher, Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, David Schirmer, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barb Taylor, Clarita Venn & their Carers.

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrens (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Margaret Koop (CC), Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

Lerwin: Phylis Courtney (HC), Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC)

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt (CC) **Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC) **Warner Close, M/Bridge:** Colleen Fawcett (CC)

Tailem Bend Hospital: Pat Gogel, Phyllis Koop, Bevan Schulz (All HC)

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced, please email or call your church office.

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

20th Darcy Ahrens (CC)

Celina Klenke (CC)

Hayley Pohl (CC)

21st Pat Kuss (CC)

Joan Martin (CC)

Dianne Paech (HC)

22nd Cheryl Doecke (CC)

David Kuchel (CC)

Catlin Mueller (CC)

Felix Patriitti (CC)

23rd David Altmann (CC)

25th Beverly Frahn (CC)

25th Erwin Rohrlach (HC)

Glenda Schirmer (HC)

Rosa Waltrovitz (HC)

26th Norman Bensch (HC)

COMING EVENTS – Subject to COVID restrictions (Please advise the offices of any changes)

Mon 20th	7:30pm	Leadership Team, Ed Centre (bring nibbles to share)
Thurs 23 rd	1.30pm	Thursday Communion – Concordia Hall – all welcome
Sun 2 nd Jan	2nd Sunday after Christmas	
	9am	Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Pastor Paul
	9.30am	Christ Church Family Worship in JDH
	11am	Monarto – Holy Communion – Pastor Paul
	11am	Christ Church service in the Church



CELEBRATING *Christ* **join us in Celebrating Christ's Birth this Christmas**

Holy Cross Lutheran, cnr Charles & Florence St. Murray Bridge
Christmas Eve 7:30pm Carols & Lessons
Christmas Day 9:00am Worship, Holy Communion Service

Christ Church Lutheran, Swanport Rd. Murray Bridge
Christmas Eve 6:30pm Family Service on the Church Lawn
'Come to the Manger'
Christmas Day 9:30am Worship in the Church, Holy Communion Service

Zion Lutheran, Schenscher Rd. Monarto
Christmas Eve 6:00pm for Tea with 7:00pm Worship
Christmas Day 9:00am Worship, Holy Communion Service

Murray Bridge
&
Monarto
Lutheran Community

*may the Peace,
Love, Joy & Hope
of Jesus
be with you!*

CHRISTMAS 2021

THIS WEEKS READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ✠ **Holy Cross:** *Readings:* Psalm 80: 1-7; Micah 5: 2-5; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-55. *Songs:* Shine, Jesus Shine; Thee will I love, my strength and treasure; My soul is praising the Lord; Tell out my soul; Rend the heavens wide.
- ✠ **Christ Church (Church)** *Readings:* Psalm 80: 1-7; Micah 5: 2-5; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-55. *Songs:* Shine, Jesus Shine; My Soul is praising the Lord, Thee will I love, my strength and treasure; Tell out my soul; Take and eat this body; Drawn to the light.
- ✠ **Monarto:** *Readings:* Micah 5: 2-5; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-55. *Songs:* Hark the glad sounds; My soul is praising the Lord; Come, your hearts and voices raising; As each happy Christmas.

OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP:

FACEBOOK: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

YOUTUBE Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

Christ Church Web Page: <http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

Holy Cross Service on 5th Dec'21: <https://youtu.be/p5T25Ncr0NY>

Music Ministry email: musicministrymb@gmail.com

Christian radio now live! – Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA

Other Livestreamed Services etc – Go to LCA Church@Home:

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/>

click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

Sermons4Kids- Stories of the Bible: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

ROSTERS

Holy Cross

	19 DEC 9AM	24 DEC 7.30PM	25 DEC 9AM	26 DEC 9AM	2 JAN 9AM
Sign In Greeter	T Gogel Kathy Pfeiffer	A Pearce R Waldhuter	Velma Zerk E Waldhuter	D Steinborner A Pearce	T Gogel Kathy Pfeiffer
LS Server	Rick Paech	N/A	Charmaine Paech	N/A	Myrna Gerlach
Lector	A Pearce		Charmaine Paech	Annette Pearce	Judy Sacco
PA/MM	B Kuchel	Tanya Hanckel	Peter Welke Joel Weincke	Bruce Kuchel	Amy Gates
Video	J Kuchel	Allen Wegener	Bob Eggers	N/A	Allen Wegener
Marshal	T Budarick	Greg Herrmann	Peter Welke	Joanne Pfeiffer	Sandra Gates
Ushers	R & D Paech B Gerlach	Greg Herrmann Judy Sacco	Bruce & Joyleen Kuchel	Matt Woidt C Schache	Kerry Lienert Bob Gerlach
Bell Ringer	Rick Paech	Roger Waldhuter	Roger Waldhuter	Bruce Kuchel	Bob Gerlach
Altar Guild	L Rosenzweig	N/A	Dulcie Pfeiffer	N/A	L Rosenzweig
Flowers	P Jenke	Velma Zerk	Velma Zerk	Velma Zerk	Petrina Altmann
Musicians	E Paech R Packer	Maxine Gogler	Maxine Gogler	Joyleen Kuchel	M Gogler, R Packer, K Ahrens
Morning Tea	V Zerk F & J Henschke	N/A	N/A	V Zerk H Heuppauff R Packer	C Schache S Kramer Y Patterson
Ministry Team	P & E Welke	P & E Welke	P & E Welke	P & E Welke	D Steinborner

Christ Church

	9:30am JDH 19-Dec	11AM Church 19-Dec	6:30pm Lawns 24-Dec	9:30am Church 25-Dec	9:30am JDH 26-Dec	9:30am JDH 2-Jan	11am Church 2-Jan	9:30am JDH 9-Jan
COVID Marshal	Carl B'hall	D Schmerl	Y Stiller	L Schiller	K Franklin	A Hampel	D Schmerl	L Schiller
Elder Assist	D Pech	D Doecke ♥ I Kluge		I Kluge ♥ D Schiller	W Doecke ♥ G Korzeba	D Hampel	D Pech	D Shiller ♥ I Kluge
Wardens	D Lienert	S Kuchel K Franklin		P&V Jaensch	D Lienert	Y Stiller	I Kluge M Mueller	P&V Jaensch
Greeters	G&M Schultz	C Coulter J Bahr	C Coulter Y Stiller	R&M Herrmann	B&Y Lablack	J Herrmann I Schulte	C Coulter J Bahr	L Schiller L Penhall
Tea/Coffee	S Jericho J Herrmann					D Borchardt L Penhall		J Herrmann J Bahr
PA	R Hampel			T Lees	N Mann	R Hampel	W Taylor	T Lees
Data Projector	C Doecke	J Irvine			E Mann	Y Stiller	J Irvine	C Doecke
Reader				M Herrmann			C Coulter	
Flowers	T Lees			H Schirmer		V Jaensch		G Taylor
Video	R Jericho		R Jericho	R Jericho	R Jericho	R Jericho		R Jericho
Counter	B Schubert	V Jaensch	D Schiller	B Schubert	G Korzeba	V Jaensch	B Schubert	G Korzeba
Grounds Roster	T&Y Koch	T&Y Koch	T&Y Koch	T&Y Koch	T&Y Koch			
Water & Care	J Schirmer				T Koch	Y Koch		Harry & Inez

Monarto

19th Dec: **Wardens:** Robert T. **Reader:** Robert T.

Christmas Eve: **Wardens:** Trevor, Joy & Tyson P.

Christmas Day: **Wardens:** Rob & Liz F.

2nd Jan: **Wardens:** Haydn & Penne. **Reader:** Trevor H.

9th Jan: **Wardens:** Colin & Raelene W. **Reader:** Haydn H

Monarto Congregation Contacts

<u>Elders</u>	Haydn Hein	0428 898 639	Maurice Wegener 8531 1060
<u>Chairman</u>	Trevor Hilton	0439 839 022	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Colin Wegener	0407 030 241	
<u>Secretary</u>	Jan Brodde	8532 5050	

Christ Church Congregation Contacts

<u>Elders:</u>	Dawn Hampel	8532 4138	Denise Lohmeyer 8531 0935
	David Pech	0420 849 344	Janelle Traeger 8535 4290
	Graham Schubert	0408 848 920	Ian Kluge 0427 313 537, 8531 3449
<u>Chairman</u>	Warren Doecke	0417 804 663, 8572 6019	
<u>Cong. Secretary</u>	Cheryl Doecke	0427 804 663, 8572 6019	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Carlien Hohls	0415 919 043	
<u>Church Secretary</u>	Yvonne Stiller	8532 3445	
<u>Prop. & Maintenance:</u>	Nathanael Mann	0439 506 826	

Holy Cross Congregation Contacts

<u>Chairperson:</u>	Jeff Henschke	0428 519 252	
<u>Ministry Team</u>	David Schirmer (chair)	0459 943 682	
	Myrna Gerlach	Matthew Woitd	
	Edna Welke	Pastor Peter Welke	
	Dennis Steinborner	Lesley Rosenzweig	
	Helen Heuppaufl	Coral Eggers	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Barry Stoddart	email: hctreasurer@internode.on.net	
<u>Property Chair</u>	Greg Herrmann	0438 785 040	

Wishing you all a Christ filled Christmas and Happy New Year, may 2022 be a peaceful and blessed year for everyone from the Christ Church and Holy Cross Office Staff:
Yvonne Stiller, Janelle Traeger, Annette Pearce.



2021 National Church Life Survey

Dear churchgoer,

Our church is participating in the 2021 National Church Life Survey and you are invited to complete the Attender Survey for churchgoers aged 15 years and over.

The survey will ask you about your experiences of our church, your thoughts about our ministries and activities, as well as your personal spiritual beliefs or religious practices. The results of the survey will help our local church to assess our church health, understand our strengths and build directions for the future.

We invite you to take part in this survey.

It will take around 15-20 minutes to complete.

It is anonymous and confidential.

Choose one response for each question unless it states otherwise.

Do not fill in a second form if you have already completed one.

Not all survey forms are exactly alike. There are many issues being covered.

Complete a paper survey form (remember to include our church code or

Go online to: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au. (remember to click finish when done)

and enter your Church Code:

- Christ Church Code: LA413401***
- Holy Cross Code: LA404202***
- Monarto Code: LA413402***

We ask you to complete the Survey by 19 / 1 / 2021 and return to your Church Office Secretary, Annette or Yvonne. (Collection boxes will be provided at Christ Church and Holy Cross).

The Survey is designed by NCLS Research, as part of the 2021 National Church Life Survey and has Ethics approval from Charles Sturt University. More information about the survey can be found at 2021ncls.org.au/attender-survey

Blessings,

Annette & Yvonne



Growing FAITH at home

19th December 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Love comes to life

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What is a piece of good news you remember receiving? How did you react?

2

In what ways is Jesus' birth good news for you? What will be your response this Christmas?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 1:39-55	Mary visits Elizabeth
M	Micah 5:2-5a	A promised ruler from Bethlehem
T	Hebrews 10:5-10	Christ's sacrifice once for all
W	Matthew 1:18-24	An angel visits Joseph
T	Isaiah 9:2-7	To us a child is born
F	Luke 2:1-20	The birth of Jesus
S	Psalms 80:1-7	Restore us God almighty
S	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus at 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

Lord Jesus, child of Bethlehem, come and be King in our hearts. Amen.



BLESS

May God make you strong and new. May his face smile upon you and his kindness save you.

Advent

Advent is a time for preparing, a time of waiting and watching. We celebrate Advent with the colour BLUE as this communicates the message of hope. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that one day Jesus will come again.

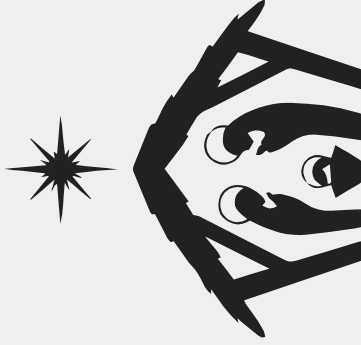
Creative Response

Build a simple manger scene as a final Advent activity. Construct a stable out of a shoe box.

Add straw (or shredded paper) and a manger (e.g. using a matchbox and matches) and cardboard animal figures.

On December 24th have the expectant parents arrive (use paper cutout figures).

Finally, place a baby Jesus figure in the manger on Christmas Day.



mealttime prayer

Lord Jesus, bless our home with hope this Advent. As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your coming again. Amen.

verse for the week
With all my heart
I praise the Lord,
and I am glad
because of God my
saviour. He cares
for me, his humble
servant.

LUKE 1:46-48A

Service



Is there room for more at your meal table this Christmas?

Be on the lookout for someone who may be without friends or family at this festive time, and invite them to join you, either on Christmas Day or the day after. Students, single adults, recent immigrants, widows and widowers and elderly persons in our communities can feel particularly lonely at Christmas time.

