

ROSTERS

MONARTO:

11th Dec Warden: T,J&T Paech

Reader: R Wegener

18th Dec Warden: R&L Frahn

Reader: T Franklin

Cuppa: T Franklin

HOLY CROSS

	11th Dec 9am HC	18th Dec 10.30am HC
Greeters	E & P Welke	T Hanckel K Pfeiffer
LS Server	C Paech	S Gates
Lector:	C Paech	K Coventry
PA / MM	B Kuchel	A Gates
VC:	B Eggers	G Herrmann
Ushers	J Sacco M Steinert	B & J Kuchel
Bell	B Kuchel	R Waldhuter
Altar Guild	D Pfeiffer	S Gates
Musicians	J Kuchel R Packer	R Packer H Carroll
Flowers	A Pearce	Kathy Pfeiffer
Morning Tea	A Pearce V Zerk	A Wiencke E & P Welke
Ministry Team	M Gerlach H Hueppauff	M Gerlach H Hueppauff

CHRIST CHURCH

	10.30am JDH 11-Dec	9am Church 18-Dec	10.30am JDH 18-Dec
Pastoral Assist	D Schiller	D Hampel	W Doecke
Wardens	K Franklin G Schubert	J&G Pohl	G Schubert I Kluge
Greeters	D Kluge B Mann	R & M Herrmann	D & L Schiller
Tea/ Coffee	R&M Herrmann	S Jericho & B Mann	
PA	Gary B	Wes	Nathanael
Data Projector	Chris B	Gary B	S Kuchel
Reader	L Schiller	C Mattner	I Kluge
Organist		Glynniss	
Video	R Jericho		R Jericho
Flowers	T Lees	H Schirmer	
Counter	D Schiller	Gary B	V Jaensch
Grounds Roster	T & Y Koch		
Water & Care	J & H Schirmer	T Koch	



Murray Valley Lutheran Community



Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge
8532 6553

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge
8532 4577

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto
contact Christ Church

Sunday 11th December

9am Holy Cross—HC (*morning tea & trading table following*)

10.30am Christ Church—HC (*Hall*) (*Coffee from 10am*)

10.30am Monarto—LR

Sunday 18th December

9am Monarto - HC

9am Christ Church— HC (*Church*) (*Coffee from 10am*)

10.30am Christ Church— HC (*Hall*)

10.30am Holy Cross—HC (*morning tea from 9.45am*)

REG:

Christ Church

BSB 704942
ACC# 100311504

Holy Cross

BSB 704942
ACC# 51176

Music Ministry

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ACC# 100828957

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Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed, 9.30-1.30pm; Thurs, Fri 9-2pm
Closed Monday. 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge. Ph 8532 4577.
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PRAYER:

- ✚ Please pray for family and friends of Betty Paech who passed away Thursday night. May God give them comfort at this time.
- ✚ Please pray for people whose lives have been and are being disrupted by floods and for all who are providing help in any way.
- ✚ Pray for everyone at this busy time of year so we don't put our busy lives before Christ. For those planning and running our services, the office staff, Pastor David and Pastor Paul, those planning to travel for holidays, for teachers & students as the school year ends; for those who don't know where they will celebrate Christmas.

Please Pray for the following people and their carers:

Martha Aartsen, Stella Altmann, Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Tony & Rosy Budarick, Olga Burgemeister, Lores Frahn, John Fournier, Pastor Andy Gierus, Maxine Gogler, Lila Grocke, Trevor & Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Flo Kerkham, Glen Koop, Irene Kuchel, Yvonne Lablack, Bryan Lees, Joy Leighton, Audrey Leske, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Joy Lienert, Lynette & Terry Little, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Brenda O'Reilly, Gwenda Paech, Jim Poole, Jan Richards, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Vena Shinnick, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn, June Walker, Rodney Zanker.

Resthaven: Pam Altmann, Norm Bensch, Pat Jenke, Joan Kluge, Leila Koehler, Murray Piltz, Reg Schwartz.

Lerwin: Glad Haeusler, Stewart Jaensch, Margaret Jenke, Alice Kowald, Eric Kuss, Stan and Lorna Peltz.

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt

Golden Grove Helping Hand: Joyleen Rosenzweig

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger, Felicity Woods

Strathalbyn Rehab: Joyce Herrmann

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer

Tailem Bend Hospital: Bevan Schulz

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

11th	Carlien Bissett	13th	Stephen Jaensch	17th	Bill Dunthorne
	Alice Kowald		Martin Lees		Cooper Hampel
	Annette Pearce	15th	Lores Frahn		Shirley Kramer
12th	Liz Frahn		Sandra Gates		James Waltrovitz
	Pat Jenke		Adele Watt	18th	Emily Mueller
	Charlotte Pahl	16th	Alex Hein		
	Ashley Roocke		Shirley Lutze		

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

Happy 90th Birthday to Rosa Waltrovitz who celebrated her 90th birthday on 9th December

Diary Dates:

13th Dec	10.30am Funeral for Rosemary Nitschke @ Holy Cross 7pm CC Leadership meeting
14th Dec	9.30am CC Senior Care Meeting in Ed Centre 10am Erwin Rohrlach 100th Birthday Morning Tea @ Murray Heights please bring a plate to share
15th Dec	11am MVLC Women's Guild Christmas Lunch - Church of Christ coffee shop 2pm Emmaus Fellowship Group meet at Betty Nulty's 3pm Resthaven Communion Service
16th Dec	6pm Youth in the Cave (last one for 2022)
22nd Dec	1.30pm Thursday Communion Service Concordia Hall
24th Dec	7pm Christmas Eve Music Ministry @ The Steeple –meal from 6pm 7pm Holy Cross: Carols and Lessons Service 7pm Monarto: Carols and Lessons; meal from 6pm

27th Dec 2022 to 3rd Jan 2023 inclusive ~ both Church Offices closed

Weekly:

Mon:	9:30am	Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church
	10am	Bible Study, Holy Cross last day 12th Dec
Tues:	10am	Bible Study, Ed Centre, Christ Church in recess
Wed:	9:30am	Crafty Capers, Holy Cross last day 12th Dec
	9.30am	Holy Cross Paper Shed open
	4pm	MVLC Prayer Time , Christ Church (in the church)
Fri:	10am	Time Out at 10 ~ December Concordia Hall
Sat		1.30pm Cards at Concordia Hall last day 17th Dec

All Welcome – come along and join in the fellowship of these groups

Please note: Cut off time for notices for the bulletin is midday on Thursdays to either office. (Newsletter is Wednesday 10am)

11th December Readings & Songs

Readings: : Jeremiah 31:7-13; Romans 15:7-13; Luke 15:1-7

Songs: **Christ Church:** Amazing Grace, my chains are gone; Hymn of Joy; Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Joy to the World - Shout for Joy.

Holy Cross: Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, He is coming; Hymn of Joy, Feed us now Bread of Life, With deep humility, O Lord; Hark a Herald's voice is calling

Monarto: Amazing Grace, my chains are gone; Hymn of Joy; A new heart, Lord, create in me: When the King shall come again.

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



ONE PART OF A SET

Many years ago, while visiting a friend in England, we had the wonderful experience of spending a week on a "long boat" cruising some English canals.

Returning home, we purchased a set of display plates depicting the twelve stages of the "long boat" barging industry during its heyday. We each have our favourite plate, but if we only ever focused on that one, we would miss the benefits, blessings, and memories of the whole.

The season of Christmas is upon us, and how we focus on Christmas will be many and varied. Probably one of the most focused on aspects is a baby, born in a manger. Some will say it was Jesus, the Son of God. Others will see it all as a quaint story, while others will focus on partying, holidays and presents.

Maybe solely focusing on the "Baby in the manger, God's Son ", which I totally believe in, may cause us to see only one part of a much larger "set" with much more to see and experience.

The Baby in the manger is only part of the whole story, part of the "complete set. "Look at Jesus and see the entire story.

Love: When being unjustly killed on a cross, he looked at his executioners and said, "Father forgive them. They don't know what they are doing". **(Luke 23:34)**

Joy: Jesus enjoyed the company of friends and helping them also enjoy life. **(John 2:1-11)**

Peace: Jesus was a man of peace and at peace, so much so he could sleep in a small boat in a storm. He also tells us, "My peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you". **(John 14: 27)**

Patience: Jesus never "gives up" on people. He even forgave Peter for the hurtful act of cursing and saying he didn't know Jesus. **(John 21: 15-17)**

Kindness: Jesus often went out of his way to heal and encourage people. **(Matthew 12:15)**

Faithfulness: He came to make a way for us to be friends with God again. As he hung on the cross, he cried, "It is finished". He had been faithful right to the end. **(John 19:30)**

Gentleness: Jesus stands up for a woman about to be stoned for adultery. He does not condemn her as the crowd wanted but tells her to go and sin no more. **(John 8:6-11)**

Self-control: When confronted by a governmental official and false accusers, Jesus did not fight back but demonstrated self-control. **(Matthew 27:12-14)**

Looking at all the plates, not just one, brings back many beautiful memories.

Maybe this Christmas, let Jesus help you think about all he is and all he offers to those who love and trust him. Try looking at the "whole set", the many blessings of the whole Jesus story.

Kevin



Growing FAITH at home

11 December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

ADVENT IS A
SEASON OF
FAITH AND
HOPE



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What helps us to keep our faith in Jesus?
2. How would you describe having hope in Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Joy of the
redeemed

2nd reading

James 5:7-10

Patience in
suffering

Gospel reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus and John
the Baptist

DISCUSS

The apostle James encourages us to be patient until the Lord's coming and not to lose our faith (James 5:7-10). What things cause people to fall away from trusting Jesus?



ACTION RESPONSE

As you arrange gifts for one another, prepare a Christmas gift to present to a local charity supporting those less well off, or make up a box of non-perishable food items to give to a local food pantry.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give us the patience to wait for you. Keep us firm in our faith. Amen.



BLESSING

God is coming to save you. May he calm your fears and give you a brave heart.



MEALTIME PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for you are good and faithful. You meet our needs of body and soul. In you we trust and hope. Amen.

BE PATIENT AND STAND
FIRM, BECAUSE THE
LORD'S COMING IS NEAR.

JAMES 5:8

VERSE OF THE WEEK