

**REG:**

**Christ Church**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 100311504

**Holy Cross**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 51176

**Music Ministry**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 100828957

**ROSTERS****MONARTO:**

**15th Jan**     **Warden:** M Paech

**22nd Jan**     **Warden:** R Thiele

**Reader:** R Thiele

**Reader:** R Hein

**HOLY CROSS****CHRIST CHURCH**

	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>LR</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b> <b>9am</b> <b>HC</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	T Gogel	K Lienert K Pfeiffer
<b>LS Server</b>	N/A	C Paech
<b>Lector:</b>	S Gates	C Paech
<b>PA / MM</b>	L Weincke	L & J Weincke
<b>VC:</b>	N/A	B Eggers
<b>Ushers</b>	P Welke M Steinert	B & M Gerlach
<b>Bell</b>	R Waldhuter	B Gerlach
<b>Altar Guild</b>	N/A	D Pfeiffer
<b>Musician</b>	H Carroll	M Gogler
<b>Flowers</b>	J Kuchel	S Gates
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Y Patterson H Heuppauff	V Zerk M Steinert
<b>Ministry Team</b>	D Steinborner	E&P Welke A Weincke

	<b>9am</b> <b>Church</b> <b>15-Jan</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>JDH</b> <b>15-Jan</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>JDH</b> <b>22-Jan</b>
<b>Pastoral Assist</b>	W Doecke	G Schubert	D Doecke
<b>Wardens</b>	J&G Pohl	P&V Jaensch	I Kluge K Franklin
<b>Greeters</b>	D Schmerl C Mattner	K Franklin S Kuchel	M&G Schultz
<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	S Jericho Carlene Schultz		M&R Herrmann
<b>PA</b>	Wes	Gary B	Nathanael
<b>Data Projector</b>	C Doecke	Chris B	E Mann
<b>Reader</b>	B Lablack	S Kuchel	D Doecke
<b>Organist</b>	Glynniss		
<b>Video</b>		R Jericho	R Jericho
<b>Flowers</b>	V Jaensch		S Jericho
<b>Counter</b>	Gary B		G Korzeba
<b>Grounds Roster</b>	<b>???? Volunteers needed!</b>		
<b>Water &amp; Care</b>	T Koch		H Schulte



**Murray  
Valley  
Lutheran  
Community**



*Community of Christ*

**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 15th January**

9am Monarto - HC  
9am Christ Church - Lay Reading (*Church*) (*Coffee from 10am*)  
10.30am Christ Church - HC (*Hall*)  
10.30am Holy Cross - Lay Reading (*morning tea from 9.45am*)

**Sunday 22nd January**

9am Holy Cross - HC (*morning tea following the service*)  
10:30am Christ Church - Lay Reading (*Hall*) (*Coffee from 10am*)  
10:30am Monarto - HC

Pastor Paul is on leave 9th – 23rd Jan if you require pastoral assistance during this period please contact Pastor David 0474 229 959, David Schirmer 0459 943 682 or the office (during opening hours)

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*After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663*

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*After hours please contact Council Chairperson: Jeff Henschke 0428 519 252  
or Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer 0459 943 682*

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## **PRAYER:**

Please pray for people whose lives are being and have been disrupted by the floods and for all who are providing help in any way.

SPIN Camp for Year 4-6 happening this week. Pray for God's blessings for the leaders and campers! .

Heavenly Father - thank you that Jesus showed himself to be the all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. We pray for the church, that it may follow the Lamb of God in sacrificial love and clear witness to the gospel.

### **Please Pray for the following people and their carers:**

Martha Aartsen, Stella Altmann, Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Tony Budarick, Olga Burgemeister, Loes 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, Helen Schubert, Neil Schubert, Vena Shinnick, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn.

**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

**Tailem Bend Hospital:** Bevan Schulz

## **MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations**

15th	Luke Frahn	19th	Amy Gates	21st	Jared Frahn
16th	Raelene Barolo		Rhonda Packer		Phillip Freund
18th	Myrna Gerlach	20th	Tim Koch		Basil Zadow
	Ross Thiele		Gloria Pohl	22nd	Heather Courtney

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 either church office.

## **Diary Dates:**

- 15th 6pm MVLC Glampers meet JDHall
- 16th Teen challenge re opens
- 17th 11am Resthaven Ecumenical Service (by CC)
- 19th 10.30am Lerwin Ecumenical Service (by CC)  
3pm Resthaven Communion Service
- 22nd Trading Tables at Holy Cross and Christ Church and Christ Church  
pooled lunch after service  
5pm MVLC Leaders meet
- 24th 7:30pm Christ Church Leadership Team
- 25th 1:30pm Communion Service at Holy Cross
- 26th **Australia Day - Public Holiday**
- 29th 9:30am Blessings of the Backpack @ Unity

***Emerge Counselling will recommence on 17th January  
Lutheran Care counsellor will recommence on 19th January***

## **Weekly:**

- Mon: 9:30am Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church  
1:30am Bible Study, Holy Cross in recess until Feb 2023
- Tues: 10am Bible Study, Ed Centre, Christ Church in recess
- Wed: 9:30am Crafty Capers, Holy Cross in recess until Feb 2023  
9.30am Holy Cross Paper .  
4pm **MVLC Prayer Time**, Christ Church (in the church)
- Fri: 10am **Time Out at 10** ~ Jan @ JD Hall; Feb @ Concordia Hall
- Sat 1.30pm Cards at Concordia Hall in recess to 7th Jan 2023

*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)*

## **15th January Readings & Songs**

**Readings:** Holy Cross: Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-19, John 1: 29-42  
Christ Church/Monarto: Leviticus 17:1-11; Hebrews 10:1-10; John 1:29- 39.

**Songs:** Christ Church 9am: Praise to the Lord; Christ our true and only light; Breathe on me Breath of life; Songs of thankfulness and praise.  
Christ Church 10:30am: There is a Redeemer; Just as I am; Nothing but the Blood; Eat this Bread; Bread of Heaven; When I survey the wondrous Cross. Holy Cross: Come, now is the time to worship; Christ be our Light; They were waiting; I am the Light of the world; Christ be our Light; In Christ Alone; Take my life and let it be. Monarto: There is a redeemer; Nothing but the Blood; Just as I am; Praise to you.



## Growing FAITH at home

15 January 2023

SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

## JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD



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### CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Who has introduced you to Jesus?
2. How can we talk to other people about who Jesus is?



### BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

The servant of  
the Lord

2nd reading

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Thanksgiving

Gospel reading

**John 1:29-42**

Jesus, the Lamb of God

### DISCUSS

Andrew heard that Jesus was the Messiah, the first thing he did was search for his brother Simon and bring him to meet Jesus (John 1:40-42). In what ways do you help others to meet Jesus?



### ACTION RESPONSE

In John 1 we hear that John the Baptist pointed two of his disciples to Jesus.

They followed Jesus and spent the day with him (John 1:37-39). Andrew, in turn, introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. Is there an individual or household you could invite to come to church with you, so they can hear the good news of Jesus?



### PRAYER

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can tell others about you. Amen.



### BLESSING

May God's love and faithfulness always protect you.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you light our path and make bright our days; receive our gifts of thanks and praise. Amen.

THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW JESUS  
COMING TOWARD HIM. JOHN SAID,  
"LOOK! THE LAMB OF GOD! HE TAKES  
AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29

VERSE OF THE WEEK



# "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



## FALLING INTO CRACKS

Even before the council upgraded the Adelaide Road Linear Park track – something they and all involved can be proud of, Ruth and I enjoyed walking this pathway.

However, recently I have started noting cracks are developing. As we all know, the cracks will enlarge without repairs until the track and its usefulness crumble into rubble.

Sadly there is a comment we hear all too often in our society: He, she, they "fell through the cracks." While this statement always references someone who, for whatever reason, finds themselves struggling with life, I wonder if the term "Fell into the crack" would be a more accurate description of the situation.

How does stuff get into the cracks along the footpath? It gets blown in, washed in, and kicked in. I wonder how many people in our society and our community finish up in the "cracks" of life by the same means. Circumstances blow or wash them, us, you, me, along through life; a sickness, a relationship gone wrong, a job lost, a silly decision made, and suddenly we can find ourselves in a position from which we may never escape.

And there are also those who, through words or actions, get "kicked" into life cracks, unable to pull themselves up and out to continue a fulfilling life.

There is an account in the Bible of a follower of Jesus in a boat who, on seeing Jesus walking across a stormy sea, asked Jesus if he could go to him. Jesus replied, "Sure! Come on!" Peter, who tended to be impetuous, climbed from the boat and started walking on water. All went well until he concentrated more on the waves than on Jesus. As Peter began to head for a watery grave, realising he could not save himself, he "Reached up" and called out, "Save me, Lord". Jesus "reached down" and lifted him from the water, and together they walked to the boat and continued the journey. **(Matthew 14:24 – 33)**

Do you know someone trying to pull themselves from a crack in life? You may not be able to walk on water, but we can all "reach down" and "lift up". Sometimes all it takes is a kind word, a smile, or a friendly gesture. Other times it may take more effort, but will you walk on past and scuff more hurt and pain on top of someone hanging on by their fingertips?

If you are scrabbling about down in "the crack", are you prepared to "reach up" and say, "Jesus, I really need your help"? You might be surprised by the hand "reaching down".

Maybe we could all do a little more "Reaching down" in 2023.

God bless you this new year and always,

Kevin.



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## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

**Welcome to a family friendly worship service focused on blessing our kids for the school year.**

The School & Kindy kids will be invited 'up front' to bring their school bags for the "blessing of the backpacks".

The service will include kid songs & activities, and contemporary Christian music.

It is also a good opportunity to invite your friends or extended family members to have their backpacks and school year blessed.

**Please join us on**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am @ the Steeple, Unity College, Owl Drive, Murray Bridge for a family friendly service**

Bring your Backpacks along  
Free Sausage Sizzle after

