

**REG:**

**Christ Church**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 100311504

**Holy Cross**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 51176

**Music Ministry**  
BSB 704942  
ACC# 100828957

**ROSTERS****MONARTO:**

**19th March:** Warden: M Paech  
Cuppa: R&C Wegener

**26th March:** Warden: R Thiele

**Reader:** R Thiele

**Reader:** H Hein

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

	<b>19th March 10.30am HC</b>	<b>26 March 9am HC</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	T Gogel K Lienert	A Pearce K Pfeiffer
<b>LS SERVERS</b>	J Sacco	L Rosenzweig
<b>LECTOR</b>	J Sacco	J Wiencke
<b>PA MM</b>	T Hanckel	B Kuchel
<b>VC</b>	G Herrmann	J Kuchel
<b>USHERS</b>	M Woitdt C Schache	J Sacco M Steinert
<b>BELL</b>	R Waldhuter	B Kuchel
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	J Sacco	L Rosenzweig
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	H Carroll	E Paech
<b>FLOWERS</b>	S Gates	J Kuchel
<b>MORNING TEA:</b>	A Pearce R Packer	V Zerk F & J Henschke
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	D Steinborner	D Steinborner

	<b>9am Church 19-Mar</b>	<b>10:30am JDH 19-Mar</b>	<b>7pm Mid-week Lent 4 22-Mar</b>	<b>10:30am JDH 26-Mar</b>
<b>Pastoral Assistants</b>	J Traeger	D Schiller	D Hampel	G Schubert
<b>Wardens</b>	A Hampel D Hampel	P&V Jaensch	G Pohl	I Kluge K Franklin
<b>Greeters</b>	C Mattner D Schmerl	K&R Schrapel	C Coulter J Herrmann	D&L Schiller
<b>Tea/ Coffee</b>	S Jericho C Schultz			L Penhall D Borchardt
<b>PA</b>	Wes	Gary	Wes	Roger
<b>Data Projector</b>	C Doecke	C Beauglehall	S Kuchel	G Pohl
<b>Reader</b>	C Coulter	G Schubert	J Pohl	G Beauglehall
<b>Organist</b>	G Taylor		Coarlie	
<b>Video</b>		Ron		Ron
<b>Flowers</b>	C Doecke			E Hammond
<b>Counter</b>	Basil	Valerie	Basil	Gerry
<b>Grounds Roster</b>	H Schulte			
<b>Water &amp; Care</b>	Y Koch			J&H Schirmer



**Murray  
Valley  
Lutheran  
Community**

**Better together  
in God's light**

**Christ Church**

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Murray Bridge  
8532 6553

**Holy Cross**

31 Florence St  
Murray Bridge  
8532 4577

**Zion Monarto**

427 Schenscher Rd  
Monarto  
contact Christ Church

**Sunday 19th March**

9am Monarto HC (followed by morning tea)  
9am Christ Church HC (Church) Cuppa from 10am  
10.30am Christ Church HC (Hall)  
10.30am Holy Cross HC

**Wednesday 22nd March**

7pm Christ Church, Murray Bridge Mid-week Lenten service

**Sunday 26th March**

9am Holy Cross HC (followed by morning tea)  
10.30am Christ Church HC in hall (Coffee from 10am)  
10.30am Monarto LR

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## **PRAYER:**

- ✠ Lord, please remind us to pray to You, to thank You, to love You, to hear from You Each and every day in Lent. Help us to remember that it's God that we depend on in life and that it's your heavenly Father that we most need in life.
- ✠ Heavenly Father, thank you for opening the eyes of our hearts to see your will for our lives in Christ. As his light shines in our hearts to replace the darkness of our sin and weakness with his righteousness, help us to turn to you and seek your grace .

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

Martha Aartsen, Stella Altmann, Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Tony 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, Helen Schubert, Neil Schubert, Vena Shinnick, Kathy Stoddart, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn, Rodney Zanker.

**Resthaven:** Pam Altmann, 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

**Romani Nursing Home (M/Bridge):** Val Spencer; Colin & Dawn Lancaster

**Tailem Bend Hospital:** Bevan Schulz

## **MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations**

19th Bruce Pfeiffer  
Paul Zadow

20th Christie Schopp  
Malcolm Thiel

21st Joshua Doecke  
Samuel Doecke

22nd Brandan Pahl  
Bailey Rothe  
Roy Zerk

23rd Sandra Hein

Kathy Pfeiffer

25th Madeleine Crook

David Miegel

Daisy Eckermann

26th Karl Krueger



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:**

- 18th 8am MVLC Men's Group ~ 48 Bremer Valley Rd, Callington
- 22nd 7pm Mid-week Lenten service @ Christ Church
- 23rd 1:30pm Thursday Holy Communion @ Holy Cross
- 24th 10:30am Ken Zadow Funeral @ Christ Church

**NO** Time Out at 10

- 26th Trading Table at Holy Cross after service  
Youth in the afternoon @ Christ Church-  
combined with the CLW reunion

- 29th 7pm Mid-week Lenten service @ Monarto

## **APRIL**

- 1st 8:30 5G Men's Bible Study at Longriders

- 6th 7pm Maundy Thursday @ Christ Church

## **Weekly:**

- Mon: 9:30am Cards and Coffee, Ed Centre, Christ Church  
1:30pm Bible Study, Holy Cross

- Tues: 10am Bible Study, Christ Church recommences

- Wed: 9am Holy Cross Paper shed open

9:30am Crafty Capers, Holy Cross

4pm **MVLC Prayer Time**, Christ Church (in the church)

- Fri: 10am **Time Out at 10** ~ March @ JD Hall; April @ Conc. Hall

- Sat 1.30pm Cards at Concordia Hall

*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)*

## **19th March Readings & Songs**

### **Readings:**

Holy Cross/Monarto: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-42  
Christ Church: Isaiah 49:5,6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

### **Songs:**

**Holy Cross:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; Psalm 23; I Heard the Voice of Jesus; These I Lay Down; Above All

**Christ Church 9am:** Make me warm when I am cold; I am the light of the world; The Light of Christ; In the Cross of Christ I glory; Trust and obey.

**10:30am:** Christ be our Light; Shine Jesus Shine, Singing all praises; Shine on me Lord.

**Monarto:** Sing to the Lord; Singing all praises; Light of the nations; Walking in the light of God.



## THE ROUNDABOUT

Do you know which exit to take?

The "round-a-bout" is meant to make negotiating a "crossroad" more manageable, safer, and quicker. Generally, it does.

No one continuously circles a roundabout unless they don't know where they are going. Or, as in my case, once in England, finding myself in a seven-lane roundabout, I figured I had a valid



reason to turn it into a "merry-go-round" until, with a sigh of relief, I found the correct exit.

The season of Easter brings a focus on a particular cross. A rough-hewn, wooden cross on a hillside with a body nailed to it. A cross surrounded by a mob of people ridiculing the bloodied man as he hung there in pain and humiliation, screaming, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Many of the crowd did not realise that they were standing at a "crossroad" in life. Not a roundabout, a crossroad. As they yelled at the man on the cross, they were, in reality, screaming at the God they claimed to worship. "We do not believe all you have told us through the centuries!" We spit on your offer of love and forgiveness, and to hell with you and your love!"

Interestingly, two men in the crowd did realise they were at a crossroad.

One was a Centurian soldier who had supervised the gruesome spectacle and uttered, "Surely this was the Son of God. Those words of recognition would have set his life down a different path. The other was a thief, hanging on a cross beside Jesus, to him, and said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Two simple statements. Each shows a change of direction. No going round and round trying to figure it all out. A simple change of "I know which way to go!"

As you stand at the Easter "crossroad" this year, what will be your response? Will you join the crowd for a moment of joint mob gratification? Or will you confidently join the thief and admit, "God, I am sorry I have ignored you. I truly want your forgiving love in my life, guiding me through all future crossroads and roundabouts. I trust you. Thank you."

God bless,

Kevin.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

19 March 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT

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LIGHT OF  
THE WORLD



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Imagine you were blind, what would you miss the most?
2. Share about a time when you were in a very dark place. How did you feel?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Samuel anoints

David

2nd reading

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Now you are light

Gospel reading

**John 9:1-41**

The man born  
blind

## DISCUSS

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). In what ways is he a light in your life?



## ACTION RESPONSE

Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) [www.cbm.org](http://www.cbm.org) works to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world. CBMI supports more than 1000 programs in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, and Latin America. Almost 17 million people benefit from CBMI's support. Consider making a donation to support their work. Pray for people with disabilities such as blindness this week.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we believe. May we worship you today through all we do and say. Amen.



## BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit fill you with what is good.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen.

WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD, I AM  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

JOHN 9:5

VERSE OF THE WEEK