

# NEWSLETTER



*We exist to be a relevant expression of the Family of God, who love one another and our communities with the Gospel love of Jesus Christ.*



## OVERVIEW:

### Minister:

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(Please note: Wednesdays are Ash's day off)

### 10.30am Service

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### ZOOM meeting details

10.30am Service on Sundays

7am prayer on Wednesdays

You should log in at least 5 min early.

**Meeting ID: 474 053 157**

**Password: 358**

You can also phone in on  
Ph 7018 2005

## December Preaching

**NOTE:** Services will be both physically at Granite and also online via ZOOM until at least the new year.

**6<sup>th</sup>**                      **\*\*5pm Service followed by a Sausage Sizzle\*\***  
Ash Buchanan – The Bible: Beyond Information, Brings Transformation. **Hebrews 4:1-13**

**13<sup>th</sup>**                      Ash Buchanan – Crossing the Cultural Divide.  
**Mark 1:16-18; John 4:4-26**

**20<sup>th</sup>**                      Ash Buchanan – The End of the Earth  
**Acts 1**

**25<sup>th</sup>**                      **\*\*Christmas Day\*\***  
**Online Presentation - No Service**

**27<sup>th</sup>**                      Ash Buchanan – The Main Thing  
**Matthew 21:1-22**

*(Communion will be celebrated on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>)*

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Our Service will be at 5pm instead of 10:30am** BYO chair.

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with a sausage in bread 😊

It's a great opportunity to share a meal together in a COVID safe way, while worshipping our awesome God and spurring each other on!



# Simplicity

The beauty and power of Advent often gets lost amid the bustling activity that fills the Christmas season, but it doesn't have to be that way. If you seek a simpler lifestyle during Advent, you'll discover a host of surprising gifts that simplicity will help you receive and enjoy. Those gifts are more valuable than the most prized Christmas present under any tree, because they're gifts that will enrich your spirit.

## What Should I Pray for During Advent?

1. Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.
2. Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.
3. Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.
4. Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.
5. Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of loving community.
6. Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.
7. Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.
8. Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.
9. Pray for joy and a sense of humour.
10. Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.
11. Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.
12. Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.
13. Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.
14. Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.
15. Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

- Excerpted from Whitney Hopler's "Pray for Simplicity this Advent"

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/pray-for-simplicity-this-advent-1108490.html>

## Offering

Granite Community Church

**BSB: 633 000**

**Acc: 16 086 8402**

Offerings for the building fund can be deposited into the same account with the reference 'building fund'.

## Small Groups

During this time of limited social contact and interaction, some people have found it great to get together with a small group of people on ZOOM once a fortnight. They catch up, go through a bible study together and pray for each other.

Getting together in small groups is encouraging and energizing.

You can even telephone into the group if you don't have internet access.

If you would like to be part of a small group please contact Ash.

## MONTHLY PRAYER LIST

### Sunday December 6th

#### **Missionaries:**

Kate Pocklington (Pioneers)  
SRI teacher – Wendy Watts

#### **Locals:**

Melinda McEwen  
Ash & Jo Buchanan, Lachlan, Hamish, Calissa, Tyler,  
Emily & Daisy

### Sunday December 13th

#### **Missionaries:**

John & Shirley Jones (Assist Ministries)  
David & Eliza Adamsthwaite, Jude, Dustin & Caitlyn  
(Global Interaction)

#### **Locals:**

Kyle & Teghan Pearse, Jack & Ted  
Sue MacLachlan

### Sunday December 20th

#### **Missionaries:**

Vision Radio Australia  
Andy & Cathy Staunton, Charlie, Rudy & Hugo  
(Global Interaction)

#### **Locals:**

Ian Pierce  
Shane & Yvonne Lavell

### Sunday December 27th

#### **Missionaries:**

Phil & Carol Short (SIM Australia)  
MMM

#### **Locals:**

Jeanette & Laurie Pearse,  
Mary Elvey