

# GRANITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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.

## Details

### 10.30am Service

358 Bish's Road, Granite Flat  
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### Minister:

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

## December Dates

**1-** Elder and Deacon Election

**6-** MOPS Break-up

**15-**

- Granite Christmas service & lunch
- Donald Carols by  
Candlelight 8pm

## Neighbourhood Groups

- Wycheproof- Jubilee St.  
Contact Kim & Jake Bish
- Donald South - Contact  
Laurie & Jeanette Pearse

## December Preaching

**1st-** Steve Knight

**8th-** Ash Buchanan - Born to come Luke 8:4-21

**15th-** Ash Buchanan - Born to do. Luke 15:1-10

**22nd-** Ash Buchanan - Born to leave Luke 22:1-23

**29th-** Guest Speaker - TBA

### Born for a purpose

If there was ever a person who was born for a purpose it was Jesus!

The Christmas season has already started, and most of us are busy organising celebrations, decorations, food, presents and the holidays in general. As Christians we are keenly aware of the 'Reason for the Season' but even we can get lost in the busyness of it all at times.

I recently saw a post on social media saying that if you start reading Luke on the 1st of December and read a chapter a day, you'll read the whole life of Jesus by Christmas Eve. What a great idea! Every day this December, let's take a few minutes to reflect on Jesus and his life. Why was He born? What can we learn? Essentially, we'll discover again what Christmas is really all about.

Reading through Luke will be complimentary to our continuing series following the life of Jesus through Matthew's Gospel. I would love it if we could all read a chapter of Luke each day this December. With this in mind I have chosen to preach on the topic of 'Born to...' and I'll be referring to the chapter of Luke that coincides with that particular Sunday.

As we think about why Jesus was born and reflect on Him this Christmas Season, I pray that we will all be encouraged in our walk with Him and that we will have many opportunities to share His love with our family, friends and communities.

Will you join me in reading a chapter of Luke each day from 1st December until 24th December?

Let me know if you're in by sending me a quick text or telling me when you see me.

Blessings,

Ash

**Sunday December 1st**

**Missionaries:**

John & Kay Rowse, Asha

Rhys & Angela Morrell, Hannah & Ruben, (MAF)

**Locals:**

Susie & Glen Burke, Marty, Sophie, Ellie, Darcy & Percy

Brad & Carly Pearse, Sam, Seth, Glenn

**Sunday December 8th**

**Missionaries:**

Ewen & Elizabeth Cummings. Jemima, Ruth, Anna, Jed & Keziah (Wycliffe Aust.)

Mal & Jenny Watts, Erin & Alicia (SIM)

**Locals:**

Dale and Sue Bradshaw  
Janice Rotherham

**Sunday December 15th**

**Missionaries:**

Peter & Wendy Geldart, James & Benjamin (ESA Country Ministries)

Peter & Raewyn Brook, Ryan, Samuel & Eric (Wycliffe Aust.)

**Locals:**

Geoff & Carrie Pearse

Paul & Kelly McCrohan, Sam, Kate & Jessica

**Sunday December 22nd**

**Missionaries:**

Tim & Kristen Stewart, Mikayla, Joshua & Chloe (YWAM)

David & Debbie Maxwell (ESA)

**Locals:**

Jill & Neil (George) McEwen  
Lila Groves

**Sunday December 29th**

**Missionaries:**

Kate Pocklington (Pioneers)

SRI teacher – Wendy Watts

**Locals:**

Alex McLachlan & Susie  
Shane & Bec Sullivan, Montana, Jake & Amelia

## Elder and Deacon Elections

After the service December 1st we will be holding an extra ordinary meeting for members to vote on the Elder and Deacon Nominations.

## Sunday Morning Prayer Time

Don't forget to join us for the new prayer time on Sundays before the service at 9.30am. All are welcome to come and join in this time.

## Carols By Candlelight

Donald Carols by Candlelight will be held at **8pm Sunday December 15th** on the Uniting Church courtyard lawn. BYO chair. Candles provided.

## Christmas Service & Lunch

Our Granite Christmas celebration will be December 15th. There will be carols, a special presentation by the Sunday school kids, with a shared lunch following the service. Please bring your favourite festive food/s to share for lunch.

## Church Camp

It is once again time to start thinking about our annual church camp at Burnside campsite in Anglesea, **7th-9th February 2020.**

**Prices**

Adults \$130  
12-18 years \$110  
5-11 years \$85  
3-4 years \$65  
Under 3 free

There will be a sign up sheet go up in the foyer. Speak to Yvonne for further details.