

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.



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10.30am Service

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Offering

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December Preaching

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| 5th | - John Betts (service via zoom) |
| 12th | - Ash Buchanan |
| 19th | - Ash Buchanan – Christmas Service |
| 26th | - TBC |

Zoom Church Services Log in

Meeting ID: 986 3858 3990
Passcode: 358

If you do not have internet access you can also phone in using the following phone number: **PH: 7018 2005** You will then be prompted to enter the Meeting ID & passcode.

Don't forgot - Prayer Meeting via zoom 7am on Wednesdays.

Christmas Service

December 19th will be our Christmas Service. Details to come on what we'll be doing to celebrate. The 19th is also the last service for the Buchanan family.

Church Camp 2022

Our annual Church camp at Anglesea is booked for **February 11-13**. Please speak to Yvonne if you have any questions. Prices and sign-up sheet to come.

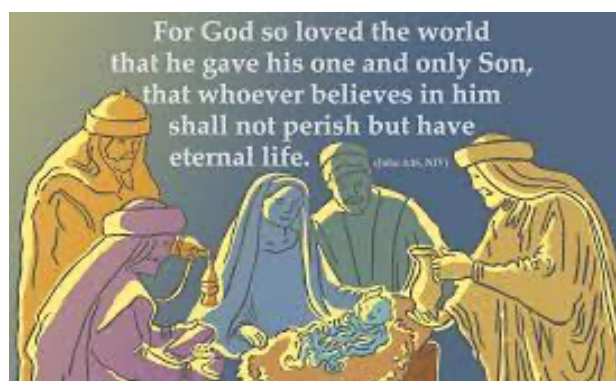
Chase joy this Christmas

It's been *such* a year, hasn't it?! So much has been happening. For some, there have been restrictions, masks, separation from friends and family, home learning, travel limits and a longing for "normal". For others, there has been uncertainty, family challenges, health concerns or conflict. These concerns have dominated our hearts and minds this year. And as we begin to prepare for Christmas, maybe you just don't feel the usual level of excitement or energy.

I think we build up certain expectations on what Christmas should be. We get caught up in the gifts, making the decorations perfect, and stretching (or blowing) our budget. But we know Christmas is not about these things. It's about family, God's family, and the birth of Jesus all those years ago. Jesus came to bring us peace, joy and new life, not stress and a to-do list.

May your Christmas be full of joy. Remember when it's all said and done, the rush ends, the gifts are unwrapped, the food is eaten, and the visitors leave. What always remains of Christmas is the gift of Jesus.

An excerpt from the MOPS Australia Blog
www.mops.org.au/blog



MONTHLY PRAYER LIST

Sunday December 5th

Missionaries:

David & Debbie Maxwell (ESA)
Kate Pocklington (Pioneers)

Locals:

Paul Groves
Keith & Jan Adcock

Sunday December 12th

Missionaries:

David & Eliza Adamsthwaite, Jude, Dustin & Caitlyn
(Global Interaction)
MAF Australia

Locals:

Tim & Rachael Smyth, Archer, Sophie & Harry
Melinda McEwen

Sunday December 19th

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

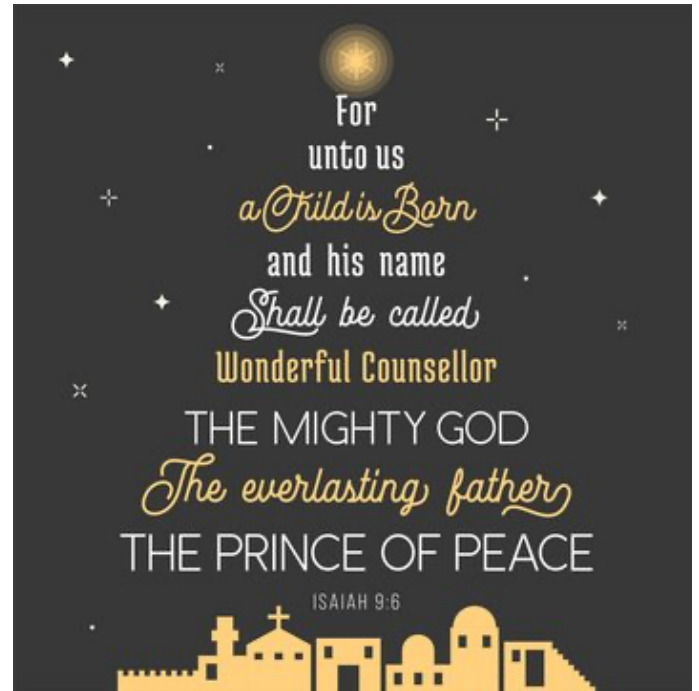
Sunday December 26th

Missionaries:

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

Locals:

Kyle & Teghan Pearse, Jack, Ted & Charlie
Sue MacLachlan



January 2022: Preaching schedule yet to be confirmed

MONTHLY PRAYER LIST- January

Sunday January 3rd

Missionaries:

David & Taryn Price (SIM)
OAC Ministries

Locals:

Pastoral Search team and process

Sunday January 10th

Missionaries:

Phil & Carol Short (SIM Australia)
MMM Australia

Locals:

Shane & Yvonne Lavell,
Jeanette & Laurie Pearse

Sunday January 17th

Missionaries:

John & Kay Rowse, Asha
Ewen & Elizabeth Cummings. Jemima, Ruth, Anna, Jed
& Keziah (Wycliffe Aust.)

Locals:

Mary Elvey
Craig & Jackie Douglas

Sunday January 24th

Missionaries:

Mal & Jenny Watts, Erin & Alicia (SIM)
Peter & Raewyn Brook, Ryan, Samuel & Eric (Wycliffe
Aust.)

Locals:

Jake & Kim Bish, & Matilda
Ian & Alison McEwen

Sunday January 31st

Missionaries:

Tim & Kristen Stewart, Mikayla, Joshua & Chloe
(Pioneers)
David & Debbie Maxwell (ESA)

Locals:

David & Wendy Watts
George Bowles