

## **"Grumpy Old Men Breakfast"**

Come again and join us.

An opportunity for men of all ages to relax after a week of work or gardening or playing bowls or fishing. Get together and have a bit of fellowship and a talk over your favourite breakfast, which you need to bring. A BBQ is available. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

### **WHERE AND WHEN**

At the "Stilla Villa" 29 Verdun Rd at 7:30am on a date to be finalised. To give a bit of an idea how many are coming please ph 8532 3445.

### **CHRIST CHURCH CONGREGATION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011**

*If you are aware of an event missing on this list, please let the Office know*

**DECEMBER** 31st—New Year's Eve—combined service at Holy Cross- with Pastor David Christian at 7pm

**JANUARY 2012** 1st - New Year's Day— normal services

**FEBRAURY** 12th - Annual Reports Due

**MARCH** 11th— AGM

### **Christ Church & Monarto Congregation Contacts**

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**A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL - Toll Free Number 1800 644 628**



**Christ Church Lutheran**  
31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge

**Zion Lutheran**  
Monarto



**Christmas Day**  
25th December 2011



**Reaching out with the Love of Jesus  
that All may Know, Worship & Grow in Christ**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

9am –12 noon: Monday - Friday

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## WELCOME

*"Communion Invitation" - Dear Friends in Christ, if you are a visitor who is a baptised believer and not a member of the Lutheran Church but believe that you will be receiving the body and blood of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, then an open invitation is extended to you.*

Non-communing adults & children are encouraged to come for a blessing and are asked to keep their hands by their sides.

*Please join us for a cuppa and a biscuit between services.*

**Visitors Cards** You will find these cards on the ends of the pews.

We would like you to fill in the details and place in the offering bag or give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.

A Happy  
and Blessed  
Christmas  
to all .

### RETIRING OFFERING FOR CHRISTMAS ACTION APPEAL

Christmas Day, Jan 1st and  
Jan 8th. You can place in  
offering bag or send on direct.

### INVITATION NEW YEAR'S EVE

Holy Cross invites the congregation to join them on New Year's Eve at 7.00pm for a service of reflection and thanksgiving, followed by supper (bring a plate) and fellowship – a great way to see out the old year and give us a foundation for the new one.



### 2012 DEVOTION BOOK

Now available. "Time Out—5  
minutes with God" Cost \$22.  
Please contact Dennis Pfeiffer - ph  
85311188

### HOUSE FOR RENT

4 bedroom home on 3 acres at Sunnyside. Contact Reg Biar for details. ph 0427 163 207

### STAFF HOLIDAYS

Pastor Tim will be on holidays from 28th December until January 12th inclusive.

Jan will be on holidays from 24th December until 29th January inclusive.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
DURING THE WEEK BETWEEN  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.**

### MONARTO Wardens Reader

**Sunday 1st Jan** 10:30am  
Nathan & Jodie Wegener  
Pam Hilton

Rosters

### Wardens Reader

**Sunday 8th Jan** 9am  
Tamara Wohlfeil  
Raelene Wegener

### CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday 1st Jan

	<b>9am</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
Elders	Dawn Hampel	Marcus Jaensch
Wardens	John & Irene Kuchel	David Doecke Gordon Kuchel
Music	Coralie Mattner	Sheryl
Reader	Bruno Lablack	Jeanette Mann
Greeters	Bruno & Yvonne Lablack	Brian & Jenny Gogel
Flowers	Joyleen Stiller	
Data Projector	Ramona Slow	
PA	David Pech	Nathaneal Mann
Ed Cen Clean	Basil & Helen Schubert	

### CHRIST CHURCH

### Sunday 8th Jan

	<b>9am</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
Elders	Jim & Heather Courtney	Mark Stiller
Wardens	Brenton & Lorraine Doecke Ian Pumpa	David & Joy Lienert Yolette Koch
Music	June Walker	Sheryl
Reader	Heather Courtney	Graham Schubert
Greeters	Dawn Jaensch, Ivy Roennfeldt	Dennis & Helen Pfeiffer
Flowers	Audrey Leske	
Data Projector	Jasmine Traeger	Bethanie Mann
PA	David Pech	Nathaneal Mann
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## ~Prayer Corner~

For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups, & individuals.

*"Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do — 1 Thess. 5:16-18*

- Give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of Jesus and all that he blesses us with. Ask Him to help us share our blessings with others, giving us opportunities to demonstrate His love.
- Give thanks for the year that has been and for every day that is yet to come.
- Pray for those travelling in the holidays, that they are kept safe.
- Give thanks to God for this time of rest.
- Spend time reflecting on what direction we need to take to be more like Jesus..
- Pray for people who are searching for real meaning in their lives—that they may find Jesus this Christmas.
- Heavenly Father, we pray for those in Resthaven—Nita Jurecky, Dorrie Materne, Rita Bretag, Keith & Joan Neumann, & Jenny Mueller and also for Monica Eckermann, Bob Appleby, Melva Jackson and Maureen Kuchel in Lerwin and also for Vera Appleby (Ross Robertson Centre, Victor Harbour).
- Pray for those of our congregation who need special care & help at this time; the sick; the grieving; the lonely. Ask God to surround them with His loving, comforting arms and to give them help, healing and encouragement.

**We think particularly of Judy Franklin, John Mattner (home), John Lohmeyer, Bryan Lees, Keith May ( home), Edgar Gerhardt, Les Jericho (home), Peter Jaensch , Joy Paech, Wes Herrmann (QEH).**

### Pray for those Celebrating their Baptismal Birthdays

26/12 Roxanne Rowland  
 27/12 Jackson Koch,  
 28/12 Dennis Pfeiffer  
 29/12 Carl Pfeiffer  
 31/12 Sarah Fiebig, Leanne Kuchel, Murray Pope, Marlene Schubert  
 1/01 Graeme Mann, Ken Schiller  
 2/01 Amelia Schiller  
 3/01 Gavin Doecke, David Schubert  
 5/01 Mason Graetz, Noleen Kluge  
 7/01 Tania Klemm  
 8/01 Trent Mueller, Rita Faehrmann,

## Time out on Tuesday

Time for reflection  
 Time for worship  
 Time for prayer  
 Time with the Lord  
 Time with others  
 Time to hear new songs  
 Time to sing new songs  
 Time to play new songs  
 Time for whatever is needed  
 From 6pm – 8pm  
 each Tuesday  
 the church building will be  
 open. Come, stay for a time  
 and be blessed.

**Continues throughout  
 Christmas and  
 the New Year**

If you would like to become involved in music/singing at the 10:45am service please talk to/ phone/email

**Sheryl Martin**  
**0411 890 016**  
**sentbythelord@gmail.com**

## DONATE YOUR RECYCLING TO CONCORDIA KINDY

Wally's bottle yard hold an account for Concordia Kindy. Take in your bottles and cans and request that your money goes to the Kindy. If you need help getting it there Delton & Lynette Schiller will be more than happy to collect it. Please contact them on 0409 325 759.

## *23rd Murray Bridge Rotary Art Show*

2nd - 25th March 2012

Murray Bridge Regional Gallery

**Open to artists in the fields of Painting -  
 3D Sculpture/Ceramics & now for the first time,  
 Art Photography.**

**Total Prize money \$3,000**

**Entry forms available from Church Office.**

**Entries close 20 February 2012.**

Further information from  
 Secretary, Wendy Gaborit (8535 6123 work)  
**Email:** mbrotary.artshow@gmail.com  
 or Ron Jericho (8532 1041)

# This Week

**Hymns**— Christmas Day—34, 634, 632,630, 624, 623  
Jan 1st—628, 630, 627, 625

**Readings**—Christmas Day—Luke 2:1-7; John 1:1-5, 10-14  
Jan 1st—Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

**Mon 26th Dec Public Holiday**

**Tue 27th Dec Public Holiday**

**Wed 28th—30th Dec OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sun 1st Jan MONARTO 10:30am Morning Praise**  
**CHRIST 9am Morning Praise**  
**CHURCH 10:45am Worship**

**Mon 2nd Jan Public Holiday**

**Tue 3rd Jan 6-8pm Time Out on Tuesday—Church**

**Wed 4th Jan**

**Thurs 5th Jan 10am Bulletin Notice Deadline**

**Fri 6th Jan**

**Sat 7th Jan**

**Sun 8th Jan MONARTO 9am Worship Today HC**  
**CHRIST 10:30am Worship Today HC**  
**CHURCH 10:45am Communion**

## Pastors, Synod Delegates and members of the LCA,

If the angels announced the birth of Christ in our time, who would the shepherds be? How would they be contacted with the gospel, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours'?

Would they connect via social media? Facebook? Blog sites? Tweets? Or even old fashioned emails?

What a gift of God it is to use social networking to communicate.

Imagine if the angels used it. A positive message using information technology. Perhaps no one would take it seriously even if the tone of the message was clearly different to that of cyberspace bullies, those hiding behind pseudonyms, misinformation, complaints and unchallenged defamatory comments. It is into this messy world Christ comes. And come he does to bring hope and new possibilities.

Giving glory to God in all circumstances would be a great New Year's resolution if you are inclined to make those.

For us it is everyday good news that a Saviour has been born. By all means discuss his lowly origin and be amazed at his down to earth salvation. Every day and in every way we have the opportunity to join the celestial break-in of the angels and give glory to God in what we do, what we say and what we tweet and blog.

The celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is just that good.

Pastors wives and families, people and friends of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand, thank you for your prayers and support for the work done in praise of our Saviour in his kingdom on earth.

'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favours' (Luke 2:14)

Rev'd Dr Mike Semmler