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# Holy Cross / Christ Church / Monarto



**Second Sunday Of Epiphany**  
**14th January 2018**

*Receiving the gift of God's love through  
Jesus and bringing hope to the community*



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

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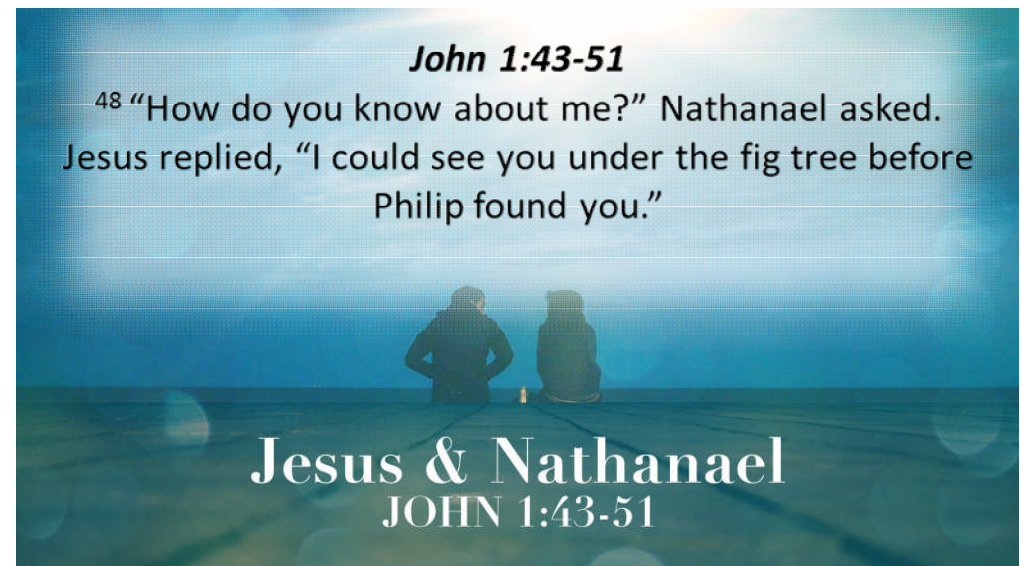
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**John 1:43-51**

<sup>48</sup> "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked.  
Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before  
Philip found you."

**Jesus & Nathanael**  
**JOHN 1:43-51**



## Prayer Page

For use by friendship groups, study groups, other groups and 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. 5:16-1



### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you rule over everything in heaven and on earth. In mercy listen to the prayers of your people, and give us your peace in our times. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Please pray for...

- ✚ Please continue to pray for all involved with Thomas Foods International in Murray Bridge, that they find God's peace during the turmoil resulting from the fire this last week.
- ✚ Thank you, dear God, for my baptism and for all the blessings it has brought me. Help me to live each day in thankfulness to you and to be ready to please you and serve you. Amen.
- ✚ **Christ Church members:** Murray Piltz, Darren Piltz, Henk Visser, Jeanette Zanker, Vena Shinnick, Lores Frahn, Sandra Thiele, Irene Kuchel, Sandra Healey, Joyleen Stiller Bruce Kuchel and also for their carers.
- ✚ **Holy Cross members:** Fay Baxter (Ian), Olga Burgemeister (Colin), Lorna Burrett, Paul Fiegert, Lila Grocke, Gordon Jenke (Pat), Leila Koehler, Marion Poole (Jim), Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert (May), Reg Schwartz, Bob Steele, Doreen Steinborner, Brian & Clarita Venn, Felicity Woods.
- ✚ **Resthaven** - Ray Box, Melva Kowald, Barbara Noble, Dot Noller.
- ✚ **Lerwin** - Colleen Fawcett, Lil Fiegert, Stewart Jaensch, Dorothy Klitscher (Elizabeth & Leon), Alice Kowald (Lou), Betty Paech.
- ✚ **Aminya Village Hostel**, Mannum - Laurel Geisler, Dawn Jaensch. Rita & Keith Faehrmann,
- ✚ **Tailem Bend Hospital** - Bevan Schulz (Bev).
- ✚ **Oakfield Lodge**, Mt Barker - Lorraine Jacobs, Evelyn Kuchel.
- ✚ Ruth Neindorf - Bupa Aged Care, 104 Woodville Rd, Woodville 5011. Ph: 8211 1200. Ruth's mobile: 0438 724 412
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### READINGS FOR TODAY

1 Samuel 3: 1-10  
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20  
John 1: 43-51



If you would like to be included in the Prayer list, please contact David Schirmer on 8531 2372 or 0459 943 682 for Holy Cross and Yvonne Stiller on 8532 6553 for Christ Church.



## Diary Dates: 14th-21st January cont....

Sunday, 21st

Mark 1: 14-20

Christ Church  
Baptism Celebration  
& Sausage Sizzle

Christ Church

Holy Cross

Monarto

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

9am ~ Communion

10:45am ~ Worship

12noon ~ Sausage Sizzle/Trading Table

9.30am ~ Worship with Holy Communion

9.45am ~ Kidz Zone Activity

10-45am ~ Trading Table

10'30am ~ Worship

## WAITANGI FAMILY FUN DAY

SHARING OUR CULTURE WITH THE COMMUNITY

ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT

WHEN:  
SUNDAY - 11th FEBRUARY, 2018  
10AM TO 2PM

WHERE:  
STURT RESERVE  
CHARLES STURT DRIVE, MURRAY BRIDGE

NZ HANGI  
FOOD STALLS  
POPCORN/CANDY FLOSS (GOLD COIN DONATION)  
ARTS & CRAFT  
WAHINE TOA NGA KOROWAI EXHIBIT  
BRIDGE STREET BOUTIQUE FASHION SHOW

\*FREE\*  
FACE PAINTING  
JUMPING CASTLE  
FARMER DARCY'S TRAVELING FARM

WANT TO BOOK A STALL?  
CALL PATRICIA - 0466 155 871

SUPPORTED BY

MURRAY BRIDGE

THE MAORI EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

Bridge Street Boutique

## Thomas Foods Fire

Meeting at Church of Christ, Seventh Street, Tues 30th Jan 7.30 pm

You are invited to a meeting called by the Ministers Fraternal and M/ B Inter-Church Council to discuss and plan the way forward to help support the people and families directly affected by the fire at Thomas Foods on 3rd January.

At this meeting an update will be given of the situation and then ideas will be discussed how the Christian community can respond to the needs of people affected.



## Diary Dates: 14th-21st January

<b>Sunday 14th</b> <i>John 1: 43-51</i> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             Holy Cross              Baptism Celebration           </div>	Christ Church	9am ~ Worship 10:45am ~ Communion
	Holy Cross	9.30am ~ Worship Service~ with Holy Communion Baptismal Birthday Celebrations 9.45am ~ Kidz Zone Activity
	Monarto	9.00 am ~ Worship
<b>Pastor Greg is away from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th January</b>		
<b>Monday, 15th</b> <i>Revelations 1: 1-8</i>	9.30am	<b>Women's Guild Committee Meeting</b> ~ Holy Cross Meeting Room
	9:30am 7:30pm	Cards & Coffee, Christ Church Ed Cen <b>Leadership Meet</b> ~ Christ Church Ed Cen
<b>Tuesday, 16th</b> <i>Revelations 1: 9-16</i>		
<b>Wednesday, 17th</b> <i>Revelations 1: 17 - 2: 7</i>	9am-10am	Recycling Shed open, Holy Cross
	12noon 10.00am	Ladies Fellowship, 32 McQuarrie Rd Lutheran Homes Service, Christ Church Owl Drv Village Centre
<b>Thursday, 18th</b> <i>Revelations 2: 8-17</i>	10.00am	Bulletin notices due
	10.00am	<b>Bible Study</b> ~ Christ Church Ed Cen
	1.30pm 5.30pm 7.00pm	<b>Third Thurs Communion, Holy Cross</b> <b>Holy Cross Worship Committee Meeting</b> <b>Holy Cross Church Council Meeting</b> ~ Holy Cross Meeting Room
<b>Friday, 19th</b> <i>Revelations 2: 18-29</i>		
<b>Saturday, 20th</b> <i>Psalm 62: 5-12</i>	1.30pm	Holy Cross Fellowship Cards



### WELCOME

Dear friends in Christ, thank you for joining us! We welcome all visitors and pray you are made to feel at home here in our congregations. If you are at a service where our Lord feeds us through Holy Communion and 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 and children are encouraged to come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Attendance Records Slips - You will find these cards on the ends of the pews. We would like you to fill in the details and give to an usher or the pastor as you leave the church.

**FUTURE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** Please note that from today onwards, birthday and Anniversary notices will **only** be put in the bulletin if requested by the individual/s involved.

### Copies of Today's Sermon

There are copies of today's sermon available as you leave the church, if you would like to take a copy with you or to pass on. More copies are available from Church Offices Please let your Church Office know if you would like it emailed to you.



## Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

14th	Jarrold Pica	Zoe Pica
	Beverly Paech	Dudley Rigney
15th	Kaysen Archer	20th Elizabeth Klitscher
17th	Ruby Eckermann	Felicity Wiegold
	Irene Mann	Timothy Koch
18th	Renee Hill	21st Phillip Freud
	Ross Thiele	Gordon Lutze
19th	Amy Gates	Basil Zadow
	Haydn Hein	
19th	Rhonda Packer	



*Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday*

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

# Holy Cross News....



**Worship Committee meeting**  
**Thursday 18th January**  
**5.30pm**  
 in meeting room



## Social Committee Meeting

**Monday 5th February**  
 7.00pm  
 in Sunday School Rooms



## Australia Day

Holy Cross will be holding an

Australia Day Lunch  
 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
 at 12.30pm

Cost \$10 per Adult \$5 per child  
 - pay at door -

Light Entertainment - Australian songs, poetry and stories

Please put your name on boards at entrance doors at Holy Cross

Or contact Annette Pearce on  
 0419 812 976 after 6pm before  
 24/01/18 for catering purpose



**Church Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 18th January at**  
**7.00pm**  
 Holy Cross Meeting Room



Returning.. from Christmas Holiday Break...	
Trading Table	21st January
Bible Study	29th January
Crafty Capers	31st January

# Combined News cont....

## Holy Cross Lutheran Church 2018 Coach Tour Kangaroo Island

Mon 29th Oct—Thurs 1st Nov 2018

Tour includes:

- ◆ Luxury 5 Star Coach Travel "Sealink"
- ◆ 3 nights Accommodation
- ◆ 3 breakfasts - 2 morning teas (own expense)
- ◆ 3 evening meals - 4 lunches
- ◆ Sealink Ferry transfers
- ◆ Entry to most attractions

Contact Terry Little for more information

(h) 8532 4029 (m) 0427 150 374

**Open to everyone!**

**Book early  
 only 41 seats!**

## Murray Bridge Women's Guild

Monday 15th Jan ~  
 9.30am

Holy Cross Meeting Room

Women's Guild  
 Committee Meeting

## LADIES' Fellowship

**Murray Bridge Lutheran**

### Ladies Fellowship Planning Day!

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 12noon**

At Heather Courtney's home  
 32 McQuarrie St, MB.

Bring a plate of food to share  
 and lots of ideas for 2018.

More info contact  
 Heather 0400 333 422

Meetings are held on the third  
 Thursday of the month

New Member Welcome!

## Murray Bridge Lutheran Villages Australia Day Celebrations

**Friday 26th Jan 2018**  
**Owl Drive Village Centre**  
**1.30pm for 2pm start**



**Entertainment:**  
**"Melodyairs"**

**Cost \$5 each**

Names on the list in the Village Centres by  
 Wednesday 24th January please

## Combined News ....

### Joint Bulletin

The joint bulletin trial will be continuing. Please pass on any feedback to your Leadership Teams or Church Offices. A colour version is available on the Christ Church webpage

### Upcoming Blueprint Ministries Events

#### Renew Young Adults - 2-5 February

*Be Renewed and Refreshed in your faith journey for the coming year*

Ankara (on the river) at Walkers Flat \$60 per night. Half price for 2017 year 12's!

**Invigorate Conference** for parents and educators, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Registrations are open. Featuring international keynote speakers and a range of workshops. Adelaide West UC, Brooklyn Park.

To Register for either visit:

[www.blueprintministries.org.au](http://www.blueprintministries.org.au)

### Music Ministry

*Are you a musician or singer? Don't mind strumming the guitar or blowing that trumpet every now again? Perhaps you have always wanted to develop your skills on a sound desk?*

**Music Ministry!** is an exciting new venture that will be jointly launched by Christ Church & Holy Cross in 2018.

A ministry that will bring people together with a common interest of music (no matter their skill). With the purpose to exhort, uplift and encourage the body of Christ through song and worship.

If you are interested request to join their Facebook page:

**Music Ministry! (Christ Church & Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge)**



*Music is one of God's good gifts. God has given both man and angels the gift of music making (Genesis 4:21; Job 38:7)*

## Holy Cross News cont....

### RosTers

The new rosters have been emailed out.

If you didn't receive one please contact the office to be added to the list!

We Have Found The Messiah



**JOHN 1:43-51:** Just after John the Baptist had pointed to Jesus as the

Lamb of God, that is the Messiah, Jesus went the next day to Galilee. Jesus convinced Philip of Jesus' messiahship. Philip brought Nathanael to Jesus. Jesus convinced and called Nathanael also. Jesus' knowledge of Nathanael's inner spiritual life authenticated Jesus' divine sonship in Nathanael's mind.

*Today we celebrate our most recent baptisms*

Carson Sacco

January 23rd 2017



### Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

*January*



1st	Rosemary Hein		Zoe Pica
	Brenda O'Reilly		Dudley Rigney
2nd	Yvonne Patterson	20th	Elizabeth Klitscher
4th	Julie Richards		Felicity Wiegold
11th	Kurt Unger	21st	Phillip Freud
13th	Stefan Richards	<b>23rd</b>	<b>Carson Sacco</b>
14th	Jarrod Pica	24th	Terry Little
17th	Ruby Eckermann	25th	Edward Rigney
18th	Renee Hill		Rhonda Paech
19th	Amy Gates	31st	Theo Garland
19th	Rhonda Packer		



*Please pray for everyone celebrating their Baptismal Birthday*



## Holy Cross News cont....

**ANNUAL  
REPORTS  
NOW DUE!**

### 2017 Annual Reports

for the AGM are  
now due.

Please email or  
drop in your completed report in to  
the office by **7th February**

Wahoo! You're engaged! ✨



What brilliant news!

Congratulations to  
**Kathy Pfeiffer and  
Robert Denholm**

who became engaged on New  
Years Day, 1st January 2018.

*"May God shower you with His  
grace and blessings on your  
new journey together!"*

### Mowing lawns at Holy Cross for 2018

Please note Malcolm Zwar has  
kindly offered to take full  
responsibility of the mowing and  
watering of lawns this year.

Many thanks to all volunteers for  
their time and help in the past  
years.

Malcolm may contact any one of  
you should an urgent need arise.

Roy,

Roster Coordinator

NB: For other grounds  
enquiries, please  
contact the Property  
Committee.



## Combined News ....

Save the date

Ladies only night

Sat 24th

February

6-9pm

More details  
to come

SAVE THE DATE!

**LADIES  
NIGHT**

### Did you know?

LCA have a number of  
online eNews publications  
which you can sign up for  
free! Just google **LCA  
enews** to keep up to date

**Retreat Day** Sat. January 20<sup>th</sup>

Meningie Uniting Church

9am for 9.30 start – 3 pm

Please bring a small plate of goodies to share for lunch

Theme – *Return of the Prodigal Son*

By Henri Nouwen Leader – Rev. Gary Stuckey.

Tel. Rev. Frances Bartlett 0407 687 311

Cost – a donation please

Benefit – Time with God .

### Residential accommodation at ALC – Available for 2018

In addition to ALC's educational programs, we also provide excellent, reasonably priced facilities which can accommodate up to 78 private residential students in their own room. Our facilities are conveniently located in North Adelaide, and are close to public transport. All residential students must be full-time tertiary students, studying either on campus at ALC or at government universities, TAFE colleges or private educational institutions. Applications for residential accommodation can be found at <http://www.alc.edu.au/residential/application>, and are open now. Alternatively, phone the ALC Business Office on 08 7120 8200, to obtain information, or arrange a tour of the facilities.

Only God can turn  
a **MESS** into a  
**message**, a **TEST** into a  
**testimony**, a **TRIAL** into  
a **triumph**, a **VICTIM**  
into a **victory**.

# Christ Church and Monarto News....

## Christ Church Newsletter

Currently we are in need of an editor to put the newsletter together. If this is something you are interested in please contact the office.



## HELP WANTED



We need some more people for the grounds roster for 2018. This involves keeping the church grounds clean and tidy. There is a blower available to use. Please prayerfully consider if you can assist. Thank you.



Next SUNDAY 21st January

**TRADING TABLE**  
and  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

## Rosters

Its that time again.

Rosters will be done up to **end of June**

Please let Yvonne know in the office when you are not available or any special requests.

Thank you!



## HOLY CROSS

## RosTers

Thursday Communion  
18th January -1.15pm  
Y Patterson & E Wegener



	Sunday 14th January 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 21st January 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 28th January 9.30am Holy Communion	Sunday 4th February 9.30am Holy Communion
GREETERS	H & T Hueppauff	A Pearce J Venning	L & E Klitscher	K Pfeiffer C Schulz
LS SERVERS	R Paech J Sacco	J Fournier M Page	P Welke C Paech	M Altmann W Hein
LECTOR	A Wegener	M Page	C Paech	M Altmann
PA OPERATOR	E Ahrens	T Hanckel	B Kuchel	A Wegener
MM PROJECTOR	D Altmann	A Gates	W Hein	L Wiencke
V C OPERATOR	M Page	G Herrmann	J Kuchel	R Thiele
USHERS	R Paech J Sacco	B & M Gerlach	J Venning C Schache K Thompson	P & E Welke
CHILDREN'S ADDRESS	A Pearce	J Coombe	Pastor Greg	M Altmann
BELL RINGER	R Paech	B Gerlach	B Kuchel	B Gerlach
ALTAR GUILD	M Wandel	E Wegener	E Welke	J Sacco
COUNTERS	B & M Gerlach	C Paech	K Pfeiffer	B & M Gerlach
FLOWERS	M Gogler	R Smith	J Hannaford	R Jones
MORNING TEA	L Rosenzweig	E & A Wegener	R Packer C Schache	A Pearce P Jenke
HALL & KITCHEN CLEANING	B & A Kretschmer	D Pfeiffer	A & L Wiencke	L Rosenzweig M Smith

\*\*\*Hall & Kitchen Cleaning is to be carried out prior to the Sunday listed.\*\*\*  
If you are unable to fulfil your role. Please arrange for someone else to fill in and advise the office

MINISTRY TEAM	17th January D Schirmer	24th January C Burgemeister	31st January L Rosenzweig	7th February M Woidt
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Did you know that you can access sermons, bulletins, funeral sermons, rosters and coming events on the Christ Church Webpage?

Check out our website today! <http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

# CHRIST CHURCH & MONARTO

## Rosters

♥ "COMMUNION"

Ruster's		21-Jan	28-Jan	4-Feb	
Monarto	Service Time	10:30am ♥	9am	10:30am ♥	
	Wardens	Barolo's	Haydn & Penne	Colin & Raelene	
	Readers				
	Tea Coffee				
Christ Church	9am	Elder/Assist	J Pohl ♥	G Beauglehall	I Kluge ♥
		Wardens	A&D Hampel	I Kluge V Spencer	M&D Schopp
		Readers	C Mattner	B Traeger	A Grieger
		Greeters	J Rosenzweig C Mattner	R&J Zanker	R&A Grieger
		Organist	June	Glynniss	Coralie
		Flowers	L Piltz	J Lienert	
		Tea/coffee/milk	L Penhall H Schubert	M Warnest J Pope, S Fiegert	L Penhall H Schubert
		PA	David	David	Wes
		Data Projector	J Irvine	D Hampel	B Lablack
	10:45am	Elder/Assist	G Korzeba	D Doecke ♥	G Schubert
		Wardens	J Brodde	G Schubert	D&J Lienert Y Koch
		Readers	M Schubert	D Doecke	T Piltz
		Greeters	G&M Schubert	D&H Pfeiffer	D&T Piltz
		Music	Music Ministry		
		Prayers	D Schiller	G Schubert	D Pfeiffer
		PA	Roger	Roger	Lees family
		Data Projector	J Martin	J Brodde	J Martin
		Counter	Delton S	J Brodde	V Jaensch
	Grounds Roster				
	Water & Care		Y Koch	J Schirmer	

## Christ Church and Monarto News....

### MONARTO

#### Harvest Thanksgiving 28th Jan

Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held 9am on 28th January at Monarto with the AGM following the service



### CHRIST CHURCH Harvest Thanksgiving 4th Feb

We will require goods for the church display such as fruit, vegetables, jam pickles, tinned food etc. Also if you have any hobbies or handicrafts we can also display your items, these would also be appreciated.

Set up will be  
Sat 3rd Feb 6:30pm  
Helpers  
appreciated.



#### Ian Kluge's 60th Birthday Party

Ian is turning 60 and we will be celebrating his birthday on

**Sunday 21/1/2018**

at the **JD Hall** from

**2-00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.**

We would love you to join us.

*No presents please.*

*If you are able to come please*

*advise Dianne, (h) 8531 3449*

*or (m) 0408 807 008*

*for catering purposes.*

*Thank you.*

### NOMINATIONS ~ 2018

Please consider nominating for a position on the Leadership Team or committee/group. If you are already on a committee/group - please stay, we value your involvement.

For more information please speak with Allan Hampel, Ron Jericho, Janelle Traeger or Pastor Tim.



**YOU Can Make a Difference!**





Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

14 January 2018

SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

We are all called to be  
God's servants

verse for the week

Follow me.

JOHN 1:43



## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
M	1 Samuel 3:1-20	The call of Samuel
T	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Honour God with your body
W	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
T	Genesis 28:10-17	God blesses Jacob
F	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Called to be saints
S	Psalms 139	The Lord knows us well
S	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls disciples



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Jesus, Son of God,  
you have searched  
me and known  
me. Thank you for  
calling me to follow  
you as a beloved  
child of God.  
Amen.



BLESS

May the God who  
knows when you  
sit down and  
when you rise up,  
who knows all  
your ways, give  
you freedom to  
serve the world  
with joy.

## Creative Response

Psalms 139:13-16 tells how each of us was specially and uniquely created by God and of his intimate love and concern for each of us. Print and display these verses to remind you.

**You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body. How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. None of my bones was hidden from you when you made me inside my mother's body. That place was as dark as the deepest parts of the earth. When you were putting me together there, your eyes saw my body even before it was formed. You planned how many days I would live. You wrote down the number of them in your book before I had lived through even one of them.**

Share stories of where and when you were born. If possible, look at baby pictures of household members. Say prayers of thanks for each other.

### mealt ime prayer

God bless this food. God bless this day. God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

## Service



The weeks following Christmas are a good time to review the material possessions we have.

Have each household member choose at least one item (of good working order) they no longer use or could do without. Take these to a local charity shop.

say a prayer of thanks to God for the many ways he provides for us.

## Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

If you could use only six words to describe yourself to someone else, what words would you choose?

2

Philip looked for Nathanael and brought him to Jesus. Who has brought you to Jesus?

3

What does it mean to follow Jesus? In what ways is your life different because you follow Jesus?