



The First Sunday of Advent Sunday 5th December 2021

Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

WELCOME... TO OUR BULLETIN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions. *Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, there may not be enough notice to let everyone know, we thank you for your understanding.*

Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services.

*****Masks are required until further notice*****

Sunday: 5th December - 2nd Sunday in Advent

- 9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Jacob Fabich preaching
9:30am Christ Church - JD Hall, Delton Schiller will lead a relaxed informal worship service with Holy Communion, 9am Cuppa and fellowship before Worship.
11am Monarto - Holy Communion - Pastor Paul Calnan – Jacob Fabich preaching
11am Christ Church – Traditional Worship in the church led by Ian Kluge

Next Sunday: 12th December – 3rd Sunday in Advent

NO Service at Holy Cross

- 9am Monarto – Lay Reading
9:30am Christ Church - JD Hall, Lay Reading, 9am Cuppa and fellowship before Worship.

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

Christ Church Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-12noon – **Closed Wednesday.**

Ph 8532 6553 email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au

Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge

After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed 10am-1pm; Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm – **Closed Monday.**

Ph 8532 4577 email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge

Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Tues to Fri 9am to 6pm Mobile: 0417 466 611 or email: paul.calnan@lca.org.au *If you require pastoral care outside of these hours please contact Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer or Council Chairperson: Alan Packer*

CALL UPDATE: Pastor David Kuss has accepted the Call to the Shared Ministry in Monarto and Murray Bridge. Please continue to keep Pastor David and his family and the Holy Cross Birdwood Congregation in your prayers.

General Notices

SHARED MINISTRY TASK GROUP:

***** NEW UPDATE *****

There will be a Joint meeting of the three Lutheran Murray Bridge/Monarto churches at JOHN DOHLER HALL on Sunday 12th DECEMBER, at 4pm.

The message from Bishop Altus - LCA District Office – is “That we formally call Pastor Paul Calnan as the 0.6 FTE associate Pastor, to Murray Bridge/Monarto”.

***** We require quorums from all three churches to vote on this *****

The Task group has recommended proposals to the three church councils to also be discussed on that day these may include forming a combined Prayer Team, joint Pastor and Office accommodation, one name for shared mission; an account for congregations to pay their payroll contribution's into and ratify a joint website for all congregations

Shared Ministry Task Group members are **Holy Cross:** Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart; **Christ Church:** Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller; **Monarto:** Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

ADVENT EVENING: Thank you to everyone who assisted and attended the Advent Evening on Sunday 28th November it was a great time of outreach and coming together with the Community you can view the Advent Evening on Youtube the link is <https://youtu.be/WRpom0sy7nU>

NEXT YOUTH: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME 12 noon - 3pm Sunday 5th December -

Christmas Party 🎄 at Cynthia Dutschke's place, 347 Adelaide Road, White Hill. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be provided. Please bring a \$5-10 Kris Kringle gift.



SPIN Kids Camp is a Christian camp for children in Year 4 to 6 in 11th January 2022 – 14th January 2022 at Camp Kerdron – Barmera. The camp aims to provide a welcoming, safe and fun Christian environment for the young people of our communities to gather in Christian fellowship, learn about God and His Word, grow in their faith, and meet other Christian friends their own age. Children of all backgrounds are welcome, from people who have been regularly worshipping members of a church community for many years to those who have never set foot in a church before. In fact, SPIN is a great

way for young people to experience a little of what a Christian faith is all about, and start their journey with God!

SPIN is administered by the Lutheran Church of Australia, SA-NT District. Members of all denominational backgrounds are very welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

For more information head to <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin/>.

THRIFT SHOP: A huge thank you to all those who assisted in sorting, setting up/packing up and being available to help on the days we were open. We raised \$628.85

ROSTERS:

Christ Church: We will be putting together the next roster for January and looking at February

Holy Cross: Rosters for next year are being drawn up – please let the office or Trudy Gogel know if there are dates you are unavailable. Many thanks.

Murray Bridge Christmas Carols Sunday: 5th December 2021 from 6.45 pm at the Wharf Precinct, Sturt Reserve, food available from 5pm. It will be a free ticketed event to comply with COVID requirement, book your tickets at trybooking.com/buzrj - More info contact Ian Kluge 0427313537

2022 - Devotion Book For A Year - “Time Out to Reconnect” - \$25 each if you would like one please contact: **Christ Church** - Dennis Pfeiffer (0437 506 345)

Holy Cross - Trudy Gogel (0407 600 529)

THANK YOU: – A very grateful and huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to present the Christmas Tree Festival this year. Also for those who have supported us in this mission outreach to our community here in Murray Bridge over the years, we are thankful and appreciate your interest and encouragement. It has been a blessing. The Christmas Tree Festival Team

OFFERING ENVELOPES: - if you ordered envelopes for 2022 then they are available to collect from Christ Church and Holy Cross Offices and after services.

NEWSLETTERS:

Christ Church & Holy Cross Newsletters are available from either church offices or services.

CATERING HELP: Can you help with donating food and/or assisting on the day for Funerals? If you can, please contact; **CHRIST CHURCH** – Julie Mueller 0407 045 149 or Joyce Stiller 8532 1116.

HOLY CROSS – Service Guild Velma Zerk 0438 325 611 or Rhonda Packer 8532 2876.

CHANGE OF TIME to 1pm: Sunday **December 12th at 1pm**, in the **JD Hall Andre Rieu** will delight music lovers with his **Christmas Down Under concert**. Come along and enjoy the screening of the concert Andre and his orchestra performed in the Sydney Town Hall in November 2018. Donation entrance, with all proceeds going to the Myanmar Damadi Children's Home. Enquiries to Dianne Kluge on 0408 807 008.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Next gathering is **8th Dec, 11:45am** at Church of Christ Cafe.

WOMEN'S GUILD: meeting Dec 8th at 11am, at Church of Christ. Devotion: D Pfeiffer. Offering: ALWS

ELDERS, CHRIST CHURCH: Elders Meeting has been moved forward to Monday 6th Dec – 7.30 p.m. due to a Special Leadership Meeting (Finance) on the 13th.

CHRISTMAS TREES FROM HOLY CROSS-BIRDWOOD: Trees have been ordered and will be delivered to **Holy Cross Murray Bridge at 9am, Sat 11th Dec**. The trees will need to be paid for at time of delivery (\$50 each). Please ring Sandra Gates 0438324150 (Holy Cross Murray Bridge) for enquiries.

REG – Regular Electronic Giving: Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

Christ Church: BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504

Holy Cross: BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

WANTED: Artificial Lawn: 1.2 x 1metre piece of artificial lawn to be used for Nativity Scene display in Holy Cross Church. If you are able to help out; please speak to Alan Packer 85322876 or Cynthia Dutschke 0400 0406 052

FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR available at Holy Cross Church office Murray Bridge on Tues or Thurs by appointment for a range of issues for example: - individual counselling – grief and loss, life transitions, relationships, trauma and relationship issues - couple counselling.

Bridget is a registered nurse, midwife and child health nurse who has recently graduated from Tabor College with Masters of clinical counselling and is passionate to serve those in the community who are struggling and needing a listening ear to clarify life's problems. Using an integrated approach of counselling and Christian spirituality, she welcomes new clients from any area of life and offers compassion, empathy and insight and support to those who struggle. 0460 321 334 | 08 8351 3644 | bhannaford@lutherancare.org.au

DVD MINISTRY DISTRIBUTION: Helpers are needed to distribute the Holy Cross Service DVD's to the Swanport Village, Murray Heights and house bound in Murray Bridge if you can assist please speak to Bob Eggers or ring him on 85311207

PRINTED SERVICE ORDERS: Holy Cross members who have vision impairment and are having trouble seeing the service on the screen please let Annette @ the office know if you would like a printed order of service.

TEEN CHALLENGE: Are planning their Christmas Hamper program as well as their regular on going emergency food. They are seeking help in providing Christmas treats to those families and individuals who are struggling and unable to afford them, everyone deserves to eat a Christmas meal!

Below is a list you may find helpful:

Christmas Puddings Soft Drinks or juices Cans of Beetroot Cans of Peas and corn

Custard & Jellies Cans of Fruit Salad Short Bread biscuits Christmas Lollies

Christmas Cakes-any size Cans of Ham or Turkey Fresh carrots and potatoes can be helpful

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE WANTED: Jim Poole (HC) is having an operation on his hip at Murray Bridge Hospital on 6th December; Marion will be in respite in Lerwin and would like to visit Jim 2-3 times per week. If you are able to help transport Marion from Lerwin to Murray Bridge Hospital 2 – 3 times per week for approximately 6 weeks please let the Office know asap. It would be great to have a roster of people who can help.

Prayers:

Prayer of the day: Stir up our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. Help us by his coming to serve you with pure hearts and minds. 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.**

Also pray....

- ✚ Continue to pray for the teachers, children & families at Concordia Kindy, Unity and surrounding schools.
- ✚ Pray for outgoing Bishop Pastor John Henderson and our Bishop-elect Pastor Paul Smith. May God continue to bless them and all they come in contact with
- ✚ Pray for Pastor David Kuss, his wife Ilona and their family on his acceptance of the Lead Pastor call to the combined shared ministry at Holy Cross, Christ Church and Zion Monarto.

Please Pray for... *(Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)*

Christ Church: Martha Aartsen, Jasmine & Winston Dance, Loes Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Peter Paech, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & their Carers.

Holy Cross: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler & Vicki Gollasch and family, Trevor, Christabel and Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher, Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Matt Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Betty Nulty, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, David Schirmer, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barb Taylor, Clarita Venn & their Carers.

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrens (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Margaret Koop (CC), Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

Lerwin: Phylis Courtney (HC), Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC)

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt (CC) **Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC) **Warner Close, M/Bridge:** Colleen Fawcett (CC)

Tailem Bend Hospital: Pat Gogel, Phyllis Koop, Bevan Schulz (All HC)

Birthday Congratulations

Happy 90th Birthday to Colin Schenscher for 4th December

Happy 80th Birthday to Sandra Healey for 8th December

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced, please email or call your church office.

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

5 th Carl Beauglehall (CC)	7 th Annette Thompson (CC)	11 th Carlien Bissett (CC)
Pauline Burgemeister (CC)	9 th Irene Kuchel (CC)	Alice Kowald (HC)
Bob Eggers (HC)	Noah Patriitti (CC)	Annette Pearce (HC)
Raelene Wegener (Mon)	10 th Simone Mann (CC)	12 th Pat Jenke (HC)
6 th Grace Jaensch (HC)	Trevor Paech (Mon)	Charlotte Pahl (Mon)
Joyleen Kuchel (HC)		Ashley Roocke (CC)
Joyce Marrett (HC)		

COMING EVENTS – Subject to COVID restrictions *(Please advise the offices of any changes)*

Sun 5th	9am	Holy Cross Service
	9:30am	Christ Church Service in JDH
	11am	Christ Church Service in the Church
	11am	Monarto Service
	12 – 3pm	Youth Christmas Party @ Cynthia Dutschke's
	6.45pm	Christmas Carols – Warf Precinct, food from 5pm Book

COMING EVENTS cont...

Mon 6 th	10am	Bible Study – Holy Cross Sunday School Rooms-last one for 2021
	7pm	Christ Church Worship Team, Ed Cen
	7:30pm	Christ Church Elders meet, Ed Cen
Tues 7 th	10am	Bible Study – Christ Church, Ed Cen
	4pm	Ministry Team meeting – Holy Cross meeting room
	7:15pm	Holy Cross Church Council Meeting – bring nibbles etc for Christmas break up
Wed 8 th	11am	Women's Guild Meeting – Church of Christ Cafe followed by lunch
	11.45am	Women's Fellowship Lunch at Church of Christ Cafe
Thurs 9 th	11am	Ecumenical Service Lerwin, Holy Cross
	11:45am	Ladies Fellowship, Church of Christ Cafe
Sun 12 th		NO SERVICE AT HOLY CROSS
	9am	Monarto Service
	9.30am	Christ Church Service in JDH
	1pm	Andre Rieu concert
	4pm	Joint meeting of the three Lutheran Murray Bridge/Monarto churches, JD Hall

THIS WEEKS READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ✠ **Holy Cross** Readings: Psalm: The Song of Zechariah-Luke 1:68-79; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18; Songs: Hark, a herald voice is calling; Prepare the royal highway; Joy is the flag; Comfort, comfort; On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry.
- ✠ **9:30am Christ Church (JDH)** Readings: Luke 3:1-6; Songs: Give thanks with a grateful heart; Here I am to worship; Power of the Cross; Open the eyes of my heart; Yet not I but through Christ in me; 10 Thousand Reasons.
- ✠ **11am Christ Church (Church)** Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6. Songs: On Jordan's Bank; Come Lord Jesus come into this weary world; Lift up your heads; Daughter of Zion
- ✠ **Monarto**: Readings: Psalm: The Song of Zechariah-Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18; Songs: Hark, a herald voice is calling; Prepare the royal highway; Joy is the flag; Comfort, comfort; On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry.

OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP:

FACEBOOK: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

YOUTUBE Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

Christ Church Web Page: <http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

Advent Evening on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/WRpom0sy7nU>

Holy Cross Service on 21.11.2021: <https://youtu.be/OOsfOfd6M9s>

Music Ministry email: musicministrymb@gmail.com

Christian radio now live! – Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA

Other Livestreamed Services etc – Go to LCA Church@Home:

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/>

click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

Sermons4Kids- Stories of the Bible: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

ROSTERS

Holy Cross

	5 DEC 9AM	12 Dec No Service	19 DEC 9AM
Sign In/ Greeters	Trudy Gogel K Stoddart		T Gogel Kathy Pfeiffer
LS Server	M Gerlach		Rick Paech
Lector	J Weincke		A Pearce
PA/MM	Amy Gates		B Kuchel
Video	A Wegener		J Kuchel
Marshal	B Stoddart		T Budarick
Ushers	Bob & Myrna Gerlach		R & D Paech B Gerlach
Bell Ringer	Bob Gerlach		Rick Paech
Altar Guild	G Schirmer		L Rosenzweig
Flowers	L Rosenzweig		C Schache
Musicians	J Kuchel E Paech		E Paech M Gogler
Morning Tea	A Pearce, D Pfeiffer A Weincke		V Zerk F & J Henschke
Ministry Team	M Woidt	M Woidt	P & E Welke

Christ Church

	JDH 9:30 5-Dec	Church 11am 5-Dec	JDH 9:30 12-Dec
COVID Marshal	K Franklin	G Pohl	D Schmerl
Elder/Assist	G Schubert	G Korzeba	W Doecke ♥ I Kluge
Wardens	I Kluge	M Mueller J Pohl	P & V Jaensch
Greeters	B & L Zadow	G & M Schultz	S Lutze G Schubert
Tea/Coffee	C Beauglehall D Kluge		R & M Hermann
PA	N Mann	W Taylor	T Lees
Data Projector	E Mann	C Doecke	B Lablack
Video	R Jericho	R Jericho	R Jericho
Counter	Y Stiller	G Korzeba	V Jaensch
Grounds Roster			
Water & Care	T Koch	Y Koch	Harry & Inez

Monarto

12th Dec: **Wardens:** Maxine P. **Reader:** Barolo. **Cuppa:** Maxine P.
19th Dec: **Wardens:** Robert T. **Reader:** Robert T.

Monarto Congregation Contacts

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Chairman Trevor Hilton 0439 839 022
Treasurer Colin Wegener 0407 030 241
Secretary Jan Brodde 8532 5050

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Church Secretary Yvonne Stiller 8532 3445
Prop. & Maintenance: Nathanael Mann 0439 506 826

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Ministry Team David Schirmer 0459 943 682
Treasurer Barry Stoddart email: hctreasurer@internode.on.net
Property Chair Greg Herrmann 0438 785 040

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



THE TOILET BRUSH

Who'd be a toilet brush? Consigned to the back corner of "that" room, waiting for "you know what!", only to be used and stood back in the corner to wait until "next time". Whether fancy or plain, it makes no difference. Either brush faces the same degrading fate of being used for its intended use, to clean away filth and create "shiny, clean and presentable".

Now let's stop and look at the Son of God. He was born in a stable in a back corner of the country. He grew up in a town of which the question was asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

This "Jesus" took a hammering. He was ridiculed, made fun of, suffered physical and verbal abuse. Then they nailed him up on a cross of wood and yelled abuse and taunts at him as he hung there, bleeding, gasping for breath, in great pain until he finally died. Why?

One reason and one reason only, "Love!" His love for his heavenly father and his love for all people.

The hurtful things we do and say can build up and, like a bad smell, separate us from each other and a loving God. Equally, not having a heart for love and compassion can cause a bad smell of separation, not just between people, but worse, a separation from God. Sadly we can do nothing about this life-spoiling smell ourselves. Jesus is the only one who can clean things up and make us acceptable to God, who only wants what is good for us.

The toilet brush eventually becomes tattered, is thrown out and replaced with a new one.

When Jesus died on that cross, the religious leaders, the hate mongers, the jeering crowd thought they had gotten rid of him. But as history and the Bible tells us, he came back, not to haunt people, but to demonstrate he was who he said he was, "The Son of the Living God."

He came back from the grave to demonstrate he had the power to "forgive sins" and present all who trusted in all he said and did, as "cleaned up" people who could enjoy being close to God and his love, both now and after their death. Not because of anything we might do, but by all Jesus in love has done to make us shiny and clean in the eyes of God.

A life made clean by Jesus is also a sweet-smelling life to God.

Talk to Jesus about where your life might need a bit of a "scub-up", and be thankful when he does.

God bless,

Kevin.



GROWING FAITH at home

5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prepare the way



SHARE

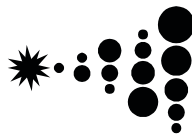
share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

How are you preparing for Christmas? What will you do over the coming weeks to prepare – at home and at church?

2

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. How might we prepare the way for Jesus to come into our homes and communities?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord
M	Malachi 3:1-4	He will be like a refiner's fire
T	Philippians 1:3-11	Thanksgiving and prayer
W	Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12	Prepare the way for the people
T	Zechariah 2:10-13	The Lord will come to live among us
F	1 Peter 1:13-25	Prepare your minds for action
S	Luke 1:68-79	Zechariah's song
S	Luke 3:7-18	One more powerful is coming



TALK

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



Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord, prepare your way in us. Set us straight where we are crooked and make us smooth where we are rough. Amen.



BLESS

May God prepare your heart this Advent.



Advent

Advent is a time for preparing, a time of waiting and watching. We celebrate Advent with the colour BLUE as this communicates the message of hope. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that one day Jesus will come again.

verse for the week
Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him.

LUKE 3:4

Creative Response

Create a 'Jesse tree' to celebrate Jesus' heritage (Isaiah 11:1 and Matthew 1:1-16). Prepare symbols using card and string. Include the names of Jesus' ancestors and the related Bible references. Hang them on a small potted branch or on your Christmas tree during the remainder of Advent. Read your Bible verses as you hang them up.



STAR – Abraham – Gen 15:4-6

CROWN – David – 2 Sam 2:1-7

ALTAR – Isaac – Gen 22:9-12

TEMPLE – Solomon – 2 Chron 3:1-7

JUG – Rebecca – Gen 24:12-20

TOWER – Uzziah – 2 Chron 26:1-10

STAIRWAY – Jacob – Gen 28:10-17

NUMBER 7 – Rachel – Gen 29:15-20

SUN – Hezekiah – 2 Kings 20:1-11

COAT – Joseph – Gen 37:1-4

SCROLL – Josiah – 2 Kings 22:8-20

COINS – Judah – Gen 37:25-28

PRISONER – Jehoiachin – 2 Kings 24: 8-15

ROPE – Rahab – Joshua 2

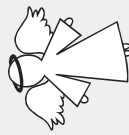
ANGEL – Joseph – Matt 1: 18-25

WHEAT – Ruth – Ruth 2:1-12

SONG – Mary – Luke 1:39-56

SHEEP – Jesse – 1 Sam 16: 1-13

MANGER – Jesus – Luke 2:4-7



Service



Look through this list of ideas for sharing during Advent. Choose one or more to put into practice this week.

- Look through your clothes for 'pre-loved' items that are still in good condition. Bundle them for delivery to a local thrift or charity store.
- Bake biscuits as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.
- Locate Israel and Bethlehem on a globe or world map. Pray for peace in the country and region of Jesus' birth.
- Write an encouraging note to a friend you haven't heard from in a while.

mealttime prayer

Lord Jesus, bless our home with hope this Advent. As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your coming again. Amen.