



Community News  
24 December 2023  
31 December 2023  
7 January 2024



## PEACE

Glory to God in  
the highest,  
and on earth  
peace and  
goodwill to  
men.  
*Luke 2:14*

### Week of 24<sup>th</sup> December

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Lessons, Carols and Holy Communion

9.25am 2 EAR FM – **No Broadcast today.**

7.30pm Carols

10.00pm Holy Communion

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Holy Communion

Thursday: **No Service until 18<sup>th</sup> January**

#### Readings:

Genesis 3:8-19,22:15-18; Isaiah 9:6-7,11:1-9

Luke 1:26-38,2:1-14; Matthew 2:1-12

John 1:1-14

### Week of 31<sup>st</sup> December

#### Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.25am 2 EAR FM

10.00am Holy Communion

6.30pm Prayer Vigil

#### Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 98

Matthew 2:1-12

### Week of 7<sup>th</sup> January

#### Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.25am 2 EAR FM

10.00am Holy Communion

6.30pm Worship

#### Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

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CHURCH: The church office is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9am-1pm and Fridays 9am-3pm.

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**2023: A year to Stand!** Please extend this newsletter to someone to encourage them.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Books are available for worship –they remain in the back of the pews. The Common Cup is available for our Communion Worship. We offer individual cups for those who do not wish to use the Common Cup.

**HAND SANITISING:** COVID and Flu– please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other's space.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	9.00am Lessons, Carols & Communion 7.30pm Family carols 10.00pm Holy Communion
<b>Monday 25 December</b>	9.00am Holy Communion 11.30am Christmas Lunch
<b>Sunday 31 December</b>	Usual morning services, prayer vigil 6.30 -9pm

No Thursday services on 28 December, 4 or 11 January.  
No Nelligen for January.

**CHRISTMAS THANKS:** It is not Julie and Doug's practice to give individual Christmas Cards but we do offer our Christmas biscuits on Christmas Day. We both want to thank you all for your Christmas wishes and prayers, we are much touched and supported by them. Doug and Gayleane want to acknowledge everyone who has helped this year to keep the office, church and our ministries going in what remains an uncertain environment. Without you who give of your time and talents: to clean, to arrange flowers, to mow lawns, to read, to pray, to lead home groups and studies, to provide hospitality and all the activities associated with our worship and the things we do as a community – thank you!!

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Guests arrive from 11.30am to eat at 11.45am.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office is closed 24 December to 11 January inclusive. Contact Doug on 0428907200 for urgent issues. From 8 January to 12 January contact Gayleane on 0411091125.

**POSTAGE STAMPS:** Please keep and drop any used stamps into the office for Helen Barbic.

**KOLN CHAMBER PHILHARMONIE:** A musical group from the Koln Philharmonic will perform concertos from Vivaldi, Mozart and Paganini at the church on Friday 9 February from 8pm. Bookings will be required. Further details in the new year.

**PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER:** For support ring Elizabeth Dean 44724330.

Please take time to read our prayer list and ask God for one or two people on it to pray for, not necessarily people you know: Phillipa Shepherd, Veronica Newson, Dora Coma, Harry Lewis, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Keith Sutherland, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Annette Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Jonathon and Leticia, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson, Susan Bateman, Richard Austin, Eric Strachan, John Wilkinson, Marjorie Duns, Ken Ormston, Katrina Nicolls, Kerry-Lee Smith, Judy Charman and Jane.

**For Sunday 24 December – Light comes in the darkness**

If you are unable to join us this day for worship may this reflection light up your Christmas day and may the God of all peace be present in your celebration.

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 4: 5-7

**Traditional::** [Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness \(Christ be Our Light: 5vv+refrain\) \[lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

The Night Song [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBral\\_mU1O4&ab\\_channel=CityAlight](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBral_mU1O4&ab_channel=CityAlight)

**Read** Genesis 3: 8-19

Once in Royal David's city [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgR48OpNmOA&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuSmJpW2OEcBmCPS41H5Os2&index=32&ab\\_channel=ChetValleyChurches](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgR48OpNmOA&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuSmJpW2OEcBmCPS41H5Os2&index=32&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches)

**Read:** Isaiah 9: 6 – 7 and 11: 1-9

O little Town of Bethlehem [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_q430z13oc&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuSmJpW2OEcbmCPs41H5Os2&index=29&ab\\_channel=ChetValleyChurches](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_q430z13oc&list=PL-Wo7lu6CksuSmJpW2OEcbmCPs41H5Os2&index=29&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches)

**Read:** Luke 2: 1-20 – The birth of Jesus

Angels from the realms <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrLoWt2tfqg>

Our God reigns [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Px\\_MlclwLEw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Px_MlclwLEw)

**Read:** John 1: 1-14

Silent night <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kf16EBNTxGI>

O Holy Night <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITlaYoWCPkE>

**Reflection:** The Shepherd <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paOjgZZDads> from the Chosen series (24 minutes)

**Blessing:** May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Shalom.**

## Sunday 31 December – Where to Lord?

Emmanuel – **God is with us!** Fear not for I am with you says the Lord. The light has come into the world, but the world has not recognised it.

**Song:** Our God our help. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQHSVF438Cg&ab\\_channel=CHRISTelle27II](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQHSVF438Cg&ab_channel=CHRISTelle27II)

I have decided to follow Jesus [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7XHeCZB5KU&list=RDL7XHeCZB5KU&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7XHeCZB5KU&list=RDL7XHeCZB5KU&start_radio=1)

**Read: Isaiah 60: 1 -6.**

**Song:** Good King Wenceslas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uy2JNivFjOE>

Arise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A98YQH8tLY>

**Read: Psalm 90**

**Song:** Come People <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azEWoyjj4LI>

**Read Matthew 2: 1- 12.**

**Song:** We three Kings <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANXV46f3jo0>

**Reflection:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lax9J4zKKjo>

**Prayers:** What is it to seek Jesus and to decide to follow him no matter the cost? Give us a fresh vision and courage to follow you into the days before us. Light our path and help us to speak life into this world. The wise men brought gifts that would reveal the nature and future of the King, and give him glory. Those gifts would also have provided materially for his families exile in Egypt. What gifts do we have to bring before our Lord in this coming year? Is it our time, our talents or our comparative wealth – or perhaps a bit of all three? We look to you our God - for you alone are our help and our salvation. We are thankful for new growth and remember your promise to make all things beautiful in your time. We ask God that you bring or reveal to us all that we need to retain and increase the witness to your kingdom in this place where you have placed us. Give us new wine, by your spirit, pressed down and overflowing, in this coming year. We are thankful for visitors bringing trade and business to our communities and ask that they be blessed while they are with us. For all this we give you thanks and praise. We remember those whose lives have been touched by loss; bring them enduring comfort and your peace which passes all understanding. For those who have spent the year still trying to rebuild a future for themselves, we give thanks for progress made, houses reoccupied and continue to pray for a future that will bring enduring restoration. We pray for those in our community struggling with health and financially at this time and we ask for God's provision for their care and well-being.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

**Traditional:** Because he lives. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPW9xYEyijQ>

**Contemporary:** To God be the glory [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyXb\\_Soe-eU&list=RDMM&start\\_radio=1&rv=RVguSWYwSsA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyXb_Soe-eU&list=RDMM&start_radio=1&rv=RVguSWYwSsA)

**Blessing:** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the blessing of God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forever **Shalom**

## **Sunday 7 January – Forward into ministry!**

Blessed children called into baptism – by water and in the Holy Spirit

**Read: Acts 19: 1-7**

**Song:** O let the Son of God [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iC7RD\\_ZP7tFw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iC7RD_ZP7tFw)

Blessed be [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAcq6wOuLlc&ab\\_channel=TheIslandSing](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAcq6wOuLlc&ab_channel=TheIslandSing)

**Read: Mark 1: 4-11**

**Song:** On Jordan's bank [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plr21lLgFpg&ab\\_channel=ChetValleyChurches](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plr21lLgFpg&ab_channel=ChetValleyChurches)

In the beauty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tivOftJVBB0>

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. (from Psalm 46)

**Prayers:** What do you remember of your decision to follow Christ? Do you remember your baptism? Those who accept Christ as Lord and Redeemer are called into baptism into the Lord Jesus – the one who saves and this is achieved through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Lord, we give you thanks that you came and chose to enter into our lives; may we be richly transformed as your Spirit lives in us and direct our paths. As your baptism prepared the way for your ministry may we recall that as baptized people of God your call is always to focus us outwards into the world you love – may your love precede our feet as we follow in the dints you have trod.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

**Traditional:** Lord Jesus Christ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wZoZM6LEeE>

**Contemporary:** O Praise the name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

**Blessing:** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the blessing of God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forever **Shalom**

**Bible Study:** Is in recess recommencing 22 January.

<p><b>Readings: Week 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>  <b>Monday:</b> Psalm 9; Luke 2:1-20  <b>Tuesday:</b> Psalm 31:1-8; Matthew 10:17-22  <b>Wednesday:</b> Psalm 97; John 20:2-8  <b>Thursday:</b> Psalm 124; Matthew 2:13-18  <b>Friday:</b> Psalm 96:1-6; Luke 2:22-35  <b>Saturday:</b> Psalm 96:7-9; Luke 2:36-40  <b>Sunday:</b> Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7;          Luke 2:22-40</p>	<p>Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><b>Readings: Week 01<sup>st</sup> to 07<sup>th</sup> January</b>  <b>Monday:</b> Psalm 8; Luke 2:15-21  <b>Tuesday:</b> Psalm 98:1-7; John 1:19-28  <b>Wednesday:</b> Psalm 98:8-10; John 1:29-34  <b>Thursday:</b> Psalm 99; John 1:35-42  <b>Friday:</b> Psalm 100; John 1:43-51  <b>Saturday:</b> Psalm 72:1-14; Matthew 2:1-12  <b>Sunday:</b> Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7;          Mark 1:4-11</p>	<p>Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b></p>
<p><b>Readings: Week 08<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>  <b>Monday:</b> Psalm 116:11-18; Mark 1:14-20  <b>Tuesday:</b> Psalm 89:1-7; Mark 1:21-28  <b>Wednesday:</b> Psalm 40:5-11; Mark 1:29-39  <b>Thursday:</b> Psalm 44:10-17; Mark 1:40-45  <b>Friday:</b> Psalm 89:14-18; Mark 2:1-12  <b>Saturday:</b> Psalm 21:1-7; Mark 2:13-17  <b>Sunday:</b> Psalm 139:1-5,12-18;          1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51</p>	<p>Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b></p>





Santa whispered,  
"Teach the Children the true  
meaning of Christmas"

The Star: A heavenly sign of prophecy fulfilled long ages ago - the shining hope of mankind.

Red: The first color of Christmas symbolizing the Savior's sacrifice for all.

Fir Tree: Evergreen - The second color of Christmas shows everlasting life. The needles point Heavenward.

The Bell: Rings out to guide lost sheep back to the fold - signifying all are precious in the eyes of the Lord.

The Candle: A mirror of starlight reflecting our thanks for the Star of Bethlehem.

Gift Bow: Tied as we should all be tied together in bonds of goodwill forever.

Candy Cane: The shepherd's crook used to bring lambs back into the fold - A reminder that we are all our brother's keeper.

The Wreath: A symbol of the never ending eternal nature of love, having no beginning and no end.

