

Reeping in touch... Sunday 10th December 2023

Welcome to our Worship Service. If you're visiting, please join us in the hall afterwards for tea/coffee and a chat!

The Congregational AGM will be held today after the Service.

Lessons & Carols Ecumenical Service will be held at St. Anne's Church (101 Riddell Road) at 7pm on Sunday 17th December. We need three readers from our church. Please let Nancy Prewer or Robyn Flett know if you would like to be involved.

Blue Christmas Service – a Service of healing and hope ... for those missing loved ones who are no longer with them and for those whose life circumstances mean Christmas is not an easy time. It will be held at 7pm in our church on **Wednesday 20th December**.

KYB (Know Your Bible) – meets at Pat Hay's home every Thursday at 10am for a cuppa, chat and Bible Study, until approximately 12pm. Check with Pat or Tim the date of the last one for the year.

Drop-in Centre – open every Friday from 10am to 2.30pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat, and browse our many books – for sale from 50c to \$2. Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901. Last meeting for the year is the 22nd December, reopening on the 2nd February 2024.

Christmas Services Summary

The venue for all of the following is St. Andrew's (except *)



Sunday 17th Dec 2pm Lessons and Carols

Sunday 17th Dec 7pm Lessons and Carols at *St. Anne's

Wednesday 20th Dec 7pm Blue Christmas

Sunday 24th Dec 8pm Christmas Eve Carols (outdoors)

Monday 25th Dec 9am Christmas Day celebration

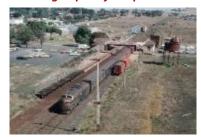
Members' Directory I have been asked to produce a new edition, in order to include the contact information of Fa'amata'u. **Please check your entry and if any changes, email me with details by Sunday 24th December.** Also, if you know of any friends who have changed any information and have maybe not seen this message, please pass it on.

Restoration Fund coin containers Please leave your containers in the foyer and take a new one! If you haven't brought yours yet – please do so between now and Christmas Day. Thank you!

December Birthdays

- 14 Margaret Mitchell 17 Betty Dodd
- **18** Joyce Wheeler, Graeme Fenton
- 22 Neal Dunkley

$^{\sim}$ A glimpse of the past $^{\sim}$



Sunbury Station (4 of 4) taken from top of grain silo, 1976

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Christmas Bowl - Share God's love this Christmas

When Victorian Methodist Minister, Rev. Frank Byatt, sat down to his Christmas dinner in 1949, he knew millions of people were starving in warravaged Europe. And he was compelled to offer help.



He put a Bowl of Remembrance on his Christmas dinner table and asked his loved ones to place a gift in it to 'share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands.'

Frank couldn't have foreseen how his simple act of compassion that evening would grow into the

powerful Christmas Bowl tradition that we now know is celebrated in thousands of churches across Australia. And he couldn't have known how much it would be needed in our world today.

As you celebrate Christmas with loved ones this year, remember our sisters and brothers who have been forced from their homes by conflict or disaster.



At the time of printing, envelopes had not been received, but there is one inside the new December edition of Crosslight. You can either place cash in this envelope and put in the offering bag <u>OR</u> fill in the credit card details and mail it. If you'd like a receipt in either case, please fill in your name and address.





Rosters for Sunday 17th December:

Door: C. Simpson, R. Simpson **Morning tea:** C. Morgan, C. Marlow

Readings for Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61 :1–4, 8–11 **Psalm** 126 or Luke 1 :46b–55

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 **John** 1: 6–8, 19–28



Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for donations of the following:

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs
- coffee and Slurpee etc. drink cups, plastic straws and lids

Also:

- Used postage stamps Joycelyn and Reg organise these (Helen will deliver to Sammy Stamp).
- Helen is still collecting mobile phones and chargers (the Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' collection), toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices.



Buy recycled:

The other side of recycling is to try to purchase products made from recycled materials to create a market for the material we recycle. If there is no market, it has to go to landfill.

Check out these websites:

https://littleecoshop.com.au www.onyalife.com/products www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled







