

# Keeping in touch

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

This newsletter commenced during lockdowns when Services were not held in person and still temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

**The Poinsettias** ... are here and looking good at the front of the church. Please remember to write your card and attach it to a plant. If you don't have a card yet you can collect one from Nancy. There are only 2 left if anyone has missed out. From the 40 plants sold, we made \$526.40 for the painting fund.

If you are going away you may take your plant, but we would like to have a good display for a while. They will be lovely to have for the Blue Christmas Service. Please make sure you take yours on Christmas Day at the latest.

## Christmas Services and Events

The venue for all of the following is St. Andrew's:

- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm                      9 Lessons and Carols
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm                      9 Lessons and Carols (ecumenical)
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30pm              Blue Christmas
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm                    Christmas Eve Carols (outdoors)
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am                      Christmas Day

## Drop-in Centre

The final Drop-in Centre for this year will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. It will reopen on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

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Next Sunday is the final issue of this publication for the year. The first one for 2023 will be Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February (depending on content being available).

## Rosters for next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

**Door:** G. Warne, M. Woolcock      **Morning Tea:** C., Simpson, S. Clarke

## Readings for next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

Isaiah 7: 10-16    Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19    Romans 1:1-7    Matthew 1:18-25

## Happy Birthday !



### December birthdays

11 <sup>th</sup>	Calum Hay
14 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Dodd
18 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Wheeler, Graeme Fenton
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Neal Dunkley

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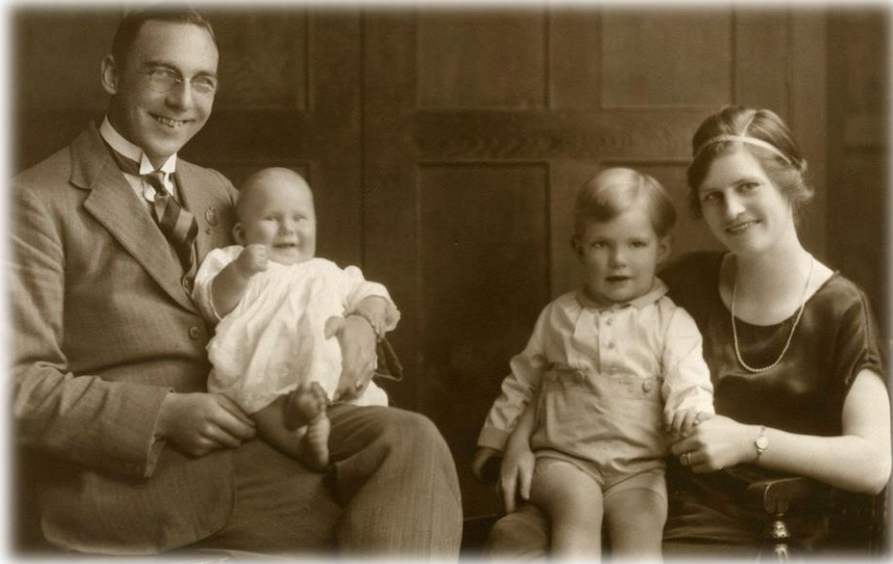


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## *Christmas Bowl - Share God's love this Christmas*

When Victorian Methodist Minister, Rev. Frank Byatt, sat down to his Christmas dinner in 1949, he knew millions of people were starving in war-ravaged 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.



*Reverend Frank Byatt, founder of the Christmas Bowl, with his family*

The impacts of the climate crisis, rising inflation and the ongoing war in Ukraine are all contributing to growing food scarcity for many communities already uprooted by conflict and disaster around the world. This global food crisis is now pushing millions to the brink of famine with families in urgent need of food, care and lifesaving support.

In these difficult times, the Christmas Bowl not only expresses our unity in Christ, it provides a powerful way for Australian Christians to share hope through practical Christian action, led by our committed local partners working in the toughest conditions around the world.

As we break bread with our loved ones this Christmas, our thoughts will be for our sisters and brothers who have been forced from their homes, and loved ones, by conflict or disaster.

Please join with us again this year with Christmas Bowl, as together we share God's love, helping create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong.

*Envelopes are available on the bench in the kitchen foyer or inside the December Crosslight magazine. You can place cash in the offering bag OR fill in the credit card details and mail the envelope. With either method, if you would like a receipt, fill in your name and address.*



## *Recycling Corner*

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

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

**Also:**

- Used postage stamps – no longer accepted by TLM but continue to donate and Helen will try to send to Sammy Stamp in Parkdale.
- 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

[www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled](http://www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled)

