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# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing  
Sunday 21 November 2021

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Don't forget  
to sign in!

## Readings

### 21<sup>st</sup> November

2 Samuel 23: 1 – 7

Psalm 132: 1 -12 (13-18)

Rev 1: 4b – 8

John 18: 33 – 37

### 28<sup>th</sup> November

Jer 33:14-16

Psalm 25: 1-10

1Thes 3: 9 - 13

Luke 21: 25 - 36

G'day folks,

This is the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar! I wonder what you are all doing to celebrate? Perhaps you will have a New Years Eve party, or you'll be inviting your neighbours over for a meal while you crack out the new Christ Candle? Either way, I hope you are ready for Advent.

This year, we will be using the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl resources in our worship services. I like Act for Peace, and not just because I have a friend who works there. Act for Peace is ecumenical, getting churches working together on global issues of justice. Often, we talk about unity in Christ or working together in the church world, but rarely do we actually get out and do it. Act for Peace is doing it. They are partnering with many denominations, joining protestants and Catholics and Orthodox together in the missional work of Christ. Over the Advent season, we will watch a few of the videos, but you might like to hop on [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au) to check out their excellent work.

Speaking of ecumenical things we are partnering with: NCLS survey. They have had an issue with the printer. We are told they will be with us in a few weeks, so we have postponed the survey date until Sunday the 20th of Feb, or 20.2.2022 if you are into fun looking numbers. Still, come this week, just no surveys to complete.

Blessings,  
Richard



### Christmas Service times:

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December** "Carols on the Court"

5.30pm for a sausage sizzle. Carols starting at 6pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Christmas Eve** "Service of Solace"

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am** "Christmas Celebration Service"

### Rosefield Church Office Christmas hours

The Rosefield Church office will close from 12 noon Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and re-open Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 10 – 12.30 and for Wednesdays for the remainder of January"



## PASTORAL CARE

### EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

Our Christmas tree is now in the church foyer with many tags on it for you to take.

This year we will be supporting two groups with food items for people in need. One group is Uniting Care Wesley Bowden, and the other is for the families linked with the Grove Op Shop. Some of the tags will have a size on them - please take note of this and buy accordingly. I DO NOT need the tags back!

Thank you in anticipation of another very successful Christmas giving program. I look forward to seeing less tags and lots of food over the couple of few weeks!

If anyone would prefer to give a cash donation in lieu of food items, please give any money direct to me.

With deepest appreciation –

Pam Hassett



### Advent Small Groups

The books have arrived!! They are \$7 each. See Lorraine for a copy first in first best dressed!

### Advent Daily Devotional

A complimentary copy of the 2021 Advent Calendar of Daily Devotionals is available for you to collect this coming Sunday. The author Joe Kim invites you to spend time daily with scripture as you wait for the coming of the Christ Child. Through his warm stories and insights into each days readings, he brings us reminders of the beauty and power of God's promises that bring hope our whole world and to each of us, individually, right where we are. As there are limited copies we ask that you take only one copy per family.

### Advent and Christmas Study resources:

If you aren't able to participate in a small group Advent study this year, you might like to have your own resources to meditate on. Rosefield UC has a collection of Study/small group resources as part of the church library and there will be display of Advent and Christmas resources in the foyer on Sunday.

*Attached to the rear of the newsletter is a brief outline of advent resources available.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Saturday Nighters

November 27<sup>th</sup> from 7pm at the Filby's home. BYO BBQ Meat and drinks. Let Helen Filby know if you'll bring a salad or dessert. This will be the last get together for this year. ALL WELCOME

### Crafter's destash day update

Tables are now sold out! If you were unable to secure a table you can still support the event in many ways. First of all we need SHOPPERS! Come along and see what's available to stock up your own craft supplies. Second, Rachel would appreciate donations to the cake stall on the day. If you love to bake maybe this is a chance to destash some ingredients! Cakes, cookies and slices all appreciated. Finally volunteers for the kitchen and cake stall are also appreciated. Speak to Diane Peberdy or any of the members of WOW to see how you can help. Thanks Rachel

### Althea's De-stash stall

Just about everything but fabrics - vintage collectable Cornishware, beautiful china, pretty tins, quality toys and home decor.

Bargain prices. All proceeds to Rosefield church.

**Everything in common Gift Cards.** This year we will not be able to hold an Everything in Common gift stall. However, members of the congregation are encouraged to consider still supporting the work of Uniting World by purchasing from the Everything in Common Gift Catalogue. This may be done by either taking a catalogue from the noticeboard in the foyer and placing your order direct with Uniting World, or visiting their website by following this link and ordering on line: [All Gifts – Everything In Common Ethical Gifts Catalogue](#).

**LIONS TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAKES:** available at Rosefield  
Uniting Church Office, See Lorraine in the Rosefield Church Office.

Lions Traditional Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$17.00 each

Lions Traditional Christmas Cake 1kg \$13.00 each

Lions Traditional Christmas Pudding 900gm \$13.00 each



**\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATES\*\*\*\*\* for Summer Mornings next January.**

Planning has started but here are some dates for you diaries

Wednesday's 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2022. Watch this space for more details!

### NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

- Dianne welcomed all to the meeting.
- Murray led devotions, reading the words from the book The Prophet written by Kahlil Gibran, focusing on what it means to work with love. This was followed by prayer.
- Minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> October had been circulated and were accepted as an accurate record.
- The financial reports for October 2021 were accepted.
- Following the generous support of members to the Gifted Generosity program it was agreed that we advertise for a replacement for the Mid-week Children's Ministry Worker for 12 hours per week commencing in January 2022.
- A Draft Budget is being prepared to go to the Finance Committee for discussion.
- A Vote of Thanks was expressed to Leonie and Kym Millard and their helpers for the Picnic Celebration that all enjoyed – around 100 people attended.
- Following discussion, it was agreed that we mandate that all staff be double vaccinated for COVID-19 by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.
- Noted that restrictions regarding COVID protocols for worship have not been changed - seating as before and singing with masks on.
- Rev. Richard Telfer's report had been circulated –
  - Advent Bible Studies are due to commence on week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November
  - Banners advertising the Christmas Services will be placed on the Court Fence
  - Postcards for a letterbox drop are being printed
  - We will again encourage members to give to the Christmas Bowl appeal – envelopes are available and will be collected on Christmas Day
  - Office Hours over the Christmas Break were approved and will be advertised in the Newsletter
  - There will be a Worship Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December
- An EFTPOS machine has been purchased to allow people to pay for things via a credit card. It is currently being used for Playgroup, mainly music and the Christmas cakes and puddings.
- A discussion was held around after church fund raising in the foyer. It was decided to limit the number held next year. More details to follow.
- Bob reported on several property matters – advising that by the end of this week the Pergola will be finished – currently the painting is being done.
- Bob is currently investigating the change over of our internet and phone systems due to the NBN now being available.
- Another change of date for the National Church Life Survey as there has been a delay with the printing of the forms – will now be participating in this Survey on a Sunday in February next year.
- Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.