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G'day Folks,

Well, Advent 4 is here. Our last week in the season of Advent. Who is ready for the next season to begin on Saturday the 25th? Who has started (or finished) their Christmas shopping? Set a menu for the meal? I haven't!

This Sunday, we have some cracking readings. In fact, they are some of my favourites in the lectionary. I love this Gospel reading for its prioritisation of women's voices. In fact, it is the prioritisation of women's voices and the silencing of men!

Zechariah is literally rendered silent. Joseph's voice isn't heard. Mary and Elizabeth are prioritised. The women are the first to acknowledge the Christ-Child being born amongst them. They are the first to preach the Good News of Jesus. These remarkable women hold the joyful space. These women are open to the experience of new life in Christ.

This Advent may we, like Mary and Elizabeth, experience this new life and celebrate with each other.

Blessings,

Richard

Worshipping Community

Carols on the court TONIGHT (SUNDAY 19th December) bring your neighbours/ friends.

5.30 for BBQ and coffee, 6pm for Carols and Drama! ALL WELCOME!

19th of December

Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 46b - 55 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1 : 39 - 45

25th of December

Isaiah 52: 7 - 10 Psalm 98 <u>H</u>ebrews 1 : 1 - 4, (5 - 12) John 1: 1 - 14

19th of December

Preacher: Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow Worship Leader: Rob Rodenburg Singers: Pray-sing Data Projection: Barry Fuss Flowers: Pamela Jones Coffee: Robin and Phil Tregenza Welcomers: Jean & Scott Hutchinson Stewards: Bob Simpson and Ian Siegele

25th of December

Christmas Day Preacher: Rev Richard Telfer Worship Leader: Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow **Singers:** Gathered Group Data Projection: Derek Nash Flowers: Christine Nancarrow Welcomers: Jean & Scott Hutchinson Stewards: Bob Simpson and Ian Siegele

Christmas Service times:

Sunday 19th December Carols on the Court 5.30pm for a sausage sizzle. Carols starting at 6pm Friday 24th December 7pm Christmas Eve Service of Solace Saturday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Celebration Service Sunday 26th December 9.30am Worship Service

Rosefield Church Office Christmas hours

The Rosefield Church office will close from **12 noon Thursday**

23rd December and re-open Wednesday 5th January 10 – 12.30. The office will only be open Wednesdays for the remainder of January.

Saturday Nighters Dates for 2022

February 5th: Nigel & Trina Cord-Udy April 2nd: Helen & Dave Filby June 4th: Wendy & Mark Davis August 6th: Bron & Carol at Church

October 1st: Anne & Richard Clarkson November 26th: Jean & Scott Hutchison

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

Living with Covid-19 continues to change how we do things. Thinking about how different things have been during 2021, this is a request for anyone to send an item to be included in the Annual Report for this year. Please forward your photos, group/activity report or item/reflections for 2021 to Heather Williams, <u>heather.j.williams43@gmail.com</u>

The closing date is 31st January, 2022

Click the button below for info about our Summer Mornings program

Summer Mornings

Library

Don't forget we have a wonderful library at the church. It is full of interesting books (and some Advent study group material). Have a browse at the full catalogue <u>here</u>.

Rosefield Rosters

As you would understand I am preparing rosters for 2022. Particularly the Tea and Coffee Roster there will be an empty roster in the foyer this Sunday for you to "volunteer" your services from January – April 2022. If you would like to volunteer for any of the many other serving options please let me know in the church office. Thank you in advance! Lorraine Schroder

Mark you diaries! 16th of Jan, 2022. A service celebrating God's abundant gifts! Six liturgically appropriate hymns delivered with energy, enthusiasm, and love! Cancel whatever else you were doing, it's a no-brainer!

Caring for others

Folks,

In 2022 we want to be intentional about supporting charities and other organisations in fundraising. We have a wonderful history of supporting such ventures. Church Council has created this short application process. The idea is we have a focused effort in supporting their work. Click the button below to download the 2022 Fundraising application form. We want to know about why you care (and how we can best support them). We think we have space in the calendar to do five in 2022. Get in early!

Applications should be email to the <u>office</u> and Church Council will discern how to link the activity with our mission goals.

Fundraising Application

"Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation. Healing is an act of communion." bell hooks

Serving Our Neighbours Upcoming Calendar

Sunday 19 December

9.30 am Worship Service (Rev. Dr. Tony Nancarrow preaching)
5.30pm Carols on the Court Sausage sizzle and coffee van 5.30pm Carols and Drama at 6pm
Monday 20 December

Tuesday 21 December

Bread collection contact <u>John</u> for more information.

Wednesday 22 December

7 am Cycle Cluster (meet at the church) 8 am Prayer meeting (<u>Click here</u>)

Thursday 23 December

Friday 24 December

Sunday 26 December

9.30 am Worship Service

Monday 27 December

Tuesday 28 December

Wednesday 29 December 8 am Prayer meeting (<u>Click here</u>)

Thursday 30 December

Friday 31 December New Years Eve Saturday 1 January

7pm Service of Solace Reflective space for those who are spending Christmas without a loved one.

> Saturday 25 December 9:30am Christmas Service



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1 John 4:18