

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11th, 2016

Welcome

Worship blessings in Christ as you gather here today to receive God's good things. If you would like to talk further concerning faith in Christ or about the Church, please contact our Pastor or one of our lay-assistants. Visitors are warmly invited to stay after worship for a cuppa with our members, and also to sign our visitor's book in the foyer

Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am

Sunday School at 9:45am fortnightly
in term time

ON TODAY

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CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

where love comes to life

Our Mission

Being fed with the grace of the Triune God through His Word and Sacraments, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is called to share this Bread of Life with the spiritually hungry of our community

The Magnificat, from Luke 1:46b-55

(to be sung this morning in place of the Psalm).

My soul proclaims how great the Lord,
and I rejoice in God who saves,
for he has looked on me with love,
and all from now will call me blest.
The Lord has done great things for me,
and holy is the name of God.

God's mercy lasts from age to age,
for everyone who honours him.
With his own arm he's shown his strength,
and put to flight the proud of heart.
He's pulled the mighty from their thrones,
the humble have been lifted high.

God's filled the hungry with good things,
sent off the rich with empty hands.
He's come to give his people help
as he had promised those of old.
God's shown his love to Abraham,
and his descendants evermore.

(paraphrase by David Schubert)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we may receive Christ with joy.

Almighty and merciful God, each year you make us glad as we look forward to the birthday of your Son. May we who joyfully receive him as our redeemer confidently face him when he comes to be our judge. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10 God himself will come to save us

James 5:7-10 Do not lose heart

Matthew 11:2-11 Jesus and John the Baptist

JESUS
THE
STAR
OF
CHRISTMAS

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Godly expectations? What do you expect the Messiah to say and do? Are you just a bit disappointed when you feel 'imprisoned' and without relief from the trials of life despite your diligent service to Christ? If so, you have no less than John the Baptist for company... the one who was even 'more than a prophet' (Matthew 11:9).... so much greater than all of us. Yet you

also have Jesus speak to you directly this morning as he addresses John in his 'teachable moment'. So today, we will hear of God's promises from Matthew 11:2-11, for Jesus says: 'Go and tell John what you hear and see' (11:4), and he reminds us 'Blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me' (11:6).

Australian Lutheran World Service's 2016 Christmas Action Appeal focuses on a range of education support and welfare initiatives in PNG conducted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG. Brochures and details on how to give are in the narthex.

Congratulations to Mrs Elfie Heller who last month was recognised with a *WA Volunteer Service Award for 25 years of more of service*. Elfie received her award in correspondence from the Hon Paul Miles MLA, who among other things is Minister for Volunteering. We thank God for Elfie and pray his continued blessing upon her work: 'We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Please **remember** the needs of the Bethlehem Community Care Christmas hamper appeal as you are able.



**Bassendean Church of Christ in Association
with the Town of bassendean presents**

Carols by

**FREE
FAMILY
EVENT**

Candlelight
2016



**7.30pm , Sunday
December 18th 2016**

**NEW
VENUE**

Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean

**Main entrance at Rosetta Gates
on Old Perth Road
Parking available at the Oval**

Featuring:

- **Combined Districts Concert Band**
- **Southern Cross Bush Band**
- **Puppets**
- **Choirs performing**

**Programs, candles, soft-drinks,
ice-creams, hot food, tea,
coffee & cake available**

**Proudly supported
by the Town of Bassendean**

This is a smoke free, alcohol free and pet free event.



Word Search Puzzle

from www.geocities.com/lectionarypuzzles/

words in a straight line in all directions

B E G A N W W B R O U G H T T M Y S C T
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Matthew 11:2-11

Word List

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SOMEONE SENDING RECEIVE PROPHET PREPARE PALACES OFFENSE
MESSIAH MATTHEW KINGDOM GREATER DRESSED BROUGHT BLESSED
BAPTIST ANOTHER SHAKEN RAISED PRISON LEPERS HEAVEN
CROWDS BEFORE ARISEN ANYONE WOMEN TRULY THOSE THEIR
TAKES SPEAK SIGHT ROYAL ROBES LEAST JESUS HEARD DOING
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WHOM WHEN WHAT WENT WEAR WALK WAIT THIS THEY THEN
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BORN AWAY YET YES WAS SEE HIM HAS DID AND MY BY

Christmas Hampers:

Thanks to all of you who have been donating to the Community Care Ministry through your offerings and your gifts. We are again planning on putting together a Christmas hamper for a number of families. If you would like to make a special donation consider whether you might make donations of Christmas type items.– pretzels, mince pies, crackers, juice, tea/coffee, cheeses.



**Busy bee : Thank you to all who helped clean up yesterday.
Many hands make light work!**



'Lord, I love the place where you live, the place where your glory dwells' (Psalm 26:8)



LLL Interest Rate:

The interest rate on savings accounts will be 2.5% from 1st December 2016.



St John's Lutheran Church in Perth invite you to their **Christmas Tree Festival from Sunday 4 December -16 December.**

There are special events on various days within this timeframe. See the notice board and associated flyers (in the narthex) for more information.

Prayer Points



- “ Praise to God the Father that he sent Jesus Christ, through whose words and actions, we are shown Jesus is the one who was to come (Matthew 11:3-4)
- “ That Christ's church will be patient as we await the coming of the Lord (James 5:7-8)
- “ That all who govern will do so with knowledge of God and concern for one another (Isaiah 10:1-2)
- “ For the work of all aid and welfare agencies as they prepare for the Christmas demand (Isaiah 55:1)
- “ For our neighbourhood to feel welcome at Bethlehem over Christmas (Matthew 1:21)
- “ Thanksgiving for our congregational meeting last week and its agreement (Psalm 133:1)
- “ God's help as we start the Bethlehem Ministry Facilities Improvement Project (Ps 127:1a).
- “ For our children and musicians practising for the Christmas Eve service (Luke 2:17)
- “ God's grace to cover our Church Council deliberations on Tuesday night (Proverbs 16:3)
- “ For all who hurt, grieve, recover, are ill, feel lonely or are depressed (Matthew 11:5)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- “ **Those dealing with health issues:** Ewald Schmidt, Elfrida Kaszanski and her son Bruce, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Carmen Lawson, Roslyn Zadow and Tristram Van Rooyen.
- “ **Those facing challenging circumstances:** Margaret and Ernst Klenner, Amalia Chrulew and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi and family, and Joanna Arkoi

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 12th	Isaiah 11:1-9
Tuesday 13th	Isaiah 11:10-16
Wednesday 14th	Isaiah 12:1-6
Thursday 15th	Isaiah 13:1-13
Friday 16th	Isaiah 25:1-9
Saturday 17th	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Questions about attending Holy Communion in the Lutheran Church?

‘Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink.’

Come to this sacrament:

- as a sinner who wants God’s forgiveness;
- as a baptised believer who trusts that Jesus died for the forgiveness of sin;
- as a guest who humbly accepts what Jesus gives — his true body and blood with the bread and wine ;
- as a witness who gladly joins in this public confession of the death of Christ.

Should you not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may remain in your pew or come to the altar to receive a blessing - crossing your arms to signify your intention.

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 11th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Sunday 18th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Christmas Services at Bethlehem

Sat 24th Dec, Christmas Eve—7:00pm

Family Christmas Program

Sun 25th Dec, Christmas Day—9:30am

Christmas Liturgy with Lord’s Supper



Bookings: Visit us on the Web at www.morley.wa.lca.org.au or email us at bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

4th Sunday of Advent— December 18th, (Violet)

Readings: Isaiah 7:10- 16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Flowers: Rosemarie

Cleaners: Styants Family

All Items for the “Bethlehem Bulletin”, please email to Lorraine (Ischutz99@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.