



Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Please join us for a morning tea after our worship service.

If you are new to the church and would like to find out more information about worship and other activities, please speak to Pastor Luke.

Holy Communion at our church is for all

- baptised believers
- who know their need for forgiveness
- who believe Jesus himself is present with his body and blood in this meal with the bread and wine.

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Christmas Day 25th December 2011

Happy Christmas!!!!

Christmas is about a lot of things, but if it's anything at all, it's about light – the light of Jesus Christ, God in our flesh, coming into the world. It's the announcement once again that God has invaded our darkness with the light of his son, Jesus. It's the good news that God has stepped into our apprehension and fear with the gift of love in Jesus Christ who casts out all fear. It's the gift of God in human form, the form of the Christ child who is the promise of new life.

Bible Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10
 Romans 16:25-27
 John 1:1-14

Prayer of the Day

God, we are grateful that into the darkness of this world, you came to be among us in the One name Jesus, the Christ. We are thankful for Mary, accepting your call to be the mother of Jesus. We are thankful for shepherds who left flocks and went to Bethlehem. We are thankful for Magi who followed the star to find the Saviour of the nations. We are thankful for angels who proclaimed "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." We are most thankful for Jesus, your Son, who came as one of us to move us from death to life. Amen!

Sexual abuse is totally unacceptable to the church and to society as a whole. The LCA Safe Place Committee has established a confidential service for responding to complaints of sexual abuse/harassment by church employees and leaders. Trained advisors are available to help.

PHONE FREECALL NUMBER 1800 644 628 or write to: The Supervisor, PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 or email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Announcements

1. **Happy Christmas.** Pastor Luke and his family would like to wish all the members and friends of our worshipping community a very blessed and happy Christmas. It's been a pleasure serving you throughout 2011 and I look forward to the ways that God will bless us, grow us and lead us throughout 2012. Jesus is born! Have a safe and happy New Year!
2. **New Name Badges.** For those who recently ordered a new name badge, please pick up your badge from a member of Church Council with your payment. Full Cost: \$8.25. Subsidised: \$5. If you missed out on ordering and would like a newer name badge, please speak to Pastor Luke.
3. **New Years Day Service.** Please note that on Sunday the 1st of January (New Years Day) we will be having our **worship service at 5pm in the afternoon.** There will no 9am service this day.
4. **John Franklin Christmas Lunch.** Today from 11:30am-2:30pm at Sutherland Entertainment Centre, Eton Street, Sutherland. Cost: Free.
5. Pastor Luke will be on **annual leave** for 4 weeks from 28th Dec 2011 - 25th Jan 2012. Should you require pastoral care during this time please contact a member of our pastoral care team. If you require a Pastor you can contact Pr Fred Veerhuis (02 9820 2375) or Campbeltown or Pr Tim Zanker (02 9821 3879) at Liverpool.
6. **Sutherland TAFE** is offering part-time courses in English Language Skills and Literacy/ Numeracy/Computing - early in 2012 – **FREE** of administration fees. Ph: 9710 5812



25 Dec: Christmas Day Service 9:00am
25 Dec: John Franklin Christmas Lunch 11:30am
1 Jan 12: New Years Day Worship Service 5:00pm

Prayer Points

- **Our Christmas Services this year and those who will visit with us for worship.**
- For those for whom this Advent/Christmas time is a difficult one.
- For those who struggle to hold on to the promises that God has made with us.
- Thanksgiving for Jesus Christ - God's continuing gift to the world!
- Members and friends of our community: **John Grantins, Karl Haessler, Wolfgang Grollmus, Powell Heuer (and family), David Harris, Steve Turcsanyi, Shirley Tullock, Sam & Anneli Skippari, Edgar Webber, George Gaidos, Daniel Liptak, Tania Kaiser, Karen & Anita Short.** Those who will be travelling over this Christmas/New Year period.



Date	Read	Communion	Cleaning	Flowers	Morning Tea	Musician
25 Dec	Witt	Witt	n/a	Witt	Spilsbury	Short
1 Jan	Robertson	-	n/a	-	-	Short