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**2nd December 2018—First Sunday of ADVENT**



**WELCOME to worship today**

May we all be encouraged and strengthened in our faith through the Word of God and the Lord's Supper which we share with one another.



*Tea & coffee is available following morning service and at 5.45 pm a light meal is available prior to the 6.30 pm service*

*Please feel welcome to join one another.  
 ALL WELCOME*

**Before worship**

**Advent Hope**

Today is the first Sunday in Advent; a time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. The idea of God becoming human for our sake is so amazing and incredible that we spend a few weeks contemplating this world-changing event. Each week we look at different aspects of what Jesus' incarnation means, so we will look at the hope, peace, joy and love that are part of God's plan for us.

In today's reading, Mary is told that she will miraculously become pregnant with the Son of God. From her human perspective, this is not good news. It would be normal to lose hope in the face of public disgrace and a life on the fringes of the community. After all, who is going to believe the silly tales of a teenager about visiting angels and in immaculate conception?

Mary's response was full of faith and hope in God. 'May your word be fulfilled' is her only prayer. She understands that it is the will of God that provides assurance and hope. Without God's intervention her situation is hopeless; with his intervention she will be remembered as the most famous woman of all time. The word of God and his will brings hope.

We celebrate that Jesus is the hope of the world. We celebrate that the will of God would be done and that his intervention would see his kingdom of peace, love and grace grow.

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**Readings for today: Jeremiah 33:14-16  
 Luke 1:26-38**

**Salt Factory Prayer/  
 Healing Service  
 Tonight 6.30 pm**

Come at 5.45 pm for food and fellowship before the service commences.  
 Gold coin donation.  
 Look forward to seeing you there!

**Worship Opportunities**

|                         |                            |   |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>TODAY 2nd Dec</b>    | <b>9.30 am<br/>6.30 pm</b> | Contemporary worship with HC<br>Salt Factory Prayer / Healing service |
| <b>Friday 7th Dec</b>   | <b>8.45—9.15am</b>         | Informal worship with school community                                |
| <b>Sunday 9th Dec</b>   | <b>9.30 am<br/>6.30 pm</b> | Contemporary worship<br>Salt Factory service with HC                  |
| <b>Tuesday 11th Dec</b> | <b>2.15 pm</b>             | Closing service for end of school year                                |

# What's Happening this week

| Monday<br>3rd Dec                            | Tuesday<br>4th Dec                 | Wed<br>5th Dec | Thursday<br>6th Dec                 | Friday<br>7th Dec                     | Sat<br>8th Dec | Sunday<br>9th Dec                       |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 7.30 pm<br>APPLY—Young<br>Adults Bible Study | 7.00 pm<br>Rostrum Club<br>meeting |                | 10-11.30 am<br>Day Connect<br>group | 9.30 am<br>Mainly Music/<br>Playgroup |                | 9.30 am<br>Worship                      |
|  |                                    |                | 7.00 pm<br>Women's<br>Bible Study   | 7.00 pm<br>GGLC Youth                 |                | 10.45 am<br>GGLC/GGLPS<br>Half Yrly Mtg |
|  |                                    |                |                                     |                                       |                | 6.30 pm<br>Salt Factory<br>service      |

## Kids at Heart

Children are invited to join Kids at Heart children's ministry time during the morning worship service. This Sunday the BibleSong topic for Advent 1 is "Hope"

*The Kids at Heart BibleSong program operates under the ChildSafe LCA program which is a safety and risk management system with a focus on keeping children and young people safe in their programs and activities.*



**Playgroup / mainly music this Friday 7th Dec, 9.30–11.00 am in the Worship Centre.**

Designed for pre-schoolers, please come join us as we sing, dance & play using the mainly music program followed by a healthy snack.

**Cost:** \$2 per child or \$5 per family with 3 or more children.

**ALL WELCOME.**



## Day Connect Group

The next **Day Connect Group** will meet on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 10-11:30am** in the school meeting room. Discussion following a cuppa. The topic of discussion will be to look at the Christmas Story "The birth of Jesus". The group time will conclude in prayer. Please contact Rosalie Hoklas on 82896803 if you have any queries or would like to join us.



Joining God's family through the gift of Holy Baptism today is

***Nathaniel Edward Arnold***

We are delighted to celebrate this special occasion with Nathaniel's parents Jason & Melanie, his sponsors Ben & Kate Laube together with their family and friends here with us today.

We pray Nathaniel may grow in the love & strength of God



*Baptism. I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*

## Notice of GGLC & GGLPS Half Yearly Meeting Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 am

Printed copies of the Agenda and nomination of Office Bearers for 2019 are available this Sunday or they can be viewed or downloaded from our website under News, or via <http://bit.ly/gglchym2018>

## Fellowship Lunch

On **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon** an opportunity for a get-together over lunch has been organised to be held at the Blue Gums Hotel, 345 Hancock Road, Fairview Park.

**EVERYONE WELCOME.**

**Last chance to let Ruth Zimmermann know if you plan on coming (phone 0411 230 601)** so a booking can be made. Will be getting busy due to Christmas.

| PA + Opening/<br>Closing up | Power-point  | Music Group    | Greeters /<br>Ushers | Readers          | Devotion for<br>Bulletin<br>-----Prayers | Assistants<br>with HC | Flowers        | Church<br>Cleaning |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Jon Schutz                  | Robert Mills | Jacquie Schutz | Mills                | Jeff Christensen | Ps Greg<br>-----<br>K Campbell           |                       | Elaine Baldock | School             |
| Billy Saunders              |              |                |                      |                  |  |                       |                |                    |

## Cafe Connect Logo Selection

If you would like to submit an idea for the cafe logo, there is still time! Please let Jon ([jon@jschutz.net](mailto:jon@jschutz.net)) know as soon as possible that you plan to make a submission to make sure you are part of the process.

If you would like to be involved in the Logo Selection Panel, also please let Jon ([jon@jschutz.net](mailto:jon@jschutz.net)) know as soon as possible. It will require commitment of 2-3 meetings in the coming weeks to shortlist, fine tune and make recommendation(s) to Church Council.

There will also be an opportunity for everybody to cast their votes to provide guidance to the Logo Selection Panel.

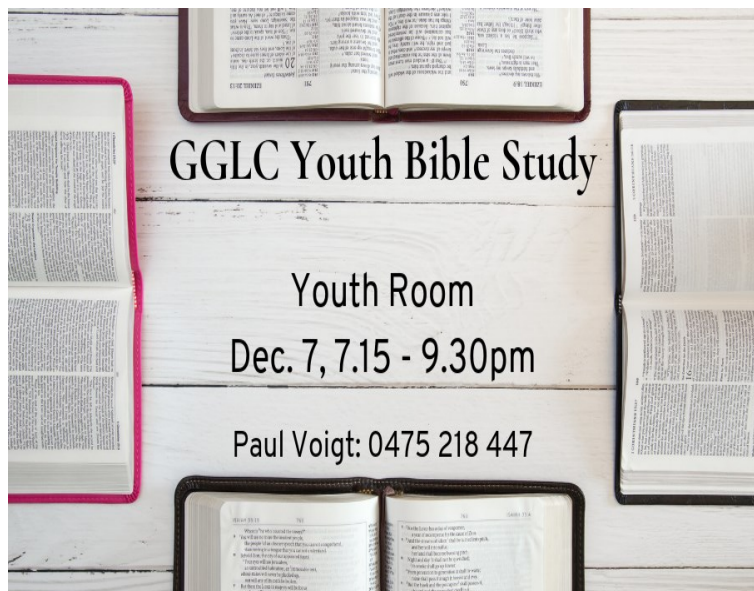
## Christmas Shopping - Save Money and Raise Funds for GGLC

If you are an online shopper, this is an opportunity to save on purchases from a large range of major retailers. Groceries, travel, electronics, clothes, wine, pharmacy, furniture... there is a list of over 1200 participating stores. Most of the savings go straight back to you, and a little bit also comes to GGLC.

We have joined the CashRewards program as a community, and if you join as an individual through one of the links below, GGLC will receive a sign-up donation of \$10 per person and a small fraction of the cashback every time you purchase online through a retailer found on the CashRewards site.

<https://www.cashrewards.com/community/faith-based-organisations/golden-grove-lutheran-church>  
( or use the short link <http://bit.ly/gglccashrewards> )

It's unusually easy to sign up. And it's a way to boost our budget while you spend less (Only works for online purchases).



## Community celebration

At the end of this year Angela Seeliger – a long serving staff member of GGLPS & past member of GGLC – will be retiring. Retirements are a very special time and a time of celebration and acknowledgement of the service of an individual.

A celebration of Ang's retirement will be held on **Monday 10th December from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm** on the deck (behind the staffroom). This is an **'open' house - feel free to attend if you would like to celebrate with Ang and the school community.**

## Fresh Christmas trees available

Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Birdwood are once again supplying fresh, high quality Christmas trees at \$40 ea.

**Orders are to be placed through our Admin office by 5<sup>th</sup> December (phone or email ).**

## Lutheran Community Care Christmas Hamper Wish List

Every Christmas, Lutheran Community Care provides food to over 1000 families in need through their Christmas Hampers program. However, **this year they are experiencing a shortage of donations and have put out a plea for help.**

If you would like to help bring joy to a family in need, you can donate any of the below items.

**If possible donations can be brought to GGLC tomorrow by 9.00 am on** and a person from LCC will be coming to GGLC to collect or otherwise donations can be taken to the Blair Athol site (309 Prospect Road, Blair Athol). Donations are needed by **Friday, December 7.**

In total, the number of donations LCC is currently looking for are:

- Tuna – 300
- Lollies – 250
- Cereal – 400
- Tea/coffee/milo – 250
- Pasta – 340
- Pasta sauce - 320
- Custard – 550
- Milk – 450
- Savoury biscuits – 250
- Sweet biscuits – 300
- Juice/cordial – 150
- Jam/spreads – 450
- Rice – 100
- Cake – 550
- Pudding – 550
- Large fruit (approx. 825g) – 250
- Small fruit (approx. 420g) – 200

## “Hymns we love”

Choose your favourite **Advent and Christmas** hymns... and more.

On **Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

At Zion Lutheran Church, Glynburn Rd, Glynde

**10-30 am** for cuppa, biscuits and chat time

**11am to 12 noon** request and sing with organ accompaniment.

No cost – just come!

“Hymns We Love” will continue in 2019 on **Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> ...**

Our church is air conditioned for your comfort.

**For more information, please contact Joy Mildren, organist, 0458 650 135/ 8367 9969**



**LLL 2019 calendars and Together in Mission are available from the church entrance.**

**Videos of Sunday's messages can be viewed** on our website or YouTube, and announcements are made on Facebook and Twitter as soon as new items become available.

If you choose to give the video posts a Like/Share/Favourite/Retweet on Facebook or Twitter, you're helping to increase the number of people that might see Pastor Greg's message. A seemingly trivial click - it may be the easiest act of ministry you ever do!

Website: <http://www.gglc.org.au/>, go to "For Members" and select "Pastor's Messages"

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/>

## GGLC OFFERINGS

Members are offered the opportunity of Regular Electronic Giving (REG) which provides a way to give regularly and consistently without having to remember to bring money for the offering plate every Sunday. More information about REG can be found in the [Giving section of the LLL website.](#)

**The LLL Account No. for GGLC Regular Electronic Giving is 28190/S1/ GOL**

**To transfer money into the LLL Golden Grove Lutheran Fellowship REG A/c from another bank please use:**

**BSB (Branch) number - 704942 and Account No. - 28190**



- ★ Tues 4th Dec Sienna Jaeschke
- ★ Fri 7th Dec Holly Schutz

We hope your special day is blessed with  
God's love & grace