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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

"Christmas is coming, the church is glad to sing".

And so we should be. Christmas is to time remember the birth of Jesus; to remember the birth of a baby who lived and grew with the people and participated in the practices of the Jewish faith; to remember Jesus was identified as being special and being the long-awaited Messiah, who was not as expected; to remember Jesus who preached for a change in the Jewish faith to be more relevant to the people of that time; to remember Jesus who died for our sins and was resurrected to be with us eternally for ever; to remember Jesus as always being there for us to call on, to talk to, to ask for help, to be our comfort and friend.

Advent is the time of preparation for that renewal of faith in a baby that changed the world. Let us sing out the Good News of Jesus Christ to all in and out of the church.

NEW NATIVITY SCENE

Our Nativity scene is on display again at the front of the church. It has been renewed over the year by Barry and others at the Clifton Springs Men's Shed after it had been damaged over the years. We are pleased with the result and praise God for the work undertaken by the Men's Shed, especially Barry and his grand daughter who was responsible for the face paintings. The display is now protected by a perspex cover.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

"Toward a Theology of Peace"

Tuesday 3, 10, 17 Dec at 2.00 pm at the church

Booklets available

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Christmas Eve—11.30 pm

Christmas Day—8.00 am

LOOSE CHANGE

Our November year to date loose change offering is $865. This money will go to UnitingWorld and be used for disability support work in Sri Lanka. Final loose change offerings for this appeal will be 22 December.

SUPERMARKET CAROLS

The Ecumenical group of the Drysdale, Clifton Springs & Curlewis churches have again arranged to sing carols at the supermarket. This year we are only singing at Curlewis on Friday 20 Dec and Monday 23 Dec at 11.30 am. We welcome all who like to sing to join for about 45 minutes.

OP SHOP MORNING TEA

The morning tea as a Thank you to Op Shop volunteers and a celebration for Christmas was held on Friday 28 November. Two of the organisations receiving donations spoke about their work and the value of the donations. Each organisation receives an additional $2000 bringing their year total to $3800—Clifton Springs Primary School (pictured with Makayla and Sam), Drysdale Primary School, Wombat's Wish, Drysdale Food Bank. It was a great occasion.

This months' services

1 Dec —10.30 am Rev Karen
HC & Loose change
8 Dec —10.30 am Wayne's Team
15 Dec —10.30 am Rev Karen
22 Dec — 10.30 am Rev Karen
24 Dec—11.30 pm Lay team
25 Dec—8.00 am Rev Karen
29 Dec—10.15 am Combined Linked Congregations at Drysdale—Porter team

Happy birthday!

DECEMBER
Jenni Nickelson
Kelly Lestrange
Indianna Colley
Gerald Edgar
Carol Lascelles
Angel Siagian

JANUARY
Kelvin Benney
Tracey Myers
Melva Stringer
Leigh Pope
Jean Konings
Hazel James
Colleen Diamond
John Reid

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
DEC 1	Susan & Win	Lynda	Ian	Jean K	Val	Val	Val	Rhonda & .
8	Belinda & Darren	Melva	Denise	Wayne's Team		Denise	Andrea	
15	Rhonda & Andrea	Claire	John	Samantha	Maggie	Marg	Denise	
22	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Rhonda	Kelvin	Rhonda	Jonnie	Margaret	
29	Joyce & Dianne	Wilma	Claire	Susan	Margo	Margo	-	

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