

**ROSTER**

	17/12	25/12	31/12
<b>Vestry</b>	Riak Kiir	Joan Vogels	Jannie Crow
<b>Holy Communion</b>	NA	NA	NA
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Corey Tudrai	Wendy Rouse	Don Rewell
<b>Welcoming x2</b>	Betty Willis Kaye Gibson	Helen Hare Roma Warner	Jenny Theobald Betty Willis
<b>Collection Plate x2</b>	Betty Willis Roma Warner	Riak Kiir Helen Hare	Lyn Stephenson Jenny Theobald
<b>Morning Tea x2</b>	Elizabeth Bradbury Jenny Theobald	NA	Elizabeth Bradbury Lyn Stephenson

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**PAKENHAM REGIONAL MISSION AREA**

Our vision as a Christian community is to honour each individual's experience of God, while sharing the love of Jesus in a positive, safe and inclusive environment.'

*Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent*

10am Christmas Remembrance Service - Rev. Robert Elkhuzen and Ps. Jo Crisp

Church Christmas lunch following the service.

Bible Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalms 126  
John 1:6-8,19-28  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24



*Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve*

10.30am Worship Service - combined service at Berwick Uniting Church

Bible Readings

Luke 1:46b-55  
2 Samual 71:1-11, 16  
Roman 16:12-27  
Luke 1:26-38



*Monday 25th December - Christmas Day*

10am Christmas Worship Service - Rev. Robert Elkhuzen

Bible Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalms 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)



*You are invited for a time of fellowship and morning tea following the service.*



We acknowledge the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the First Peoples of this Country, part of God's creation. We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.

# CHURCH NEWS

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 24th December

If you are requiring a lift or are able to carpool to attend St. Andrew's UCA (105 High St. Berwick) for the combined service, please let one of the ministry team know.

Please meet in the Pakenham Uniting Church carpark no later than 10am to arrive at Berwick before the service commences at **10.30am**.

### Sunday 25th December

Please note that there will be no morning tea.

**This will be the last Weekly Bulletin for 2023. I will be preparing one for the whole of January to distribute before the end of the year.**



## ROSTER

I have completed a draft 3 month roster from Jan to the end of March. Thank you to those who let me know which dates they couldn't do. Please check the draft roster in your email inbox, or the one in the church foyer and let me know ASAP if there are any errors. A completed roster will be distributed before the end of the year.

## LAZARUS FOOD SERVICES

The Coptic Church are collecting non-perishable food to assist people who are in need in our community. They will be using the front of the Church on Saturday to distribute this food. If you would like to assist them there is a box in the Church foyer for you to place your goods. This is the Work of Christmas.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Fiona Macreadie, Helen Hare and Corrie Vandertak who are celebrating their birthday's in the week leading up to Christmas. Wishing them all the best for the year ahead.



Christmas Bowl envelopes are available during advent. People can send the envelopes in themselves or they can put them in the weekly offering plate.

## The Work of Christmas

*A poem by American author, theologian, educator and civil rights leader Howard Thurman*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

- To find the lost,
- To heal the broken,
- To feed the hungry,
- To release the prisoner,
- To rebuild the nations,
- To bring peace among the people,
- To make music in the heart

## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

If need to have a WWCC, as you are in a leadership role, you are required to undertake Safe Church training. There are 4 ways this can be achieved.

- Self guided booklet
- Online
- Online with assistance.
- Group presentation (regional held at Pakenham)

Please nominate your preferred option on the list provided in the foyer. The group presentation will be held on Tuesday 23rd January at 10.30am. Please bring a plate to share for lunch afterwards.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS

The Pakenham Upper Community Church Hall is again presenting Christmas Carols on the 24th December at 7.30pm.

There will be a visit from Santa.



**ALL WELCOME**

Corner of Bourke's Creek Rd and Old Gembrook Rd, Upper Pakenham