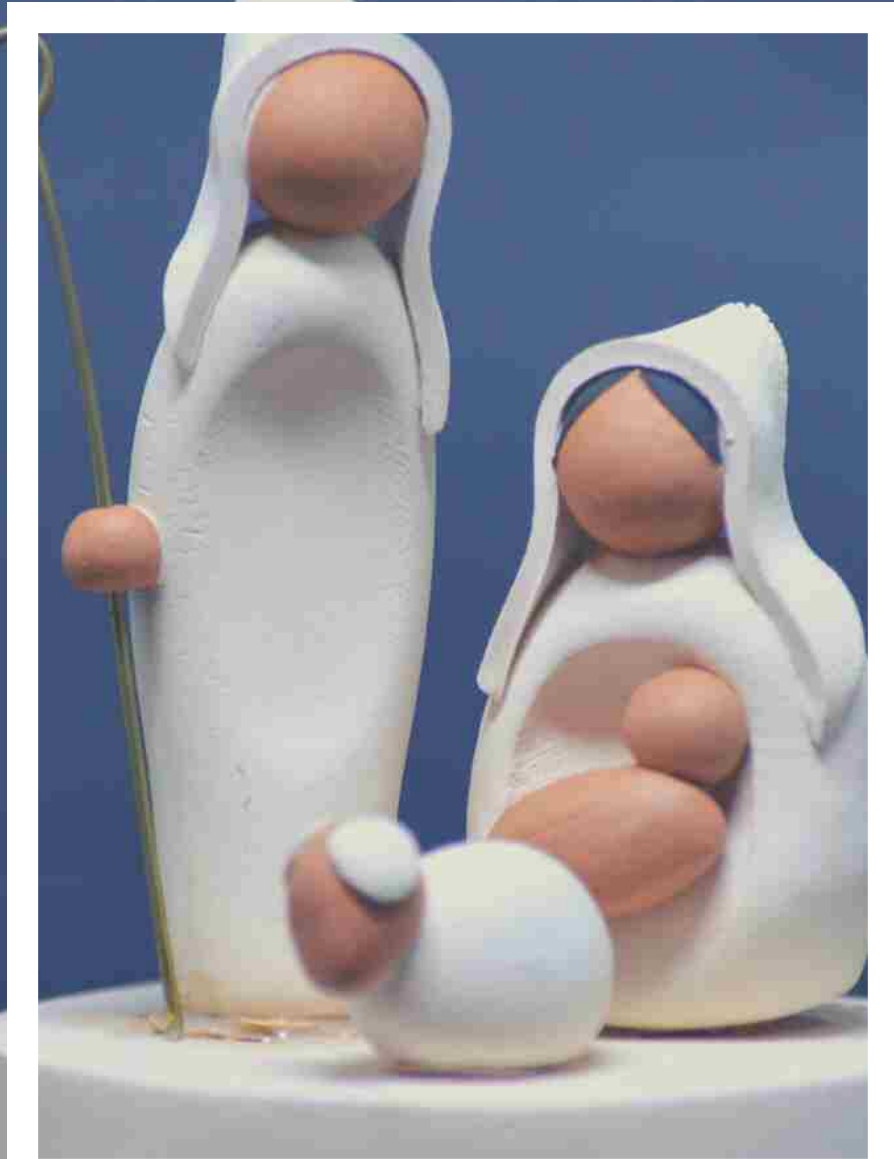


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**Ngaala kaaditj Neongar
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**We acknowledge Neongar
people as the original
custodians of this land.**



*"Glory to GOD in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom HIS favor rests."
~ Luke 2:14 - Good News Bible ~*

WELCOME

Welcome to our first issue of Holy Cross Community news!

The idea for a quartley e-mag came out of a deep desire to better know, and more deeply engage, with our local community. We felt that the Christmas season presented us with a great opportunity for our first edition.

In this edition, our congregation shares with you: our favorite Christmas carols, jokes, recipes, poems, reflections; and much more.

We hope that you enjoy our first issue as much as we have enjoyed making it. If you have any tips or suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

We hope to see you and your family at one of our Christmas services. (Please see the side pane for more details). If you're on social media, don't forget to check us out.

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*Christmas
Services at HC!*

December

2th - Christmas Eve family
Service at 6:00 PM

25th - 9:00 AM

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is no service on Boxing Day



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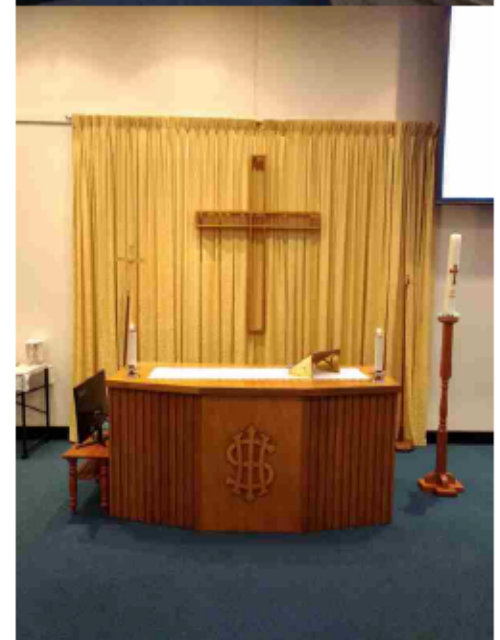
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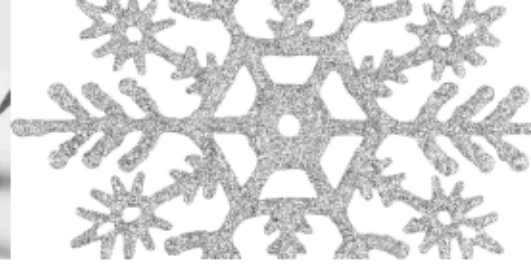
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NEARLY CHRISTMAS 2021

It's nearly Christmas 2021! But wait just a minute, why is it Christmas 2021?

Well over a thousand years ago, a Christian sat down, and with the best information he could get, he worked out how long ago Jesus was born. He did pretty well.

And from then on, people started numbering the years that way, instead of by how many years the local king or emperor had been ruling.

Why would we do this? Because Jesus being born is an amazing thing! Not just the birth of a great teacher of love and compassion (though he was that of course), but the birth of a human being who in some amazing way was God here in the world with us - the human face of God!

He came to our world to live, to love, to teach, to heal, and amongst to challenge those who misused power and authority.

He also came to die, but that's a story for next year, 2022, at Easter.

For now, let's experience a little bit of the birth of the baby. Every baby is special, but this baby and his birth are extraordinarily special.

Celebrate!

Rev. Cassandra Nixon

Well then, the LORD HIMSELF will give you a sign: a young woman[a] who is pregnant will have a SON and will name HIM 'IMMANUEL.'
~ John 1:14- Good News Bible ~





CHRISTMAS DEVOTION

By +Hamish Jamieson

We have a God who is constantly on the move... It may not appear like that, within any given moment, but HIS movement is there... The Old Testament tells us that this coming movement is, within God's overall plan of salvation, towards a critical moment in history. Hear, *"For Zion's sake I (the LORD) will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch."* [\(Is 62:1\)](#). There we find the faithfulness and the persistence of our God, who constantly moves to bring righteousness and justice, praise and peace. But what does that say to us?

Today we celebrate that critical moment in history towards which God had been moving - the 'where and the when' - in bringing about that plan. Yes, it took a while for some to catch on, and we would have been no different. One of the reasons for this was that God's way so different to their expectation - mind-boggling differences, and so often we resist such movement to change. The Word made flesh *"did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing...taking the form of a servant... And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."* [\(Edited Philippians 2:6-8 \(ESV\)\)](#). Who would have expected someone like that? The people in those days didn't. They expected a war-like Messiah!

A Christian friend and his wife were invited to minister in an Aboriginal community. On arrival, they found that there were two hostile groups. Both groups expected him to minister to each group separately. That was unsettling. It was not what it was all about. They prayed about it and got Paul's words. "I appeal to you...that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you...be united in the same mind..." [\(1 Corinthians 1:10 \(ESV\)\)](#).

The next morning, he invited the two leaders to meet with him, shared the text he had received, and told the leaders that he and his wife would not stay for either meeting, but would fly out.

Just then a big, old yellow dog sauntered up to a large wooden cross stuck in the ground, and deliberately lifted his leg. "What followed is hard to describe but it went something like this; firstly, a look of incredulity and something like horror as we recognised that God was drawing our attention to our behaviour, then shame broke the tension between us all, and love and forgiveness began to flow. The two groups joined together and we had the most precious (time) seeing many...finding resurrection life in Jesus and many touched by the Spirit in healing and deliverance." (Armstrong, Dan, Kairos, News Across Australia, Summer 2010, p 1)

Who would have expected anything like that? But that is the essence of what God is about, why He moves, why the Word became flesh, why we celebrate Christmas - to bring healing and reconciliation, so we become reconciled reconcilers.



CHRISTMAS DEVOTION (CONTINUED)

By +Hamish Jamieson

This is the sort of thing that Isaiah was talking about, looking forward to - the movement of God, the expectation of the Messiah, and hence the coming Kingdom of God. Although Isaiah focuses in on Zion (by which he means Jerusalem) because Zion, the Torah (law) and the temple are the heart of God's people, where all this will happen. The glory shall return and "they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken." [\(Isaiah 62:12 \(ESV\)\)](#). But don't think it begins and ends there, for this movement is for all nations. It is for all peoples, for the outcast, the refugees, the poor. "Go through...prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes..." [\(Isaiah 62:10-11 \(ESV\)\)](#). Yet within the unexpected, within the coming of the Messiah, a change of heart was demanded, otherwise calamity for "his own people did not receive him." [John 1:11 \(ESV\)](#)

Then as now, many find it hard to accept Jesus as Lord. Is it because we need to make that decision to repent and so receive Him, to change our minds, to take hold of all that He offers, by faith, and recognise that he has "saved us...according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life"? [Titus 3:5,7 \(ESV\)](#)

What is Christmas, all about? Someone wrote: "We love confusedly, we fallen ones; the journey of life is for setting love in order." This is why we need a saviour - setting love in order, healing brokenness, bringing reconciliation, getting connections right, gaining freedom, peace!



12 Easy and Practical Ways to Help Others this CHRISTMAS

By Stu Guthrie

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. It's a great time to stop and count our blessings, and to realize all that we can be thankful for. Of course, in counting our blessings, we often realize that not everyone is as fortunate as we are. Whilst Australia is considered a lucky country, the reality is that many people will go without this Christmas. This can often be overwhelming as we begin to wonder what we can do to help. Maybe you're like me and don't know where to start. Below is a list of 12 simple things that we can do to this Christmas season.

1. Spend time with the elderly and the isolated: Whilst Christmas can be a busy time catching up with family and friends, many people can find Christmas to be a lonely experience. Why not call in for a cuppa and cake with someone you know who is isolated? Maybe you could even take them for a trip to the grocery store, or even a drive to see the local Christmas lights

2. Be Kind: One of the most cost-efficient (and yet effective!) things you can give this Christmas is the gift of kindness. Everyone likes to receive a compliment, so why not compliment someone on something they've done? Even a simple thank you, or a smile to a stranger on the streets can go a long way!

3. Give a bit of spare change: Many store checkouts have donation tins calling out for spare change to help fund good work. Why not consider dropping your spare silver in the tin rather than opening up your wallet or purse?

4. Bake a meal: Do you know a busy single, working parent? Why not bake and deliver a meal to give them a night off?

5. Help the homeless: With so much new and exciting stuff coming into our homes during the Christmas period, it can also be a good time for cleaning out the closet to make way for new items. Why not consider donating some gently used clothes or toys to your local op shop, or even some old books to your local street library? Alternatively, could purchase some long-life groceries (e.g. canned goods, or hygiene products) and donate them to a food bank like FoodBank.org.au – or you could send a once-off donation to a local charity

6. Send a money donation: Maybe you've got a little extra spending money this Christmas. If so, why not consider supporting one of the many national or international charities that aim to eliminate poverty?

7. Volunteer your time: One of the greatest gifts that we can give someone is our time. Maybe you know of someone with a mobility impairment who could use a hand in their garden, or assistance in getting to a doctor's appointment

8. Recycle and make eco-friendly purchases: Whether you're entertaining at home or elsewhere, one of the simplest things you can do is choose to recycle, and / or purchase and use eco-friendly products. Help the environment by choosing to recycle wrapping paper and cards. If you celebrate at the beach or outdoors, choose to use re-usable or sustainable cutlery, plates, and cups

9. Give blood: The Red Cross is always looking for donations of blood, plasma, and platelets to help those who are sick. If you're healthy and fit, why not consider making a booking at your local Red Cross centre to donate blood?

10. Go for a walk and pick up trash: Everyone likes a clean neighbourhood. Why not take the family for a walk and pick up some trash at your local community park?

11. Show gratitude and thank someone: There are many people whose time and service often goes unnoticed. Whether it be your local policeman, mailman, or paramedic, why not consider just saying a quick "Thank you for what you do" and let them know that you appreciate their service when you see them in the supermarket. Everyone likes to feel appreciated

12. Do a random act of kindness: If you notice a need (and the opportunity presents itself) why not help someone out without them knowing? Maybe you could pay it forward by paying for someone's meal or say an encouraging word to a parent who is struggling with their child's behaviour at the local Kmart



CHRISTMAS

Recipes

... and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first SON, wrapped HIM in cloths and laid HIM in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

~ Luke 2:6-7 - Good News Translation ~

TRADITIONAL SHORTBREAD

Ingredients

- 125g butter (softened)
- 1/4 cup (55g) caster sugar
- 1 cup (150g) plain flour
- 1/4 cup (45g) rice flour



Method



1. Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, sugar, plain flour, and rice flour in a mixing bowl until the dough comes together
2. Preheat oven to 160°C
3. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Draw a 20cm circle on the paper and turn over
4. Place dough on the lined tray. Using paper as a guide, roll the dough out to a 20cm disc. If desired, use your finger tips to pinch the dough to create a fluted edge. Use a sharp knife to score 8 wedges into the dough, being careful not to cut the whole way through. Use a fork to prick each wedge twice
5. Sprinkle evenly with extra sugar. Bake for 30 minutes or until light golden, then set aside on the tray to cool completely



GRANDMA'S FRUIT MINCE PIES

*She will have a son, and you will name HIM JESUS—
because HE will save HIS people from their sins.” ~*

Matthew 1:21 - Good News Bible ~

Ingredients



- 1 packet of mixed fruit
- 1 handful of chopped nuts (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon of mixed spice
- 3 cooking apples
- 3/4 kg or 1.5lbs of brown sugar
- Juice of one lemon
- 1 tsp of almond essence and vanilla essence
- 1 cup of water
- 2 tablespoons of butter or margarine
- 1 wine glass of sherry or spirits
- 1 tablespoon of cornflour
- Sweet short pastry
- 1 and 1/2 cups of self-raising flour
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 4 oz of butter
- Pinch of salt
- 1 egg

Method



1. Peel and chop apples
2. Combine mixed fruit, apples, chopped nuts, brown sugar, lemon juice, almond essence and vanilla essence, and 1 cup of water. Bring to boil, and when apple is soft add 1tbsp cornflour to thicken
3. To make pastry, weigh out 110g of butter and place in mixing bowl. With the tips of your fingers gently rub butter sugar and flour until combined and resembling bread crumbs. Stir in an egg
4. Set mixture aside to cool
5. Pre-heat oven to 180°C and cook for 20 minutes
6. Leave to cool



FLEA SEASON

By Dr. David Dawson

It is now Spring, the time of the year to look out for fleas on your dogs and cats.

You may see the small fleas jumping on your pets or you might see that they are biting or scratching their back and/or losing patches of fur as a result of the flea irritation. If not treated properly the flea problem could go on for the entire warm season.

So how do you treat fleas? The main thing is that you find something that works and use it as required throughout spring and summer.

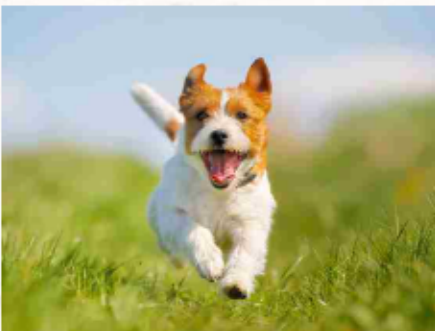
You certainly need to keep clean all of the areas in which your pet spends most of their time – especially where they eat and sleep. A good deal of the flea's life is spent away from your pet's coats. For instance, they like dry parts of the garden and inside the house so keeping their area clean is important. You should vacuum where the dog spends time and then throw out the vacuum bag as fleas can breed in those bags!

There are a good many types of treatment for fleas. These include drops you place on your pet's neck, tablets, flea collars and dog washes. If you have a flea treatment that works, keep using it throughout the warm weather.

You should make sure you treat all animals in your house and garden, even if only 1 of them appears to have fleas. Fleas can quickly leap from 1 pet to another so every pet should be treated at the same time.

In addition, it is not just dogs and cats that suffer from flea infestations. If you have other animals, maybe rabbits, guinea pigs or ferrets - they also need checking. However, make sure you buy a suitable treatment that can be used on these types of pets. Not all types of flea treatment for dogs and cats can be used on other animals.

Please see life cycle of the flea in the picture on the next page. The female flea lays eggs frequently so regular checking and treatment is required.





Kid's Corner

Christmas Message By Stu Guthrie

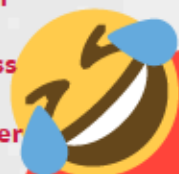
The Christmas holidays are a wonderful time of year. I don't know about you, but for me, it's partly special because it means a whole month of celebrating - *Christmas carols, Christmas movies, Christmas lights, and last but not least, Christmas food and plenty of chocolate!* I always become eager when I see the lights and decorations go up in the shopping centers and houses, or when the first of December rolls by and I know it's officially time to put up the tree!

The Christmas break offers us many things. It allows us a chance to slow down after a busy school year, and weekly activities. It gives us a chance to catch up with friends and cousins. It lets us sleep-ins and watch morning cartoons (and let's not forget the Christmas movies!). But it also gives us much, much more! Have you ever stopped to wonder what Christmas is all about? What's behind all the lights and presents?

Over 2,000 years ago, there was this pretty amazing guy who walked the earth teaching some amazingly powerful, but yet simple stuff. One of the coolest messages HE taught was to be kind to one another and also to ourselves (Luke 10:27). We often hear the word 'peace' thrown around at Christmas time, and this is exactly what it means - that we all do our best to live together in harmony. Sure, sometimes we disagree, but we concentrate on what we have in common, not our differences.

So, whilst all the Christmas chocolate, and the songs, or even my Aunty's awesome pavlova, are cool, the coolest thing to me is this idea that we can actually learn to live together united as one. Sure it can be hard. However, we can learn to listen to others. We can learn to share what we have with those in need. We can learn to let go of ourselves and the times we may be slightly selfish. And yes, we can even learn to let go of bitterness and grudges, and move forwards making new exciting beginnings each day. So, this Christmas why not consider what peace might mean, or might look like for you and your family.

Stay happy, healthy, and safe this Christmas!



Q. What animal drops from the clouds?
A. A reindeer!

Q. How do you know the carrots are good for your eyesight?
A. Have you ever seen a reindeer wearing glasses?

Q. What is a Christmas tree's favourite candy?
A. Orna-ments

Kid's Corner

CRAFT IDEAS

Are you looking for something festive and fun to make this Christmas holidays? Why not check out these two ideas below:

CHRISTMAS SUNCATCHER ORNAMENT

YARN WRAP STAR



CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Here are a few of the tunes that we are digging this festive season.



Jordy - It's Christmas, C'est Noël -

YouTube

Crazy Frog - Last Christmas (Official

Video) - YouTube

Rosie O'Donnell & Elmo - Do You Hear What I Hear

Santa Shark

Who? What?
Why? How?
Christmas -
Bible Society
Australia

Q. What do you call a cat sitting on the beach on Christmas Eve?

A. Sandy Claws



Q. Why does everyone love Frosty the Snowman?

A. Because he is cool

Q. Why did the Christmas Tree go to the barber?

A. It needed to be trimmed

Youth CORNER



CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Here are a few of the tunes that we are digging this festive season.

for KING & COUNTRY - Little Drummer Boy (Official Music Video)

Tenth Avenue North - Deck The Halls

Joy To The World - Pentatonix

Oh Holy Night - HomeTown

Thankfulness by YM360

Read: [Luke 1:39-56](#)

What in your life brings you joy? It "isn't "church answer" time. It's OK to say something like, "my car," or "my family," or even "cheerleading," or "football," or "my guitar." There are many things in our lives that make us happy. Some of them we think about often (like family or friends). Some of them we may kind of take for granted (like food or our health).

Mary wasn't about to take anything for granted. Again, she had just had a pretty amazing interaction. So, she headed over to see her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth had some pretty cool news of her own: she was pregnant with her first child when most women her age had one foot in the grave. (Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist.) When Mary and Elizabeth saw each other and shared their news, Mary burst into a meaningful song of thankfulness.

One of the truths about our relationship with God is that He is our provider. He is the giver of good things. He is the source of all your blessings: your health, your life, your shelter, your food, and so on. Sure, God might not literally pay your family's mortgage each month, or put gas in your car. But the money your family earns? The job your mom or dad has? Maybe even the job you have? It's yours through God's grace. All good things come from God.

Mary seemed to have a firm grasp on this. Do you? Are you in the habit of realizing what God has given you and then making sure He hears your thankfulness? It starts with stepping back and seeing that God has given you more than you could ever imagine. When you really understand this, praise and thankfulness come naturally.

Something to think about . . .

- List out your blessings. Seriously. Do it. It's fun. Think of everything good in your life and write them down (or at least write a few of them.)
- Now, tell God thank you. No, really. Stop and thank God for giving you all of these things.
- Why do you think an awareness of what you have and an attitude of thankfulness is so vital to a healthy relationship with God?



Senior's Section

The Poet's Corner

The Sum of Things

By Arthur W. Jose

This is the sum of things...that we
A moment live, a little see,
Do somewhat, and are gone; for so
The eternal currents ebb and flow.

This is the sum of work—that man
Does, while he may, the best he can,
Nor greatly cares, when all is done,
What praise or blame his toils have
won.

This is the sum of fight—to find
The links of kin with all our kind,
And know the beauty Nature folds
Even in the simplest form she
moulds.

This is the sum of life—to feel
Our handgrip on the hilted steel,
To fight beside our mates, and prove
The best of comradeship and love.

This is the sum of things—that we
A lifetime live greatheartedly,
See the whole best that life has
meant,
Do out our work, and go content.

My Country

By Dorothy McKeller

The love of field and coppice,
Of green and shaded lanes.
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins,
Strong love of grey-blue distance
Brown streams and soft dim skies
I know but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror -
The wide brown land for me!

A stark white ring-barked forest
All tragic to the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon.
Green tangle of the brushes,
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops
And ferns the warm dark soil.
Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When sick at heart, around us,
We see the cattle die -
But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady, soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the Rainbow Gold,
For flood and fire and famine,
She pays us back threefold -
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
The filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze.

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land -
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand -
Though earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.



How We Travelled in Melville in the 1940's

By Betty Rushforth (nee Pitman) 26/01/2015

I lived in North Lake Road which was narrow and mostly bush with my parents and 6 siblings.

Mum and Dad had a Poultry Farm of 13 acres. Our place was a mile from the Canning Highway, the third house on the right hand side. So it was rather isolated. We had to walk up and down the road to catch the bus.

When we were young and going to school we would walk or ride our bikes, that is, if we didn't have a puncture, which would always be happening. The young ones used to have scooters, which we would leave in Atwell's dairy until we came home again. We must have travelled up and down North Lake Road for years and years. We got to know every tree and landmark there was.

There was a large wooden shelter with three bench seats around the inside which we called the "bus shed".

Some days we would walk it six times especially on a Saturday and think nothing of it. We would go to work, come home, and then go to the football, then again to the pictures or a dance.

It was a pretty road with lots of Banksia trees, Golden Christmas trees in December. We would decorate the house with the flowers at Christmas time. In spring, the wild flowers were plentiful, lots of orchids and Kangaroo Paws. As we walked to pass the time, we would walk to a particular tree, have a rest, and then head to the next tree we had chosen to walk to.

As we grew older and became teenagers, my sister and I thought we would like to be conductresses on the buses. The Metro Bus Company had its depot in Short St, Fremantle. You could either work on Canning Highway or Stirling Highway, you stayed on that bus run. However, you had to do an exam first, learn every section and every street on the run by heart and what prices to charge. Then an inspector went with you for a test.

The Stirling and Canning Highway buses both left from Cantonment St not far along from the United Church. The last stop was at Government Gardens in the Terrace, then, after a wait of fifteen minutes, they would set off, back to Fremantle.

Once you passed your test the inspector would go with you to Perth and back to see if you were qualified enough. You were also given a driver that would work with you all the time, no chopping or changing.

In those days when a woman with a pram or stroller and children caught the bus, the driver had to get out of the bus cab and hook the pram on the back of the bus, using the hooks for that purpose, they also had to take them off again when the woman alighted. This was done with much courtesy.

Our uniform was supplied. It was made of dark green serge with six silver buttons, a cap to match that had an "M" broach on the front and a bag for our money that was worn over the shoulder and an oblong ticket holder these were made of leather.

Because there weren't many cars to be had in those days, the buses were well used by the public. The bus would be quite full and people standing in the aisle. I can remember well, asking people to "Move down the aisle please" so we could fit a few more people in.

I liked this work, plus it taught me to broaden my skills, learn a lot about people and life. I have some lovely memories, plus funny ones from that time.

I can see in my mind's eye a young boy travelling from school in Palmyra to North Lake Rd. He would hand me his penny and smile at me with his big blue eyes and defy me to take his money. Because I knew him, he lived just past our bus shed in Canning Highway, I would often let him keep his penny and hope an inspector didn't hop on the bus to check if people had their tickets, which they used to do. The Blue eyed boy was Danny Miller of the Miller family, who became a jockey, well known to Melville people.

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Starting at Holy Cross

My first service was in March 2020 just before Covid lockdown! So, I started again several weeks later. Being 69 at the time and having been a member of the Parish of Joondalup for 27 years, I had no nervousness about meeting completely new Anglicans in a different setting. Sure enough, I could relate easily to everybody and I like to feel that everybody could relate to me. One advantage of a small congregation is that everybody gets to know your name. Jill and Sue were particularly helpful in telling me about Holy Cross and Sue realised that I would like a year off before joining the Parish Council. I felt that for me the balance was right between not being overwhelmed as a new person but on the other hand not feeling that you are being left out of a clique. So, I am here to stay.

Ian Wilson

Holy Cross in a Nutshell

The church has excellent, accessible facilities. These include the church itself, a hall, standard catering kitchen, car park, gardens, and tennis courts

The church includes: • Holy communion and worship service - 9 AM Sundays • Family service • 'Mainly Music' for children under school age and parents • Youth group • Bible study • Sustainability and recycling meetings • Mother's Union Feel free to visit us and enjoy any of our services as we aim to grow as a community. This online newsletter includes many aspects of our parish

Christmas Day Table Prayer

LORD GOD of Life,

Together with the beautiful traditions of decorating the Christmas tree, of singing carols and giving gifts, this Christmas dinner is an important part of our celebration of the birth of our LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

Come, LORD our GOD, and surround our feast day table as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas. Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness as we savor this coming together of family and friends.

As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced at the birth of the CHRIST CHILD in Bethlehem, so may we take great joy in this our Christmas dinner-celebration. May YOU, our GOD, bless it and us in YOUR holy name.

- Hays, Edward, "Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home"



CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Here are a few of the tunes that we are digging this festive season.

Bing Crosby - White Christmas

Dean Martin - Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Nat King Cole - The Christmas Song





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
*Betty Selina Smith-
Gander*

28th May 1930 – 29th October 2021

"As Craig (Betty's son) explained at her funeral, Betty led a full life in her own rite. Betty loved her family and was very proud of their achievements. She had an AM (Member of the Order of Australia), was committed to working at Red Cross, was a devoted teacher, and above all, a devout Christian. Betty was a member of our church for over 60 years, and participated in all aspects of church life, including being the treasurer of the finances.

One should not forget her devotion to her husband John. John was a Masonic Master of some note, and as such would travel extensively attending conferences (always accompanied by Betty). The tech station in the back corner of the church was donated by Betty in John's memory. They were truly devoted to each other. Betty was a much loved and admired member of Holy Cross, and will be truly missed.

- Pat and Norma Tebbutt -





CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Native name
Adeste Fideles
Genre
Christmas music
Language
Latin, English
Composed
1744
Published
1751



O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's
holy word.

Give to our Father glory in the
Highest;
O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name
adored.

Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

DO YOU HEAR

what I hear?



**Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite**

**Said the little lamb to the shepherd
boy
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd
boy
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea**

**Said the shepherd boy to the
mighty king
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring Him silver and gold
Let us bring Him silver and gold**

**Said the king to the people
everywhere
Listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people everywhere
Listen to what I say
The Child, the Child, sleeping in
the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light**

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Song by Harry Simeone

Written

October 1962

Composer(s)

Gloria Shayne

Lyricist(s)

Noël Regney

What's on at Holy Cross



Why MU?

- MU globally provides an opportunity to play an active part in helping improve the lives of families in communities across the world.
- 1876 MU started to support women, their families and issues that affect them.
- Because your global voice counts!

Advocacy and Campaigns

- 2016 MU attended United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) in New York to lobby governments and the United Nations on women's economic empowerment.
- 2021 MU Campaign: End Abuse and Violence now!

How can you support MU?

- Join us, because numbers are strength.
- A small annual fee, because your membership matters.
- Everyone is welcome.
- You do not have to attend any meetings.

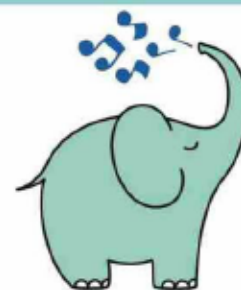
For more information contact:

Anglican Church
of the Holy Cross

Mob: 0417 178 688
(NOTE - you can't send text messages to this number)



Need someone to talk to?
Someone to ask questions of? (no question too ordinary or too challenging)
Someone to just listen?
Cassandra 0414714880



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WEDNESDAY'S

10:30 am to 11:30 am

(During school term Time)

For Parents & Young Children

\$7.00 per family

includes morning tea

Family Service - Children's Ministry.

On the first Sunday of the month, the service held at Holy Cross changes a bit. For example, our family service has language that is more inclusive to our younger visitors. We endeavour to give parents the opportunity to find some space to listen, breathe, and relax. We endeavour to create a place where kids are welcomed, feel comfortable, know that they are loved, as well as provide a place where they can develop spiritually.

During the service the children are given age appropriate activities where they can learn, question and develop their understanding of our faith. There is usually a story, some craft and some physical activity.

Families with babies are given toys to play with, with their little voices being a joy to hear and appreciated by all.

Looking for somewhere to have a wedding? We want to celebrate too! Don't forget your local Church is always here. We're here for all major life events!

Mother's Union (MU)

On the 21st of November, a wonderful afternoon tea was held in celebration of the Mothers Union group which has been active for 55 years at Holy Cross. Members past and present, as well as other branch members and clergy, attended to enjoy a time of fellowship together.

What an achievement... 55 years!!! Over these years many women (and even some men!) have been part of this remarkable movement. Throughout this time they have prayed for and supported many families, as well as each other. They have fundraised for various causes and many have been faithful members of the Holy Cross parish.

They have been committed to the ideals of MU with current members being integral to the mainly music program.

The current branch meets informally in each other's homes. The plan going forward is to continue to meet informally, grow membership, and fundraise twice a year. Our hope is that younger women will take over the banner and develop their own style of MU.

The worldwide membership both supports and gives a voice at the WHO (World Health Organisation) and UNICEF (United Nations Health Fund) for those in the world who: do not have a voice; are raising their children in poverty; or fleeing violence, war, or the many atrocities women can face whilst trying to raise their children.

For only \$37 per year why not consider supporting these women, adding your voice to the call for equity. You will also meet a great bunch of supportive individuals who will welcome you and be there for you as and when you need.

For more information call 0417 178 688 (txt cannot be received) or visit the link below.



Mothers' UNION

Mainly Music

At Mainly Music, we provide a time and place where young children and their carers can find delight in shared experiences through music and play, are accepted for who they are, and can grow educationally.

Mainly music is a place to meet your friends, make new friends, share precious time with your children, sing, dance laugh, cry, welcome new babies, say goodbye to the little ones going off to school, have a cuppa, and a homemade morning tea.

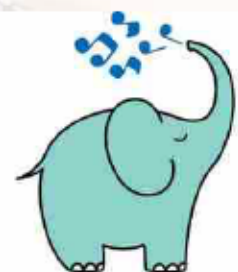
Connecting with adults is so important and we give you the opportunity to connect with other adults (and yes, to be able to finish a sentence or even a conversation!).

Everyone who is part of the family is welcome - whether you are a first-time parent, or well-versed one (yes, even those who have grown up kids!), dads, mums, grandparents, and carers - everyone who is part of the family is welcome. Know you're not alone in your role and receive genuine encouragement during the journey.

The programs are for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers; one with a music focus and one with a play focus. Both contain a fun, interactive 30-minute structured session, where a passionate volunteer team brings out the best in the children and helps them to gain the skills in readiness for school. The session is followed by an unstructured eat and playtime, where your child can socialise and connect.

Come and join us, each Wednesday in school term 10.30 am.

There is a small cost of \$7 per family, however the first visit is free You will be warmly welcome. For more information call Jill on 0417 178 688



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The Holy Tennis Court - now and then!

In the 1960s Greta Atkinson managed to get finance to build a tennis court alongside the Church of the Holy Cross, Melville. Later, Norm Kidd took over the reins and managed all aspects of the court, getting friends to help with various tasks (e.g. erecting lights was a big feature to enable folk to play at night!). He also managed to get space at the back of the original church to provide for a pavilion, so players could rest and enjoy a cuppa. In later years even some of the ministers came and shared a drink with the players.

Many people formed small clubs, with the court being well booked, thus providing money to help with the running costs of the Church. Of course, the exercise was good for all as well.

I was part of three different clubs over the years. The second one was when the new court was built when the new Church was erected. Norm Kidd, Pat and Norma Tebbutt, Mel and Pat Austin, and I were church members playing together with others from outside the church.

Besides tennis, the court was also used for parking when any large event had been held, as well as for stalls and entertainment for many years during fete time.

Many balls have been hit over the fences, and some of the neighbours have probably shaken their heads at the number of times balls that have landed all around them (with some even rolling down Williams Court!).

Tennis is good for young and old, male and female, and has certainly been a boon to us at Holy Cross.

The Tennis court is still available for hire with several groups enjoying the quality of the court and its surroundings. You can use the little pavilion or sit out on the grass under the shade of the lovely trees. Balls are still being hit over the fences, and laughter is often heard coming from the direction of the court while folk learn to play and enjoy each other's company.

Maybe you would like to make up a team or join an existing group, and enjoy this unique setting for a tennis court. \$10 per hour or \$15 per hour at night. For bookings call 0417 178 688

Joy Worrell

Partnership in Mission - Parish to Parish Link

The Partnership in Mission between the Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya and the Diocese of Perth began informally in 2011 when two Perth clergy visited Eldoret. The potential of a closer relationship between the two Dioceses was brought back to Perth, and in 2012, Synod agreed that we should pursue the possibility of developing a partnership in Mission. This partnership formally commenced with Bishop Christopher Rutto's visit to Perth in 2014.

Eldoret is located in the northwest of Kenya and has significant rural areas. The Anglican Church in Eldoret is vibrant with terrific human and spiritual resources but limited material resources.

This partnership is one of mutuality and respect. Both dioceses have something to offer with the opportunity to learn from each other while growing in friendship. Holy Cross Melville is linked with Bishop Muge Memorial Chapel, a parish on the edge of the town of Eldoret. We communicate by Whatsapp, sharing everyday parish life, with photos, video,s and stories. We pray for each other on an ongoing basis, often sharing prayer requests.

Through the partnership between the two Diocese 4 other projects were identified:

1. Provision of internet and the installation of a voice and data network for the Eldoret Diocese and their community-based rehabilitation centre
2. Provision of clean and reliable water for Karbongo Primary school which is owned and operated by Eldoret Diocese.
3. Provision of reliable renewable solar installation to the community based rehabilitation centre
4. The Disability Inclusion Project

The parish link has enriched our community. It gives a very real and tangible understanding of our worldwide Anglican communion. It gives us the opportunity to share with our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world. [Click here to a view a message from our sister Rose in Eldoret](#)

Bottle Top Hill

Holy Cross has been blessed with a very capable and enthusiastic eco-warrior, Emma (a member of Parish Council), whose mission and vision have been to help protect the environment. This vision has resulted in Bottle Top Hill, a joint venture and partnership with the local community, to help us save bottle tops from going into landfills.

Every second Saturday of each month (from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM) our church is used as a collection point. Bottle Top Hill also provides an educational opportunity for those who are ecologically-minded in the community. Each month there is a new theme to help us learn as we strive to do our bit.

We believe that as a church, and as individuals, that we have a lot to learn about caring for the environment. Our church has started some small projects in the past. For example, we have been collecting milk bottle tops for schools for many years. One example of this has been the collection of bottles on behalf of Paraquad Industries (an organisation supporting people with a disability) which have been deposited through the Containers for Change program, with money earned going to support people with a disability. Another example is that our Mainly Music program has ceased using any plastic wraps - we no longer use paper or plastic cups. Further to this, we started a soft plastic collection which is taken to the local shops for recycling. In fact, even our new digital magazine is a way of engaging with the local Melville community by electronic distribution, as well as limiting the number of hard copies printed.

We have learned a lot from many of our congregation's more senior folk who were born in the 1930s. Many of these individuals lived through the 2nd World War, and out of necessity have been recycling and repurposing all their lives.

As Christians, who are part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion, we have 5 Marks of Mission, with the 5th mark being:

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

St. Christopher's in Bicton recently had their Spring Bazaar, which was a perfect opportunity to help collaborate and share the message on this mark of mission. Of course, we know you don't have to be Christian to be aware of sustainability or to care for the environment. However, we, who know of God's love, believe that we have a responsibility to step up and care for Creation. We believe that we must all become aware of the impact of our individual actions. We acknowledge we have a lot to learn, as well as a long way to go before as a church (and as individuals) we can claim to truly live both sustainably and regeneratively.

We give thanks for Emma who is encouraging and teaching us on the journey. We also give thanks for the partnerships with our local community members and the organizations involved. We would warmly welcome any folk who would like to further explore their faith and / or contribute to the 5th mark of mission. So why not bring your bottle tops (clean) and help with the sorting? In the meantime be sure to check out Bottle Top Hill on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).



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Devotionals**

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Not Just for Sundays

SUPPORT *Love*
SMILE *Happy*
SHARE *COMMUNITY*
INCLUSIVE **CARE** **FUN** *Family*



Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy new year from Holy Cross. We hope to see you at one of our services.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH SING AUSTRALIA (FAMILY SERVICE)

December 3rd, 5:30 PM to 7 PM

(Nibbles provided, gingerbread decorating, and ornament making)

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

December 24th, 6 PM

(Followed by Communion)

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th, 9 AM

Please note that there will be no service on Boxing Day

WEEKLY ADVENT BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning 1st of December to 22nd of December at 6 PM



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