

“... to make and grow committed followers of Christ Jesus”

ROCKINGHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST INC.
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- Grounded in God’s Word
 - Focussed on Christ
 - Loving God and people
- for the glory of God.

13th DECEMBER 2020

Hi Church Family,

Can you believe there’s now less than two weeks to go until our Carols on Christmas Eve services?! We hope you’re getting excited – reserve your seat as soon as possible to ensure that you don’t miss out! We also hope you are having a great week and we look forward to seeing you this Sunday too. Please see below for service info, prayer points, and some Church notices.

Sunday Service Info:

Speaker: John Campbell
Message Title: Two Kings, Two Ways to Live
Bible Passage: Matthew 2:1-23

Prayer Points:

- “But you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel” (Matt. 2:6).
- Praise God who in the fullness of time sent forth His Son, from His world into ours, to be born, to live, to die, and to rise – so that all who trust in Him would receive forgiveness of sins and new resurrection life in the age to come!
- Give thanks to God for all those who serve in our mid-week ministries across the week. Pray that as they wind up and have opportunity to reflect on the past year that they would be greatly encouraged. Pray that God would grant them a restful summer break and sow excitement in their hearts for the new year ahead.
- Continue to pray for those involved in planning our Christmas Eve Carols services this year, and for God to draw many along. Ask God who He wants you to invite and bring along.
- Pray for those in our Church family struggling with age, illness and isolation, including: Barbara Armstrong, Bev Southcott, Margaret Yates, Sheena Edwards, Elma Anderson, Lois Keys, Jim Kester, Ida Hill, John Saw and those in aged care who are still isolated.
- Pray for Scripture Union and the leaders involved in the various camps taking place across our state in the coming months. Pray that many kids and young adults would sign up and have the opportunity to hear the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Notices:

New COVID registration requirements: In accordance with the WA State Government requirements, we have begun recording individual details for each person who visits the Church (whether during the week or on Sundays). This is for contact tracing purposes if ever needed and is something we are required to do by Law. For those who may have been away last week, the process is very easy. You can choose from one of two sign-in options:

Firstly, for those who have the SafeWA app on their phone or iPad, just scan the QR code as you enter the Church. This will automatically register your attendance.

Secondly, if you do not have the SafeWA app, you can sign in manually. If your details are in the Church Directory, your details will have been pre-printed so that all you will need to do is locate your name (they are listed alphabetically), and tick your name off to indicate your attendance. If we haven’t pre-printed your name, you will just need to write your full name and contact number. Your information (which is just your full name and phone number) will be confidentially kept for 28 days and then destroyed. It would be helpful if you could plan to arrive 10-15 minutes earlier to ensure we don’t have a last minute rush prior to the service.

We're grateful for your patience during this odd year and we're just glad we can still meet safely and worship our great God and Saviour together!



Christmas Eve Carols Services – Thursday 24th December: 4pm, 5:30pm & 7pm. Don't miss out! There is no charge, but bookings are essential – numbers at each service are limited due to COVID restrictions. You can book online, or in person in the church foyer. To avoid us having to collect contact information again on the Carols evening, it would be helpful if you could register the name and contact number of each person attending when you book. Invite your friends and family, but book early so you don't miss out on your preferred time. *Flyers are now available in the foyer* – we encourage you to place some in letterboxes in your neighbourhood. Please note: The Christmas Eve services will replace the Carols on the Lawn, and the Christmas Day service this year.

Welcome into Membership - Rachael Tibbits: We have the pleasure of announcing that Rachael Tibbits (married to Nathan) has become a member at Rockingham Church of Christ. Membership is a way of expressing your commitment to love and serve this part of God's family, and is also designed to help strengthen the church by keeping important decisions regarding the leadership and direction of the church in the hands of those who are committed to Christ and this part of His body here.

If you have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, been baptised and regularly attend one of our Sunday services, then membership is open to you. Please contact Tanya for an application form, and one of the Pastors will then arrange an appointment to meet with you.

Barbara Armstrong – Barbara has recently moved into the Aged Care Facility at Bethanie Waters, Port Kennedy due to failing health. Visitors would be most appreciated, but you need to have had the flu vaccination to be permitted entry. You'll find her in The Grove, Bed 2. Please pray for Barbara.

A Message from Connie Booth: Connie has now settled into her new home in Busselton. Busselton Lifestyle Village, Unit 197 / 16 Leeuwin Boulevard, BUSSELTON, 6280. Phone – 0417 945 086. She has also asked if you have a copy of Trevor's book "Wings for the Word", and if you have no further use for it, would you be willing to return it to Connie as she has run out of copies. If you purchased your copy, Connie is willing to buy back the book. Just give it to Alex Murray, and if you want your money refunded, Alex will arrange this for you.

Funeral Notice: There will be a funeral service for the late Shirley Sargent who attended our church for a short time. It will be held at St Nicholas' Anglican church on Wednesday 16 at 2pm.

Christmas Tree 2020: Give the gift of God's Word this Christmas to children around the world through either Open Doors, Compassion or Bible League. Take an envelope from the Christmas Tree in the church foyer, place your gift inside, indicate your choice of mission/s, write the amount of your gift on the envelope and return it through the Offering box. Please **DO NOT** put filled envelopes back on the tree. Direct bank giving is also available – details below. Just clearly indicate that it is for the Christmas Tree appeal and the Mission you desire. Any questions please ask Les McDonnell or Alex Murray.



Spread the good news! Deliver some Challenge Newspapers! This year, we have not been able to get the Challenge Newspapers delivered directly to people's homes in the area around the church. So, we have 1,000 copies waiting for you to take advantage of! Why not take a handful of papers and deliver to the letterboxes of neighbours or houses in your street? If 100 people placed 10 copies in their neighbour's letterboxes, that would mean 1,000 local families are given the opportunity to hear the life-saving news of Jesus! Feel free to take as many copies as you can deliver.

School Starter Packs: It's that time of year that we need to put together school items for the homeless children in our area. There is a box in the hall for a collection of school stationery items etc. God bless you and the children as you give. Glenys Moyle.

Used Spectacles: A friendly reminder that you can donate your old glasses to those less fortunate. They can be placed in the large red box sitting on top of the pigeonholes in the passage. For further details, see Elsja Evans.

Offering: Thank you to all who regularly and faithfully give to see the gospel grow and bear fruit both here in Rockingham and all over the world. **YOU CAN CONTINUE GIVING YOUR OFFERING ONLINE (BANKING DETAILS: ROCKINGHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST, BSB 036 074, A/C 651 687, REF. OFFERING), OR USE THE OFFERING BOX AVAILABLE DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE.**

BLESSINGS TO THOSE HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th Dec — Saturday 19th Dec: **13th** Wendy Gregson **16th** Gemma May
 17th Carolyn Fisher **18th** Janice Smith

ONLINE OFFERING / BUILDING FUND / LAND: BSB 036 074 a/c no. 651 687 Ref. Offering / Building / Land	MISSION GIVING for the month of Nov. 2020 = \$2398.00		
MISSION GIVING: BSB 036 074 a/c no. 683 486 Ref. 'Name' of Allocated Mission / General Missions	WEEKLY OFFERINGS (excl. Mission giving & other donations)		
	Average October 2020 \$6,022 / week	Average Year-to-Date 1/7/2020—31/10/2020 \$5,666 / week	Target for 2020/2021 \$5,183 / week

Alternatively, Offering / Mission Giving Envelopes are available on the white shelf in hall passageway

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