

“... 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.

20th DECEMBER 2020

Hi Church Family,

Can you can feel the excitement in the air? Can you sense the cheer in people’s hearts beginning to build? I imagine you do, because there are just six more sleeps until our Carols on Christmas Eve services! That’s right, six more sleeps! (Four if you’re reading this on Sunday!). We hope you are all signed up and are now relaxing knowing that a comfortable, pristine seat has been reserved exclusively for you. If not, then why not jump online and sign up now! Below you will find service info, prayer points, and some Church notices. Enjoy!

Sunday Service Info:

Speaker: Ps Cohen
Message Title: How Would You Describe Christmas?
Bible Passage: Luke 2:1-20

Prayer Points:

- “The Angel said to them...I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you! He is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11).
- Praise our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who from all eternity had planned and purposed the coming of Jesus Christ into our world to be our Saviour and King.
- Give thanks to God for the many opportunities to share Christ at this time of the year. Ask God for boldness to share the hope of the Gospel with friends and family, and for confidence to invite them along to one of the Christmas Eve services and hear the Gospel proclaimed.
- Pray for those in our Church family struggling with age, illness and isolation, including: Jim Kester (was in hospital this week), Bev Southcott, Elma Anderson, Barbara Armstrong, Lois Keys, Ida Hill, Wayne Knight, John Saw and those in aged care who are still isolated.
- Pray for the Churches in our local area, that many non-believers would be drawn to their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, that the Gospel would be presented with clarity, and that Christ would be honoured.
- Pray that as the Christmas edition of the Challenge Newspaper goes out that people will be moved by the Holy Spirit to read and respond to the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for God’s grace on our world this Christmas. Pray that He would move in the hearts of multitudes and would cause revival in our Country and a thirst to know God around the world. Pray that people would be drawn irresistibly to Christ this Christmas.

Notices:



Christmas Eve Carols Services – Thursday 24th December: Six sleeps guys! Oh wait, we did that already didn’t we? Carols services on Christmas Eve: **4pm & 5:30pm (the 7pm service has been closed due to lack of demand for the later time)**. No charge, but bookings are essential. Book online, or in person in the church foyer.

Christmas Tree 2020: There’s still time to give the gift of God’s Word this Christmas to children around the world through Open Doors, Compassion or Bible League. Envelopes are available on the Christmas Tree in the foyer for you to take, put your gift in, and place in the offering box. Please **DO NOT** put filled envelopes back on the tree. Direct bank giving is also available – details below.



Tanya Out of the Office During Christmas: Tanya (our Church Administrator) will be away from the 24th December 2020, returning on Monday 4th January 2021. The Pastors will be available for any administrative issues during that time.

Gender and Sexuality Suppression Bill Now Passed Through Lower House in Victoria, continue to Pray. The Australian Christian Lobby have advised that the Victorian Government’s recently introduced bill concerning gender and sexuality suppression has now been passed through the Lower House in Victoria. If made law, this bill will criminalise any person who encourages another to change or suppress their sexual expression or gender identity – even if the other person has asked for help or wants to change. Criminal sanctions include large fines and jail terms. This would potentially affect parents, teachers, counsellors, medical staff, pastors, and even friends trying to support someone in need or pray for them – even when requested to do so. Complaints can be lodged by any person – not just the person seeking help – and complaints can also be lodged against people outside of Victoria – so this is potentially far reaching legislation. The bill will now be debated in the Upper House in February 2021. Pray that God would move the Upper House MPs to stand up for truth and vote against this legislation. For those of us with Christian friends or family in Victoria it would be worth encouraging them to write to their local MP’s to express their concern and opposition. Visit www.acl.org.au for more information.

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 20th Dec — Saturday 26th Dec: 25th Heather McIntyre 26th Kate Dowling (70)				
ONLINE OFFERING / BUILDING FUND / LAND: BSB 036 074 a/c no. 651 687 Ref. <u>Offering</u> / <u>Building</u> / <u>Land</u>		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 / <u>General Missions</u>		WEEKLY OFFERINGS (excl. Mission giving & other donations)		
		Average November 2020 \$5,652 / week	Average Year-to-Date 1/7/2020—31/10/2020 \$5,695 / week	Target for 2020/2021 \$5,183 / week
<i>Alternatively, Offering / Mission Giving Envelopes are available on the white shelf in hall passageway</i>				
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