



# Sunday Bulletin

**OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known**

**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 - 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WELCOME!**

A warm welcome to all of you as we worship together today. May God bless and strengthen you in every way.

**VISITORS!**

A special welcome to you. We hope that you feel at home with us. Please join in a cuppa and fellowship after the service.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Heavenly Father,  
keep us watchful and alert  
as we wait for the coming of your Son, our Lord.  
When he stands at the door and knocks,  
may he not find us asleep  
in carelessness and sin,  
but awake in hope and rejoicing,  
so that we may live with you forever.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

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**Thursday**

Thomas Fenwick (special)



**CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES**

24<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8:30 am, Sunday morning (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent),

24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Eve, 7pm, Grace Lutheran College Chapel – including special Presentation

24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Eve, 11 pm, Grace Lutheran Congregation, Maine Road – Carols and Readings, with HC

25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Day, 8:30 am, Christmas Service, with Holy Communion

31<sup>st</sup> Dec – 8:30 am, Maine Road (Note: No evening service at the Chapel)

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The General Church Council of the Lutheran Church of Australia has approved specific standards of ethical behaviour for the Lutheran Church in both Australia and New Zealand.

These standards are applicable to all aspects of the life of the church.

For further information please see the Brochure in the Church Foyer: "LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour".

You may also find out more at [www.lca.org.au/lca-standards-of-ethical-behaviour.html](http://www.lca.org.au/lca-standards-of-ethical-behaviour.html) and by viewing the following video [www.vimeo.com/203404541/72dd00349e](http://www.vimeo.com/203404541/72dd00349e)

The church is a safe place responding to sexual abuse complaints.

Copies of the LCA Safe Place are available in the office or visit [www.lca.org.au/safe-place--child-safe-2.html](http://www.lca.org.au/safe-place--child-safe-2.html)

to report a complaint, free call 1800 644 628 number,

or email: [report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au](mailto:report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au) or mail LCA Safe Place PO Box 519 Marden SA 5070.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Our Lord, Jesus Christ, says: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." Let us remain alert in prayer, remembering the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and all people according to their needs.*

*In our prayers:*

- \* thanksgiving to God our Father for land in which we live, and the freedom we have to gather in worship;
- \* nations and leaders of nations that they would seek to govern in a way that is in accord with God's laws as revealed in His Word;
- \* for protection from flood, fire, disease, famine, war, and other disasters;
- \* for the comfort of the bereaved, grieving, widows, widowers, and orphans, that they may have hope in God;
- \* places of conflict and unrest (including Somalia; the Middle East, Syria, within Iraq and Afghanistan, South Sudan), and for all who seek refuge (including the South Sudanese; and the Rohingya in Myanmar and Bangladesh), that they may know peace and refuge;
- \* blessing and wisdom on those who work in aid and welfare agencies throughout the world, feeding the hungry, including Australian Lutheran World Service;
- \* all students preparing for exams and final term, and for all preparing to enter a new stage in life;
- \* thanksgiving God the Son that through Him we are made members of the kingdom of heaven, and have true freedom of worship;
- \* the church on earth that we may be alert and watchful, striving to live as God's redeemed and holy people;
- \* all Christians, especially those under persecution, that they may be protected and strengthened in their witness to the gospel;
- \* local Christian Congregations (including Grace Lutheran Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church) and local Christian ministries;
- \* thanksgiving to God the Spirit that He brings us together in a community of His grace, and that we have freedom to worship together;
- \* for God's guidance and blessing on: various Grace Places end of Year functions; the 'mainly music Playgroup'; all ministry groups; preparations for Christmas Services;
- \* all preparing for Baptism; First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage; all recovering from surgery or illness, and the housebound that they may know God's gracious presence;
- \* all who mourn the death of loved ones that together we rejoice in the new life we have in Christ Jesus;

God gives us second chances.

**ADVENT DINNER** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Church Hall from 5.30pm -7.30pm. Please see the notice in the Narthex to let us know if you are can come, what you would like to bring, and if you would like transport to the venue. Please come along for Fun, Food, and Fellowship. For further information see the website or Janet and Val.

**KINDY GRADUATION** Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Church on Maine Road the kindergarten children are having a Graduation Service for those moving on to School next year. It starts at 5.30pm and we would like help from those willing to come along and help on the night. We will have coffee and cake to follow the service. This is a great opportunity to help grow our ministry with those in the community so please come along. Contact Val for further information.

**BCC NOTICE** Please remember those who call on Bayside Community Care in your prayers, your giving of financial aid and non-perishable food items. Perhaps God is calling you to give some of your time to this important ministry. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to show love to those living in our neighbourhood, who are less fortunate. Amen.

**GRACE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKUP** Grace Ladies and others end of Year breakup will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 11.30 am at Redcliffe Tavern. Husbands and others are welcome to attend. Please contact June Fenwick (32049725) or email jimfen@bigpond.com to RSVP. All interested members and friends are welcome to attend.

**CHRISTMAS** It's time to start preparing for our special Christmas Eve worship service. If you would like to be involved in preparation or on the day, please contact Fleur or Kathy Brinkmann. Our theme is 'The Child Who Changed The World'. Help us share this message with our community.

**LCA GENERAL SYNOD DELEGATES** The Congregation will vote for our General Synod delegate for 2018 after the morning service on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also need as a Congregation to authorise Werner Langer's Chaplaincy work with the Courts.

**GIFTS OF GRACE** Why Gifts of Grace are great. Each Christmas, Australians are said to receive 20 million unwanted gifts. Many more gifts may be meaningless or mean-spirited or merely same old same old. When you give Gifts of Grace they are always WANTED by the people they help in developing communities and gifts like a farm in South Sudan or school bicycle in Cambodia or toys for toddlers in PNG are FRESH and NEW and UNIQUE. So it's no wonder your Gifts of Grace will be meaningful to your family and friends as you bless them with the Grace Card representing your gift.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Please visit their website to download resources and lesson plans. There is also a story and video section. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. Brochures are available in the Narthex. Boxes need to be in by 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**REDCLIFFE CHURCH LEADERS FUNDRAISER** Movie Night - Fundraiser for RCLN (and School Chaplaincy), on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm, at Hoyts Redcliffe, with proceeds to support Redcliffe Church Leaders Network and various projects including School Chaplaincy. Purchase tickets on 3283 4066 or [www.redcliffeuniting.com.au/news/movie-night](http://www.redcliffeuniting.com.au/news/movie-night).

**SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER** Tastes of Asia - Chaplaincy Fundraiser. Come along for a night of great food and hear about the work of Scott and Nancy, Chaplains at Redcliffe High School. Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm, at Clontarf Beach Baptist Church. Tickets \$25 per head or \$70 per family. RSVP Scott 0431971837, Nancy 0423041281, or Carl 0433634950.

If you do **NOT** wish to receive a paper copy of the bulletin in your pigeonhole in the narthex at Maine Road, please ask for a small sticker to put on the pigeonhole beside your name to indicate that your pigeon hole should be skipped during bulletin distribution.

**CARE TEAM** Know someone who needs a little extra tender loving care? The Grace Lutheran Care Team would like to help members when they have a special need. So, if you or someone you know needs some care, just let the Care Team Coordinator, Kay Jaunais, know about it. Ph. 3283 6475, mob: 0409 031 084, email: danesmom@bigpond.com.

**BIBLE STUDY** Please join us for bible study, "plus coffee & chat", 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9am - 11am in the church hall. Everyone welcomed!

**HALL USE AND HALL HIRE** Please direct all Hall use requests to the Church Office to ensure availability. You may also check the calendar in the Narthex on Maine Rd, or on the table at worship at College Chapel. If Hall is booked, please allow reasonable transition time between activities. Thank you.

**BLUE CARDS** Blue Card Application forms are available in the church foyer. If your card is due to expire, allow yourself sufficient time for renewal. Please bring the filled form into the church office along with the required ID. Forms are also available on our website.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER WORSHIP** If you require a special announcement to be made after worship services (highlighting a special event or activity), please write out this announcement, and direct this to the person making the announcement on the day (Chairperson, or Admin Chairperson, or their delegate). All announcements after worship shall be made by this one person, and shall relate to activities within the congregation or our Community of Grace. You are encouraged to keep up to date with events and activities via the Bulletin or Website.

**NAME TAG** If you wish to have a name tag, please fill in an application form and put it in the office assistant pigeon hole. Forms are available in the narthex or just visit the church office. The cost is around \$15.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BULLETIN NEED TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY 12PM.**

**DATE CLAIMER**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Clontarf Beach SHS Chaplaincy High Tea
<b>Wed</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	Women's Fellowship Breakup, Redcliffe Tavern
<b>Fri</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Nov</b>		Carols on the Green (GLPS)
<b>Tue</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	M&V Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Kindy Chapel, Grace Kindergarten
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Advent Dinner, Church Hall, please RSVP
<b>Fri</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Men 's Shed Night, location tba

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