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We encourage you to give a little and help a lot. Thank you for being part of our community - Paula and the Emerge Team

*Read more on Page 3 or contact Margaret Bode 9580 7861*



### "Christmas is Coming"

*(and so is our Advent Calendar)*

Yes, Christmas is nearly upon us and once again Rachel Jeffries has offered to make our very own Advent Calendar. So we're looking for your favourite Christmas photo, memory, recipe or anything else you would like to share with us in the 'digital' Advent Calendar. You may also like to record a short message or video about your favourite memories of Christmas.

Please send your contributions to Rachel at [rachelsem28@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsem28@gmail.com) but we do need them quickly! Last year's Calendar was a great success and we thank Rachel for producing another Calendar

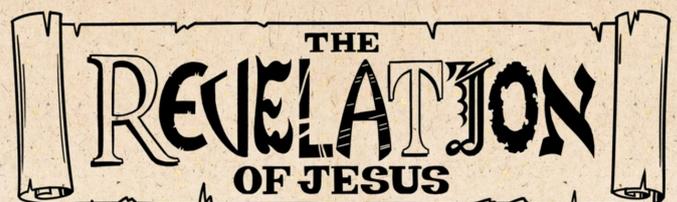


### Revealing the Book of Revelation

Last Sunday Greg spoke about the Book of Revelation, arguably the most complex book in the Bible, and we watched part of a video which helps to explain "The Revelation to John".

If you would like to watch the full video, follow this link or click on the picture

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nvVVcYD-0w>



..... which is not called Revelations by the way

### Les West - Open House next Sunday afternoon

#### A warm invitation to 9a Shands St Beaumaris!

Many of you have been with me on the journey to "build a house" and have indicated that you would like to have a look. Feel welcome to call in any time during the afternoon of Sunday 28th November between 1pm and 6pm. "All are welcome in this house".

It's not a house warming so no presents please. A cuppa is on the program.

With love to all - Les West.

*PS. If you can't make it on Sunday 28 - make it any time - just give me a call to make sure I'm at home. 0428 219 633*

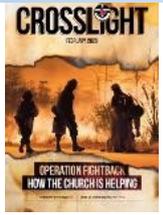




## Bible Readings for November 28th Advent 1 *(the readings used in our service may differ slightly)*

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1Thesalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

CROSSLIGHT is available on the internet - click on the following link or the CROSSLIGHT image to view online. [www.crosslight.org.au](http://www.crosslight.org.au)



Print copies of CROSSLIGHT usually available at the entrance of the Black Rock Uniting Church. Latest CROSSLIGHT now available from David Vine, 4 Jemma Ct. Cheltenham 9583 7373.

### *Prayers of the People*

*We pray especially for -*

Dawn's daughter Carol  
Margaret Bryan  
Robert (*Joan Wright's brother*)  
Pete, Bruce & Valda (*friends of Jo-ann & David*)  
Anita and Rod  
Barb Loosemore  
Isobel Churchward

Stuart *as he struggles with addiction*  
Janine and June Bartholomeusz (*Jenny & Cec thank you for your prayers*)  
Audrey Fewster  
Margaret's neighbour Joan  
Grace Fairbank

Gemma and Teresa  
Heather (*daughter of close friend of Graeme & Joan*)  
Tina and her two teenage sons (*also friends of Graeme & Joan*)  
Susan Bartell  
Bronwyn  
Gloria Sampson & Family



## Your Weekly Offering

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

**Envelopes:** You may do this by putting your pledge in the envelopes and bring them to church.

**Direct Debit:** (include your envelope number if applicable)

Payee "Uniting Church in Australia Cheltenham Mentone Parish Council", BSB 06 3119, Account Number 1014 1206

## Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (*doors open 9:45 am*)



If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download>

Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>

Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230** **Passcode: 836844**

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.

The above link and meeting details apply for all our services until the **December 26th 2021**.



## Videos on the Internet

**NEW** YouTube Channel; Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ\\_f\\_lezegzNZi6nnQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ_f_lezegzNZi6nnQ)

to view selected sermons and service preludes



## Social Collection Department

**BayCISS** - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them (Graeme & Joan Wood) on 9555 0462 (*BayCISS contact number 9555 9910*)

From BayCISS "Many thanks to all those who continue to drop off food parcels".

**Emerge** - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website [www.emergesupport.org.au](http://www.emergesupport.org.au) Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to take items to the Moorabbin office if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale.



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This last year has been a difficult one for everyone. The lockdowns and the fear of COVID-19 together with the reality of picking up lives which have been torn apart by family violence have brought little cheer.

### **We can change this by the act of giving.**

Our festive appeal focuses on children of all ages who are living in our accommodation or are supported through our outreach programs.

We are hoping you can either donate vouchers or buy new toys that we can gift to mums to give to their children. Your gift will mean mums will have one less thing to worry about, and won't also have to make the choice between buying food or presents.

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### **Baby to 24 months – five children in all**

- Cuddly toys
- Picture books
- Blocks
- Activity rugs
- Kids gift cards – Australia Post or Coles Myer

### **Two to four year olds – 26 children in all**

- Picture books
- Toys
- Crayons and activity books
- Cooking play sets
- Building blocks
- Child bikes
- Kids gift cards – Australia Post or Coles Myer

### **Five to 7 year olds – 26 children in all**

- Simple board games
- Crayola/ arts/ craft/ painting kits
- Simple jigsaws
- Books
- Sticker sets
- Child bikes
- Kids gift cards – Australia Post or Coles Myer

### **Eight to 12 year olds – 41 children in all**

- Books
- Art and craft supplies
- Sports equipment – football, basketball and hoop
- Child bikes
- Kids gift cards – Australia Post or Coles Myer

### **Adults gift cards**

- Coles Myer or Westfield

**All vouchers and toys need to be at our office by 10 December to allow time for delivery in time for Christmas.**

**Please ring us on 8657 8622 for the address.**

**We know that it takes a community to spread joy this festive season.**

We encourage you to give a little and help a lot. Thank you for being part of our community. With warm wishes,  
Paula and the Emerge team

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Thanks to Margaret Bode for more church signs .....

