Cheltenham - Mentone Uniting Church

News Letter

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"Christmas is Coming" - have you downloaded our Advent Calendar yet?

Yes, Christmas is nearly upon us and our very own Advent Calendar is ready to download, thanks to Rachel Jeffries. .
Follow this link or click on the picture to download your Advent Calendar.
https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=206953f92720b2aa11dfc184947be32a

Who remembers making Paper chains?

A few 'snaps' from this year's Calendar

First day back at face to face church

Christmas brownies are always a favourite

'Santa's Hat' family game

"Kindness is the most precious gift"

David enjoying Jo-ann's gingerbread house

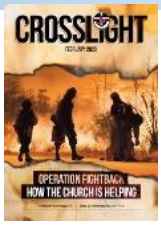
BayCISS

From Graeme and Joan Wood - *Would those people dropping off food parcels in the next couple of weeks, please add some Christmas items, eg shortbread, mince pies, puddings, etc. if able to do so. The last day for food collections will be Thursday, 16 December 2021.*
Your continuing support is much appreciated.
Learn more about BayCISS at https://bayciss.org.au/ or click on the picture

Bible Readings for December 12th Advent 3 *(the readings used in our service may differ slightly)*

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

CROSSLIGHT is available on the internet - click on the following link or the CROSSLIGHT image to view online. **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 Jedda Crt. Cheltenham 9583 7373.

Prayers of the People

We pray especially for -

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

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=WlM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09

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
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 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.

More for musicians *(I hope they're not too subtle)*

This winter your local choir
urgently
needs your help.
Please -
GIVE A TENOR.

The difference:

With 1 tenor, Shirley can go back to singing alto.
With 2 tenors, one will be in tune (possibly).
With 3 tenors, our conductor will have a new favourite bad joke.

Thank you.

Please be careful of holiday scams out there. I ordered my wife expensive jewelry for Christmas, and instead they sent me a new guitar and amp.

The loudspeaker system for our new church building?