

			9	12	15	246	249	252	
			6	21	18	243	240	255	258
			3	24	219	222	237	264	261
57	54	39	36	27	216	225	234	267	270
60	51	42	33	30	213	228	231	276	273
63	48	45	84	87	210	195	192	279	282
66	75	78	81	90	207	198	189	288	285
69	72	111	108	93	204	201	186	291	294
126	123	114	105	96	177	180	183	300	297
129	120	117	102	99	174	171			
132	135	144	147	156	159	168			
	138	141	150	153	162	165			

Put the presents under the Christmas tree. Draw the path starting at 3 and counting by 3s up to 300.

We all love toys but there are some still today who will not get any over this time. All donated toys will be fairly distributed via the Salvation Army.

You are also encouraged to bring something for the homeless. See the full list on the notice board in the lobby. (Includes Wind up pocket torches, lip balm, gloves, hats, scarves, new stamps, chocolates and hand cream. Every little helps!

The nativity from Scratch Tuesday 20th at 11am. Presented by Sarah Jones with a warm welcome to all ages. With rhyme and story - listen, look or take part in something very special.

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5 a day!

Read a prayer and a set of short Bible readings and you will have spent 5 minutes joining in with the song of the angels

An Advent prayer

Surprise me God
Through all that you give me,
In the places you take me,
In the direction you lead me,
While you keep me waiting.

Unhinge me Lord
Through all I take for granted,
From the comforts I hoard,
From complacency within,
Where I fail to listen.

Spirit abound
with freshness to your
disciples,
As I seek a closer walk,
As I desire a deeper love,
So I am ready
When you come again,

A prayer of confession

Lord there is so much we have got wrong,
Things we have seen and wanted - and chased after,
bad choices we have made,
things that would have been better not done or said,
words and actions we should have done,
but didn't.

They pile up and make an ugly mess.
But you are the one who can put things right,
You are the one who can restore us,
change us -
give us your strength and
power.

We confess what we have got
wrong.
We bring it to you.
Sweep through us, we pray,
cleanse us,
dust us down.
Remake us in your image.



Sun. Is. 61:1-4; Ps. 126; 1 Thess. 5:16-24
Mon. Num. 24:2-7, 15-17; Psalm 25:3-8; Matt. 21:23-27
Tues. Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Ps. 34:1-6, 21-22; Matt 21:28-32
Wed. Is. 45:6-8; Ps. 85:7-13; Lk.7:24-30
Thurs. Is. 54:1-10, Ps. 30:1-15,11; Lk.7:24-30
Fri. Is. 56:1-3,6-8; Ps. 67; Jn 5:33-36
Sat. Gen. 49:2,8-10; Ps. 72:1-5,18-19; Matt. 1:1-17

These are readings from the Lectionary, so you know thousands of Christians are reading the same passages on these days. You can take a minute on each.

Hark the Herald Angels sing.
Glory to the New born King.

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley, who helped his brother John begin the Methodist Church, wrote the original words to 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' in 1739 as a Christmas hymn that was published that year in a book called Hymns and Sacred Poems. The first two lines were: "Hark, how the welkin [an old English word for heaven] rings/Glory to the king of kings." But in 1753, Wesley's friend and co-worker George Whitfield changed those lines to the ones we know today: "Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king."

The song was originally sung to the tune of 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today.' In 1840, Felix Mendelssohn composed a cantata called 'Festgesang' (Festival Song) to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press. The tune that Mendelssohn wrote for that occasion is the one that organist William Hayman Cummings used in 1855 to arrange the lyrics for 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing', resulting in the song that people are familiar with today.

NOTICES

This week most of the regular activities come to an end for the Christmas break.

- TONIGHT** **6.00pm** Carols by Candlelight followed by drinks and mince pies.
- MONDAY** **1.00pm** Mary & Martha at 61 Offington Drive
- 7.30pm** Deacons' Meeting
- WEDNESDAY** **7.30pm** Wednesday Group Party at 168 King Edward Ave.
- THURSDAY** after lunch Friends Together - Carols

Gary should have had his operation on Friday, but is hopeful it should be today.

Thanks are expressed to the many people who have worked hard at keeping our sanctuary clean last week (we had over 1,500 people in our sanctuary for various "nativities") and to the cafe staff who coped so well

TONIGHT

Join us at 6pm. for candlelight carols as we discover the message of Christmas through readings, carols and personal testimony.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

The communion part may only last 20 minutes (there will be no musicians leading us), but it will be good to fellowship around the table of the Lord. As part of your morning you could even help in getting the Christingles ready sharing refreshments or joining in a prayer activity.

THE NATIVITY TOUR

Don't wait until 4pm. Although we have encouraged the public to come at 4pm, we need our regular church attenders to come from 3pm. otherwise we will not get everyone "round the nativity stables." Your tour will take you around the various scenes that thread together to make up the most amazing event our planet has ever witnessed! You will walk through various scenes, experience the majesty of the angels and understand how busy Bethlehem really was as Mary and Joseph desperately searched for a place to have the baby. You will even meet live animals and stroke the donkey that carried the precious load to that famous stable. A truly realistic experience for all ages, young and old. And when you are not "on tour" there are mulled drinks, refreshments and a chance to meet friends - old and new! Sandra will be doing crafts with the children from 5.20pm. and would like some helpers and we conclude our afternoon with a Christingle service.

CHRISTMAS EVE at 11.30pm.

The candles will again be lit as together we will sing "Silent Night" and we hear the world in a new stillness - waiting! The children will all be tucked up in bed and yet we have an anticipation and a thrill in our souls on this night which leads into a new dawn.



Christmas Day
10.30am

Praise and Celebration as we gather with our friends for this 45 minutes service. A service we all love.

Christmas is love in action.
Blessed is the season
that covers everything
through an act of love.

1st Jan. 2012
10.30am our own **Candlemas**. Come along to find out what this is all about! Get over the late night with something to stimulate the soul.