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The story of the coming of Christ, as we know well, is more than angels and shepherds, and a baby in a stable. This is the gospel – the good news of Christ, leaving his glory in heaven – coming from the highest place – to take upon himself the form of a human being. He came from heaven – took a downward journey of love that brought him to earth, to be born of a virgin and humbly placed in a manger. Even though he was king, he did not require the status of a royal birth, but instead took on the form of a servant – humility and lowliness – modelling a different kind of Kingship. He sought no earthly glory, but only to do the will of the Father. Mankind has a love of power that makes him grasp for more – more wealth, more recognition, more esteem. But Jesus came with the power of love, and became divine expression of God in human form and dwelt among us.

Jesus came as a servant did the work that we could not do for ourselves. His death on the cross paid the price for our sin, and reconciled us to the Father, giving us peace with God, and life everlasting through his resurrection.

God had a covenant plan for mankind. That is to bring all things into new life and restoration through his own intervention as the servant king. Through forgiveness of sin, Jesus restores us to right relationship with God.

He is now exalted, seated at the highest place. This is our King. His is the name above all names. This Christmas when we the join in the carols, let us remember that we are no longer worshipping the baby in the manger, but the King of kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus the Messiah, the living embodiment of Jehovah, the full expression of God. The divine splendour of heaven came to earth at Christmas.

As we wind up the year, let us have this same attitude that Jesus did – the mind and heart of a servant. Let us think like Jesus, being kingdom minded, living a radically different way of life, expressing God's love and light to a dark world.

Have a very happy and holy Christmas season, and let us look forward with great joy and expectation to what 2020 will hold for us.

May God bless you always,

With love, Glenda







Worship Evening Sunday December 1st at 5<u>PM</u> Join us as we pray and glorify the Lord!



Welcome to all the newcomers and visitors! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Please don't hesitate to talk with Pastor Glenda if you have any questions. Blessings to you.



December Babies



LorraineHEATHERINGTON12thDavid DORLING12thDezhen WU13thSarah DORLING22ndSophy SMITH25thZaiden WATSON30thEva MOSCATO31st

NOTICE:
Parents please be aware that the cry room (at the back of the hall) is meant for babies and children up to kinder age. ALL children must be accompanied by a parent and toys to be packed away before you leave the room. Please refrain from letting school age children play in there before and after church.
Parents are responsible for their own

children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Churchill News

The Churchill fellowship will have a Christmas Break-up 7 pm on Tuesday 10th December, including a \$5 Kris Kringle.

The actual final meeting for 2019 will be the following week, 17th December, and the first meeting for 2020 will be a 6.30 pm BBQ at Linda's on 7th January.

The first Sunday service will be 2pm on Sunday 12th January.

Meetings held at Studio 1, Churchill Hub, 18 PhilipPde



BOOK REVIEW A GATHERING MOMENTUM - Roger Sutton (Ed)

This book is a compilation of reports about the city-wide expressions of unity between Christian churches that have been springing up in the United Kingdom in recent years. Of course, talk about churches working together to impact their cities and towns for Christ is nothing new. Some of the unity movements described in this book are more than twenty-five years old already. But it seems the emphasis is changing and such movements are gathering momentum.

From Manchester, where the author/editor pastors a Baptist Church, to York, Liverpool, Southampton, Brighton and dozens of places inbetween, church leaders are faithfully meeting in a spirit of unity to pray for their cities and to seek God for ways by which they can model the love of God where they live. The long-term aim is city-wide transformation, working in partnership with local government authorities and other charitable organisations to make their place better for everyone.



Every Thursday night from 6:30. Please see Diana for more details.



Meeting at MNLCC Fridays 7-9pm - December 6th - Fun in the Sun 13th - Fear Factor 20th - BBQ & Fun at Lake Narracan for last meeting 2019 See Jakey for more information.



<u>Children's Church</u> is held during the service except school holidays <u>Sunday School</u> is for children up to kinder age. Under 4s need to be accompanied by an adult.



An exciting group for gives 12-14 yrs. Break-up 13th Dec - Feb 2020 See Glenda for more information.

New Life Kid's Club Friday's After School 3:30-5pm Break-up 15th Dec - Feb 2020 See Arita for more information

COFFEE TIME!

Barista made coffee is available after the service, with a cost of just \$2. Free for visitors! Instant tea and coffee are also available. Come join us for a cuppa! (in the hall through the double doors)

Coffee

Get connected...

Home Fellowships...

Churchill Fellowship Studio 1. Tuesday 7:30pm. See Churchill News for Christmas dates Contact Steve McNeilly for details.

Gateway Community at MNLCC Tuesday 7pm and Thursdays 11-3pm Break-up 12th Dec - Resumes 9th Jan. Contact Ron Paterson for more details.

Bible Studies...

Know Your Bible (KYB) Mon. 1pm, MNLCC Break-up 9th Dec - Feb 2020 Call Arita for more details 0402 571 735

Women's Group...

New Life Women - Wed. 10am-12noon Fellowship and a cuppa. Then we have time of "going deeper" through sharing, teaching and prayer. All women are welcome. Break-up 11th Dec - Feb 2020

x 200-200

Men's Breakfast...

The Men's breakfast is held on the second Saturday each month, from 8-9:30am at 41 Monash Rd. Newborough Not in January

Men's Group...

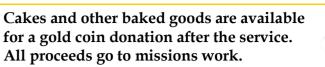
New Life Men every Wednesday 7-8.30pm at 41 Monash Rd. Newborough. Break-up 18th Dec - 15th Jan 2020 Contact Jamie for more information.



Sunday December 15th will be our next fellowship lunch. Come and join us after the 10am service for a special Christmas Festival of food, fellowship & fun!







MISSIONS

Missions Sunday is the **3rd Sunday** every month. The money collected in the purple bags goes directly towards education of South Sudanese refugee children. It is a huge cost, so please **support this very important cause**.

The next missions offering is December 15th. All proceeds go to the Murle Education Foundation Inc.



Join us in prayer every Sunday morning from 9am. This is a time where we pray for our meeting, our families, our local community and beyond!

Morning Prayer - Wednesdays 8-9am Finishes 18th Dec - Resumes Jan 2020 At Joe & Glenda's home.

> Prayer & Worship Evening December 1st 5-6 pm