

Adare Uniting Church — Update 49, 7th December 2023



Weather change over Hayborough from Granite Island

Photo courtesy Pip Burfield

SERVICE & PREACHING PLAN:

Sun Dec 10th – Rev'd J McWhinney *

Sun Dec 17th – Rev'd J McWhinney *

Sun Dec 24th **Christmas Eve**

9.30 am – Rev'd J McWhinney

7.00 pm – Rev'd J McWhinney

Mon Dec 25th **Christmas Day**

9.30 am – Rev'd J McWhinney

Sun 31st Dec – Rev'd J McWhinney *

* Indicates morning tea after the service.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

**Sunday 10th
December**

Isaiah 40:1–11

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Mark 1:1–8

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Carol & John Hubbard
07/12/1968

Ken & Lesley Mablesen
18/12/1971

Pip & Sue Burfield
19/12/1964

JANICE's day off

next week will be Wednesday 13th December.

PEOPLE:

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all my dear friends for all your good wishes on my recent birthday.

I wish you and your family God's blessing for Christmas and the New year. *Rene Dixon*

CHURCH COUNCIL:

Church Council will meet on Tuesday 12th December at 10 am. Any urgent matters to Anne Craig not later than Sunday, please.



BIRTHDAYS:

Colin Gepp	09/12
Beth Baker	11/12
Carol Hubbard	14/12
Helen Pratt	17/12
Joyce Baxter	18/12
Marlene Winkler	21/12

BIRTHDAY SURPRISES:

When your birthday is listed, please check your pigeon-hole and receive your birthday surprise!

Notice from the Church Office:

We have started a review of congregation members' details for the Church Directory for 2024. To assist with this, the current directory details will be placed on the table in the Church Foyer each Sunday during December.

Please review your details and update if any changes are required. Even if no changes are needed, please tick and initial against your name(s).

Many thanks for your assistance. *Pat & Janet*

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

BRINGING PEACE TO REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA

Sara* fled to Ethiopia from Yemen eight years ago with her four children. She left when she became scared that her young boys would be forced to join the war.

They found their way to the capital Addis Ababa, home to some of the most marginalised refugees, many of whom are women and girls who have survived extreme gender-based violence. With limited ways to earn an income, they are at risk of severe exploitation, with little access to education, medical care or basics like food.

Adding to Sara's burden, one of her sons suffers from scoliosis, and she struggled to find the medical care he needed.

"I want my children to be happy and have good health, a good education and a better life. I'm tired because I'm trying to face all these problems alone."

Act for Peace's local partner, The Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC), supports refugees like Sara. They helped provide her with livelihoods training and medical treatment for her son.



Through EOC-DICAC Sara* has completed six months of food preparation training which has helped her to make an income by selling cookies.



VICTOR HARBOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

The combined local Christian churches are participating in the VH Christmas pageant this Saturday, 9th Dec.

If you would like to be a part of this event, please assemble on Bridge Terrace, near the yacht club at 5 pm, to walk with the pageant from 5.30 pm.

The Act for Peace - Christmas Bowl Appeal

you can make your donation via Adare's unique donation page link: mycb.link/47679.

VH Christmas Appeal—Last day to donate!

Donations can be placed under the Christmas Tree in the Foyer until Sunday 10 December.

2023 Victor Harbor Christmas Appeal

Gift ideas

Non-perishable foods

- Breakfast cereals
- Puddings, shortbread, cakes
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, lollies)
- Tinned food (ring-pull tins only)
- Canned pasta sauces
- Canned curry and stir-fry sauces
- Tinned baked beans, spaghetti
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food
- Liquid gravy
- Spreads and jams
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Tinned soups

Gift vouchers

- Visa gift cards
- Movie gift cards
- Restaurant gift cards
- Shopping centre gift cards

Toys and activities

- Books
- Puzzles and board games
- Music instruments
- Headphones, speakers
- Sporting gear - netballs, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, cricket sets

Personal accessories

- Baseball caps, sun hats
- Perfume, aftershave
- Backpacks, wallets, handbags
- Beach towels
- Personal hygiene products and toiletries

Christmas items

- Bon bons
- Decorations
- Tablecloths
- Napkins

Drop-off points

City of Victor Harbor Civic Centre
1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor

Salvation Army
22 Bartel Boulevard, Victor Harbor

And many more!



**Gifts will be accepted from November 2023.
All gifts must be newly purchased (not used).**



Is your family in need this Christmas? Scan the QR code, phone (08) 8552 7474 or visit www.salvationarmy.org.au/victorharbor/christmas-appeal to register your details.



SCCCCC
South Coast Christian Community Care





A scammer called grandma and said he had all her passwords.

She got a pen and paper and said, 'Thank God for that! What are they?'

The earliest Carol singers can be found on the Bayeux tapestry...and were soldiers from Western France...they were known as the Brittany Spears



Victor Harbor Beach Mission

held in the NRMA beachfront holiday park, is looking for a few more volunteers to help with the outreach and activities over New years and January.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute, either in part or all, please contact the SU Team Leader, David Folland, at thebigtent@suteams.org.au.



What does Christmas mean to you?

I invite you to share "What Christmas means to me."

If you'd like to write a short sentence or two on your thoughts about the meaning of Christmas, please email Janice at jmcwhinney@bigpond.com

I'll read out a few during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.

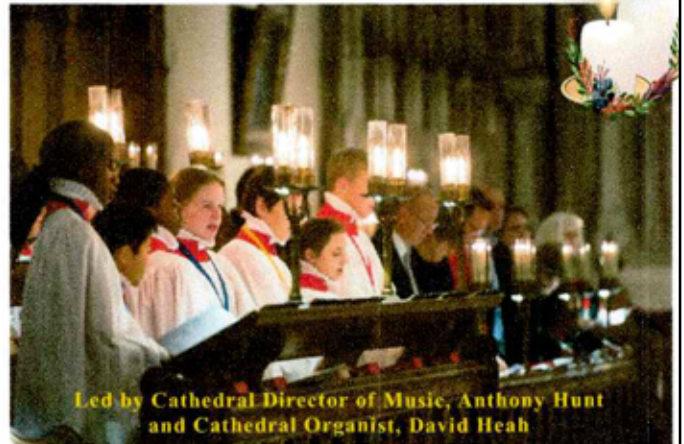


Join the Choir of **ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL**

For an inspiring night of candles, carols and readings
celebrating the Story of Christmas.

**Your Invitation to a
Very Special and
Exciting Community
Event.**

**Thursday 14th December 2023
Newland Church
Victoria Street, Victor Harbor.**



The combined churches of Victor Harbor and the South Coast cordially invite you and your guest to attend a special presentation of Christmas Music by the Choir of St Peter's Anglican Cathedral (Adelaide), in the historic Newland Church in Victor Harbor on Thursday evening, the 14th December 2023 at 7:00pm.

The beautiful and iconic Victor Harbor Newland Church will be transformed by candles, music and voices for this special community event in which the Choir, under the direction of Cathedral Musical Director and with the Cathedral Organist, will perform in the much-loved King's College (England) style, the music of Christmas.

Sure to be a highlight of the festive season, this special event will include audience participation as well as the involvement of various leaders & members of the local churches and community groups.

This is a free non-ticketed community event and there will be an opportunity for donations in support of the work of Pastoral Support Workers (school chaplains) to provide vital services to our children in local schools.

We look forward to having you join us for this special community occasion.

Chair: Newland-Pt.Elliot UC

RSVP: Geoff Penhall at geoff.penhall@gmail.com / phone 0428 652 221 by **11 Dec. 2023**

Rev Anne Butler and members of the Newland-Port Elliot Uniting Church are proud to host this event.