



Santa comes to the Victor Harbor Yacht Club

photo courtesy Pip Burfield

PREACHING PLAN

Sun Dec 21 – Rev'd J McWhinney *

Christmas Eve 7.00 pm

Wed Dec 24 – Rev'd J McWhinney

Christmas Day 9.00 am

Thu Dec 25 – Rev'd J McWhinney

Sun Dec 28– Rev'd J McWhinney *

Sun Jan 4 – Rev'd J McWhinney H.C

Sun Jan 11 – Rev'd J McWhinney *

** Morning tea after the service*

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday December 21

Isaiah 7:10–16

Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19

Romans 1:1–7

Matthew 1:18–25



Rev'd Janice's next day off

will be Monday 22 December.

PEOPLE

Peter Forth is in Tauranga hospital, New Zealand, recovering from major surgery. Peter and Marcia were on a cruise. Please pray for their quick, safe and smooth return to Australia. (Flights won't be easy to get at this time of year.)

If you want to contact Athalie Ford, her new address is:
Lutheran Homes, 14 Frew St ,Fullarton, SA, 5063.

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to let you know that Pam Harkness, our beloved sister in Christ, died on 1 December. Please remember Robert and all of Pam's family and friends in your prayers.

Instead of looking at how far you still need to go...
take a moment to feel gratitude for every step you've already taken.





A Special Invitation to Share the Joy of Christmas

The Christmas Day service will include a special time of sharing, and you are invited to write a brief thought about what you truly love about Christmas. Share a memory, a feeling, or a simple word of gratitude. (30 word limit please)

Your personal reflection will be read during the service and, will help make our gathering even more meaningful.

Please email your reflection to Janice at jmcwhinney@bigpond.com by Sunday 21 December.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Pip & Sue Burfield
19/12/1964

Mark & Thelma Zrna
22/12/1962

Dennis and Trish Williams
23/12/1969

Jim & Ruth Williamson
30/12/1969

Open for Prayer and Silent Reflection

In response to the tragic shooting at Bondi Beach, Adare UCA will be open for prayer and silent reflection on Sunday 21 December from 5 pm until 6.30 pm.

Members of the congregation and the wider community are invited to enter the church at any time during that time to pray, reflect, and remember the victims, their families, and all those affected. This will be a quiet space for stillness, solidarity, and contemplation.

Candles will be available, and all are welcome to come and go as needed.

We continue to hold in prayer the victims, their loved ones, first responders, and the broader community during this time of sorrow.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Christmas Day service will start at 9 am (contrary to the time on the fliers handed out at the pageant).

LESSONS FROM MOVIES

17. **Dogs always know who's bad and will naturally bark at them.**
18. Rather than wasting bullets, megalomaniacs prefer to kill their arch-enemies using complicated machinery involving fuses, pulley systems, deadly gases, lasers and man eating sharks that will allow their captives at least 20 minutes to escape.
19. **A detective can only solve a case once he has been suspended from duty.**
20. If you decide to start dancing in the street, everyone you bump into will know all the steps.



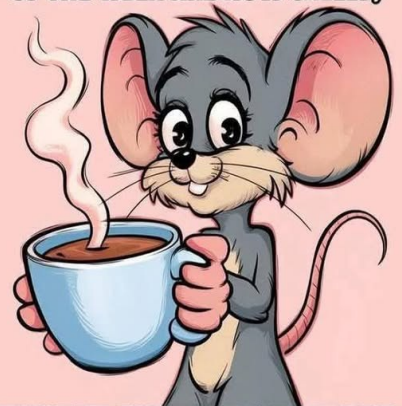
I MADE A
HUGE TO-DO
LIST FOR
TODAY ... I
JUST CAN'T
FIGURE OUT
WHO'S
GOING TO
DO IT!

BIRTHDAYS

Marlene Winkler	21/12
Lesley Mableson	27/12
Rachel Warren	30/12
Beth Duke	31/12

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

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE DAYS OF THE WEEK ARE NOW CALLED,



**THISDAY, THATDAY, OTHERDAY,
SOMEDAY, YESTERDAY, TODAY
AND NEXTDAY!**

Come to the Stable

On Tuesday, 26 children came to Adare Church for a morning filled with Christmas fun and craft. They were very busy, and many wonderful Christmas creations were taken home in their Christmas bags. The event concluded in the church where Janice led a time of singing some carols, an interactive story of the wisemen's journey and some prayers read by the children. A big thank you to all who helped in any way: providing food, giving up their time to help with craft or preparing the activities. A special thank you to Janice and Hunter – particularly Hunter for his amazing creative skills in building the stable and the activities and to Pat and Annita for all the administration and paperwork. Thank you all. All reports say the children had a great time, one saying they were disappointed because it finished and they had to leave!!

Ruth Williamson

