

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Weld Court, Morley  
**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**  
**December 2015**

## Welcome

We warmly welcome all of you here today for our worship. If you would like to talk further about faith in Christ or the Church, please contact our Elders.

After worship you are invited to stay for a cuppa and meet our members .

Please feel free to write your name and address in our visitor's book.



## Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am

Sunday School at 10:00am

## Contact Details

Phone: 9276 7668

Email: [info@morley.wa.lca.org.au](mailto:info@morley.wa.lca.org.au)

## Bookings

[bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au](mailto:bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au)

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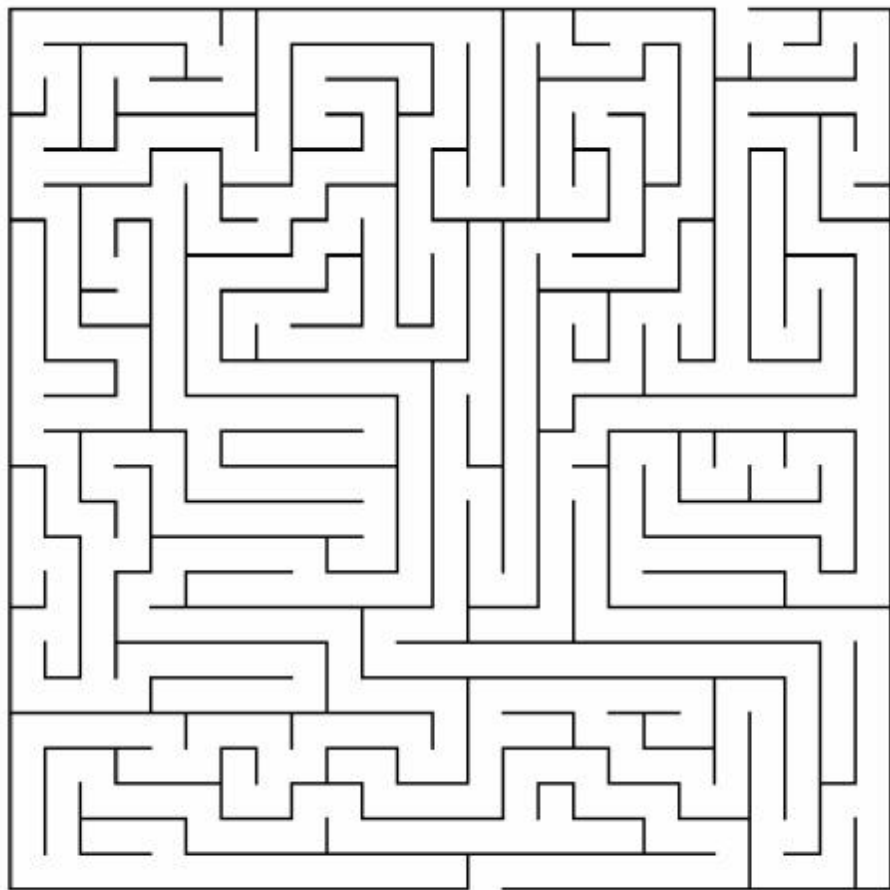


## Our Mission

Being fed with the grace of the Triune God through His Word and Sacraments, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is called to share this Bread of Life with the spiritually hungry of our community

## Christmas Eve—Special Family Service

The shepherd is looking  
for the Baby Jesus.  
Can you help him  
find the way?





## **Prayers of God's People**

- For those dealing with changing circumstances and many other issues: Margaret & Ernest Klenner, Vickery Family, Amelia Chrulew and family, Elfrida Kaszanski and family, John & Roslyn, Lois & Jye, Rihi and family (Carmen's daughter)
- For those dealing with health issues: Lisa Sitarz, Theresa Toborsky, Selma Hohol, Kaila Nosow, Jutta Chrulew, Klaus Hornscheidt and Udo S.
- For our new Pastor, Matthew Bishop and his family as they prepare for the move to WA and full-time ministry
- For all those impacted by fires across Australia
- Thanksgiving for fire-fighters, ambulance officers, SES crews, police officers and other emergency workers who will be on duty over the holidays
- For the children of the church, that they may grow in God's wisdom
- For parents, that they may have love and wisdom in caring for their children
- For those whose marriage is in difficulty
- For those who are hurting because of family problems
- For the homeless, the hungry, and the oppressed
- For the sick and those who mourn
- For the lonely and the unloved
- For the aged and the little children
- For all those who do not know the Lord Jesus, or who do not love him, or who by sin have grieved his heart.



## Pastoral Care and Support

While we are without a residential pastor, for any pastoral care or emergency, please contact :-

- John Zadow 9276 2231
- Wally Chrulew 9275 4692
- Robert Giersch 0421 084 434

## COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**      **9:30am Bethlehem Worship**  
**January 2016**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **9:30am Bethlehem Worship with Communion**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**      **9:30am Bethlehem Worship**

Bookings—Other Events	
Sun 27th December	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 3rd January	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 10th January	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

**Epiphany of our Lord — January 3rd, (white)**

**Readings: (Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12)**

**Flowers: Roslyn**

**Cleaners: C Kempin**

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**All Items, etc for the “Bethlehem Bulletin” should be given or emailed to Lorraine at [bulletin@morley.wa.lca.org.au](mailto:bulletin@morley.wa.lca.org.au) by Wednesday afternoon**

# CHRISTMAS DAY

## **Entry Psalm** Psalm 97

Leader: *The Lord is king! Earth, be glad! Rejoice, you islands of the seas!*

**People: Clouds and darkness surround him; he rules with righteousness and justice.**

*Fire goes in front of him and burns up his enemies round him.*

**His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees it and trembles.**

*The hills melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.*

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the nations see his glory.**

*Everyone who worships idols is put to shame; all the gods bow down before the Lord.*

**The people of Zion are glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice because of your judgements, O Lord.**

*Lord Almighty, you are ruler of all the earth; you are much greater than all gods.*

**The Lord loves those who hate evil; he protects the lives of his people; he rescues them from the power of the wicked.**

*Light shines on the righteous, and gladness on the good.*

**All you that are righteous be glad because of what the Lord has done! Remember what the holy God has done, and give thanks to him.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray that we shine as lights in the world.

**Thank you, loving Father, for filling the world with the new light of your Word who became a human being. Keep the flame of faith and love burning in our hearts and shining in our lives. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **Scripture Readings:**

**Isaiah 62:6-12** Your Saviour comes

**Titus 3:4-7** Saved by God's love

**Luke 2:1-20** The shepherds hear the good news of the birth of Christ

Listen to FACE TO FACE and invite others to do the same. Download or listen online at [www.face2face.org.au](http://www.face2face.org.au), including on your mobile internet devices.

3<sup>rd</sup> January It doesn't make sense (Bishop John Henderson)

Why is it that the smallest things in life irritate us the most?

10<sup>th</sup> January The river trip (Pastor Richard Fox)

How do you balance life's demands such as work, family and leisure?

17<sup>th</sup> January Science and faith (Interview)

Where did the idea of gift giving begin and why do we still do it?

24<sup>th</sup> January Families under pressure (Pastor Adrian Kitson)

How do you see Christmas? Do you look forward to it with anticipation? Or do you wonder if you'll experience the peace and joy that Christmas promises?

31<sup>st</sup> January A ladder and a torch (Interview)

"It might be the cynic in me but I sometimes wonder if Christmas is just one big coverup"

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### 2016 Scripture Calendar

The popular calendar is available to order for yourself or to give as a gift.

*Your calendar helped convert my atheist sister. Can you please send me a calendar and one for my sister too?* (Caller, Victoria)

The free wall calendar is ideal for your home, office, and shed. The calendar has:

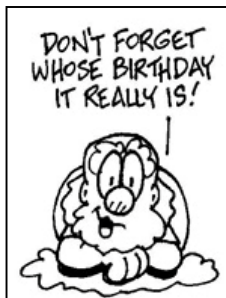
- inspirational pictures and bible verses along with daily bible references
- large open date boxes for you to write in
- public holidays, moon cycles, and school terms

Order your 2016 Scripture Calendar at [www.lutheranmedia.org.au/2016-scripture-calendar.html](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/2016-scripture-calendar.html) or by following the links from [www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au) or phone FREECALL 1800 353 350.



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# Caspar's Story

By Pete Large

This happened many years ago when I was a much younger man. One night, Melchior, Balthasar and myself all had the same dream that a new King was to be born. The following night we saw a new star in the sky, and Melchior, who was the wisest of us, said that it was a sign and that we should follow it.



We packed our supplies and fed our camels and said goodbye to our families. We travelled at night, setting off as soon as we could see the star, and set up our tents to sleep in the middle of the day. We travelled for many weeks and the weather grew colder and the nights grew longer. Every night we followed the star, wondering where it would take us.

Then, one night in the middle of the winter, when we were, all three of us, tired and cold in the snow, we came to a town called Bethlehem. The star was now above us and Melchior said that we must have arrived at where the King was to be born.



We asked around the town but there were no babies being born that night. Then an inn-keeper remembered a man and woman who he had allowed to sleep in the stable of his inn. We tied up our camels and walked across the snow to the stable. We stopped in the doorway and looked in. A man was setting a new-born baby down in a crib while a woman, looking tired, lay down on a straw bed.

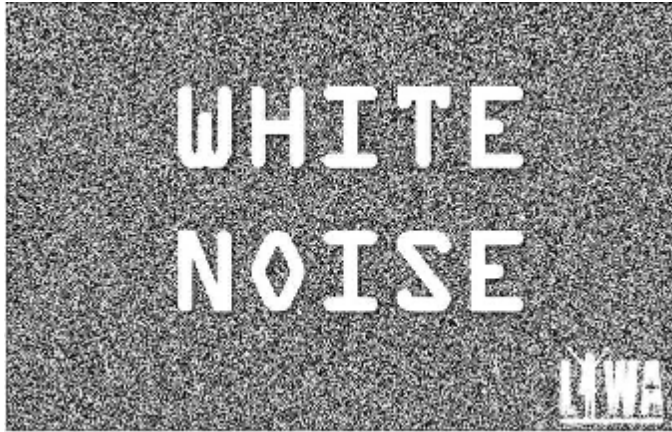
We said nothing but laid our gifts at the end of the crib and kissed the baby on the forehead. Then we left. We stopped in the courtyard outside the stable and, still silent, gazed up at the stars through the falling snow.

The journey back took a long time. Since then I have heard many stories about what happened at Bethlehem. But what happened to me I know to be true.





# JAN CAMP



Jan Camp 2016: **22Jan 5pm - 25Jan 1pm** White Noise is fast approaching.

Jan Camp 2016: White Noise is for young people ages 12+. Please check age suitability with Josh or Joel.

**Early-Bird rate** of \$115 per camper (forms received by 8th Jan)  
A late fee of \$20 will be applied to all forms received after 8th Jan (\$135 per camper)

Places are strictly limited at this campsite, so get your forms and deposits in ASAP!

Please direct all enquiries to Josh (0437 288 210) or Joel (0407 260 066) or email [lywa@wa.lca.org.au](mailto:lywa@wa.lca.org.au)

We look forward to seeing you all there!