

God sometimes chooses to enter our world in a barn at the edge of town. Almost unnoticed, Christ comes all the way down into a manger bed, down to the cross, down to the grave. We spend too much time trying to work out the details of when and how Jesus will come again. In the process we fail to grasp the truth that Christ has come hundreds of times as God-with-us, our Saviour. God's presence is sometimes more elusive than we want it to be. We must watch and be constantly alert.

- James E Brenneman

Emmanuel  
GOD WITH US

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THOSE  
WHO *prepare  
the way*  
DREAM  
*2<sup>ND</sup> sunday in Advent*

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please. Phone  
07 871 3554 or email lyncol.pinkerton@gmail.com**

## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Isaiah 40.1-11](#) The people of Israel are to be released from their captivity. The way is to be prepared for the Lord to come to rule the earth. He will gather together his people and care for them.

[Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13](#) A prayer for peace. Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

[2 Peter 3.8-15a](#) Peter tells of the day of the Lord's return when a new heaven and a new earth are promised.

[Mark 1.1-8](#) John the Baptist fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah by calling people to repentance and baptism to get them ready for the coming of the Lord.

## Services coming up:

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| <b>Dec</b> | <b>6</b>  | Rev Shelley - Communion - Advent 2<br><b>7pm</b> - Reflective service       |
|            | <b>13</b> | Choir - Peter and Robin - Advent 3  |
|            | <b>20</b> | Rev Shelley - Advent 4<br><b>7pm</b> - Rev Shelley - Blue Christmas service |
|            | <b>25</b> | Christmas Day - Rev Shelley   |
|            | <b>27</b> | Cafe Church - Rev Shelley   |
| <b>Jan</b> | <b>3</b>  | Rev Shelley   |
|            | <b>10</b> | Cafe Church - led by Jill and a team  |
|            | <b>17</b> | Lynn Pinkerton  |
|            | <b>24</b> | Cafe church - led by Bev and a team   |
|            | <b>31</b> | Rev Shelley   |



### Please pray for -

- our Dr Rev Susan as she nears the end of her time as our district superintendent and prepares for her next step

- our members who are grieving and those whose health recovery is slow and challenging with uncertain futures.



# Church Dinner and Social evening

Saturday December 19

early evening time to be advised

You are invited to put your name on the master list of tasks to share them around and together make this happen.



### Calling for willing participants .....

Please let Rev Shelley know if you are willing to be part of a team for a family-friendly Christmas play in our service December 20th.

**Thank you Shelley** for the Advent Devotional booklet we were given last Sunday. I found the artwork, in particular, for the first week in Advent very thought-provoking. And....

**thankyou Brice** for the thought, planning and preparation you are putting in to our Advent flowers and for your explanations of the significance of your arrangements.

*Lynn*

