

Community Connect - Christmas Dinner Complete our outreach for this year, joining together at Bocca Pizza in Warrandyte from **5pm today 3rd Dec.**

Christmas Events and Times

- Christmas Eve = Sun 24th Dec: 10am Service and 5pm Carols
- Christmas Day = Mon 25th Dec: **9am Carols and Communion**
- New Years Eve = Sun 31st Dec: 10am prayers
- January service times: 10am Sundays - no rostered duties

Parish day out at beach hosted by Hodgson Family: 13th Jan 2024

Resources for ministry

Giving can be made directly to our Bendigo Bank Warrandyte account
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*A welcoming Christ-centred community
seeking and working together
through the power of the Holy Spirit
to worship God, share His good news
and grow as disciples of Jesus*

Sunday 3rd December 2023

Advent 1



1 If a child is in immediate danger at any point **CALL 000**

2 All suspicions or reports of child abuse must be reported to: Police Child Protection Kooyoora Professional Standards	What is Child Abuse? Abuse and neglect includes but is not limited to: Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Family Violence, Sexual Abuse, Grooming and Neglect.	Who can report neglect and abuse of a child under the age of 18? Children, Parents, Staff, Volunteers, Anyone.	What sorts of things must be reported? All child safety concerns must be reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disclosure of past and present abuse and harm• Allegations, suspicions or observations• Breaches of the Code of Conduct
CONTACT NUMBERS:	POLICE 000	CHILD PROTECTION SEE BELOW	KOYOORA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS 1800 135 246

Song for the Season

As we enter Advent and prepare ourselves for Christmas, our new song of the season reminds us that Jesus coming to earth is good news for all people. The song, *Go Tell it on the Mountain*, is an African-American spiritual based on Luke's record of Jesus' birth being announced to the shepherds. It draws on an image from the prophet Isaiah, who says, 'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns! (Isa 52:7 NLT). And it evokes the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20, in which Jesus authorizes his followers to go and teach his ways to all the world and gather people into God's family.

Jesus is God's good news to us! This season we celebrate together who he is and what he means for us all. Our song of the season inspires us to share with joy the good news about Jesus to everywhere to everyone.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy light
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation that blessed Christmas morn
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Mark 13:1-11; 24-33 (NLT)

As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls." 2 Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"

3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him, 4 "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?" 5 Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, 6 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. 7 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. 8 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

9 "When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. 10 For the Good News must first be preached to all nations. 11 But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking but the Holy Spirit. 24 At that time, after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory 27 and he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones from all the world, from the farthest ends of earth and heaven.

28 "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. 29 In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that his return is very near, right at the door. 30 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene before all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. 32 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. 33 And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!