



# KINDRED SPIRITS

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## CHRISTMAS 2018



*Light in the darkness*

The true light  
who gives light to everyone  
was coming into the world.

*John 1: 9*

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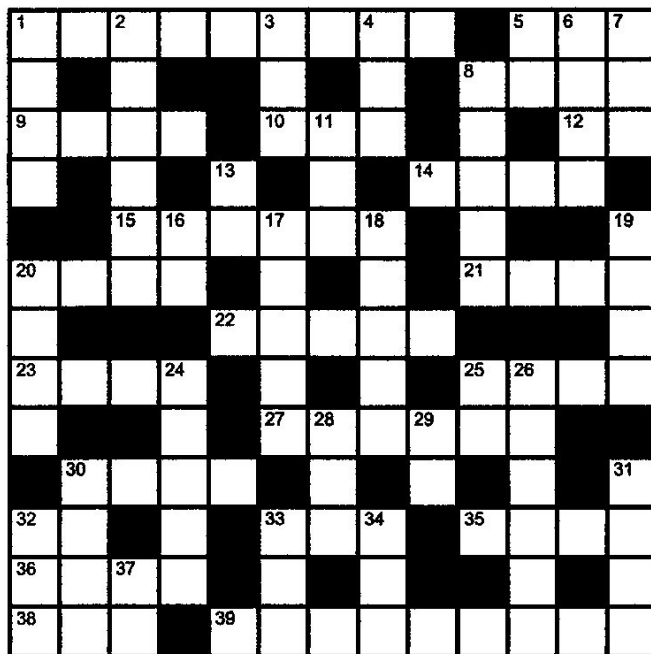
# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

## Across

- 1 Jesus' birthplace (9)  
 5 Herod slew the children of this age and under (3)  
 8 Peter quoted his words on the day of Pentecost (4)  
 9 "A \_\_\_ shaken with the wind" (4)  
 10 "Ye shall find \_\_\_ babe wrapped in swaddling clothes" (3)  
 12 The year from Jesus' birth (2)  
 14 Anna was of this tribe (as recorded in Luke) (4)  
 15 "Behold, a \_\_\_ shall be with child" (6)  
 20 "Fruits \_\_\_ for repentance" (4)  
 21 The wise men came from here (4)  
 22 "He shall reign of the house of \_\_\_ for ever" (5)  
 23 A female ancestor of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 1 (4)  
 25 The amount of manna to be gathered per person (4)  
 27 He multiplied the widow's oil (6)  
 30 "As soon as the voice of thy salvation sounded in mine \_\_\_" (4)  
 32 An altar meaning witness (Joshua 22) (2)  
 33 To increase (3)  
 35 Malarial fever (4)  
 36 To guide (4)  
 38 There was no room here (3)  
 39 These men went to see the baby Jesus (9)

## Down

- 1 "Mary, of whom was \_\_\_ Jesus" (4)  
 2 Jesus' age when he was taken to Jerusalem (6)  
 3 Jesus did not do this in the wilderness (3)  
 4 Adam's wife (3)  
 5 "Mary was espoused \_\_\_ Joseph" (2)  
 6 "They that \_\_\_ soft clothing are in kings' houses" (4)  
 7 Zacharias said, "I am an \_\_\_ man" (3)  
 8 Grandson of 23 (5)  
 11 A place near Bethel (3)  
 13 "A pair of turtledoves \_\_\_ two young pigeons" (2)  
 16 "That \_\_\_ might be fulfilled" (2)  
 17 "The \_\_\_ of God was upon him" (5)  
 18 Mother-in-law of 23 (5)  
 19 This went before the wise men (4)  
 20 The mother of Jesus (4)  
 24 He was king at the time of Jesus' birth (5)  
 25 "\_\_\_ that one would hear me!" (2)  
 26 Jesus was laid in this (6)  
 28 The spirit did this to Jesus in the wilderness (3)  
 29 Thus (2)  
 30 The first garden (4)  
 31 "Where is he that is born king of the \_\_\_?" (4)  
 32 A priest in the time of Samuel (3)  
 33 A tree of the olive family (3)  
 34 To put into water (3)  
 37 "\_\_\_ angel of the Lord appeareth" (2)



by Colin

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## STILL WAITING

We don't really have to wait for anything, these days.

Apps downloaded on a smartphone keep us updated as to precisely when the bus is due and which trains have been cancelled or are running late. They can tell us how long our journey by car will take. Technology enables delivery companies to predict to within 30

minutes when the parcel will arrive. We no longer need to look out expectantly for the arrival of a letter from the person we love, since email is instantaneous. Once, an international phone call had to be booked in advance and the family waited for the appointed time to wish, say, a daughter overseas a happy birthday down a crackling line. No need to wait for that now. We're told that we can 'take the waiting out of wanting' if we only sign up for a credit card.

A properly organised life, using all that the most modern technology has to offer, needs no waiting. This is just as well since we're all so busy that waiting seems to be a frustrating waste of time. Instant gratification can be ours.

There's another reason why we try to reduce or extinguish the need to wait. We crave certainty and so we desire control over our future lives. This need to exercise control is borne of fear and anxiety about the unknown. We want to do things that will bring about our desired ends at a time and in a manner of our own choosing.

We are about to enter a mysterious, poignant, wonderful time of waiting in the season of Advent as we wait for the day when we celebrate the birth of Christ on that holy night, when the Word became flesh. Advent is a season of penance as we prepare to welcome the baby who was to become the Saviour of the world.

We can be sure that the 25th of December will arrive. But Advent is also a time for remembering that we are awaiting the Second Coming of Christ: that is open-ended waiting. In this waiting, we must have faith that Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again. We must give up control and trust in God's perspective of time.

In holding that trust, we might take the opportunity in this season of Advent to trust also that God's perspective includes plans for us. We can have no control over this process but must let our infinitely patient God define our lives according to His unending and unconditional love of us as individuals. Henri Nouwen said that "we wait, actively present to the moment, trusting that new things will happen to us, new things that are far beyond our own imagination, fantasy or prediction. That, indeed, is a very radical stance toward life in a world pre-occupied with control".

It is not easy to let go; there is a fear that, if we do, we might drown, or get lost, or fall off a cliff. In this season of Advent, we might pray for faith that we are held in God's hands and that we may trust the unknown enough to enter it. In the words of Minnie Haskins' poem, to go out into the darkness, and put our hands into the Hand of God, which shall be better than light and safer than a known way.

Sarah Whitehouse



## SOME "POETIC" ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

## Nostalgia (Was it really like this?)

We met, we married a long time ago,  
 We worked long hours, wages were low.  
 No telly, no radio, no baths, times were hard,  
 Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.  
 No holidays abroad, no carpet on the floor,  
 We had coal on the fire and never locked doors.  
 Our children arrived (no 'pills' in those days),  
 And we brought them up without state aid.  
 No valium, no drugs, no L.S.D  
 We cured our pains with a nice cup of tea.  
 If you were sick, you were treated at once,  
 Not fill in a form and come back in a month.  
 No vandals, no robbings, we had nothing to rob,  
 In fact, you were rich with a couple of bob.  
 People were happier in those far off days,  
 Kinder, more caring in so many ways.  
 Milkmen and paper boys would whistle a tune  
 And a night at the flicks was a wonderful thing.  
 Oh we had our troubles, we had our strife,  
 But we just had to face them, that was our life.  
 But now I'm alone, I look back through the years,  
 I don't think of troubles, bad times and tears.  
 I remember the blessings, our home, kids and love,  
 We shared them together and thank God above.



## *especially*

when we see you  
 not only in the twinkle  
 of a woman's eye  
 as she lets her grandchildren  
 lick the icing bowl,  
 but especially in  
 a homeless mother  
 looking at hope's  
 empty shelves;

when we hear you  
 not only in the carols  
 of the children  
 at evensong,  
 but especially  
 in the silent sobs  
 of the father who  
 has lost his job;

when we feel you  
 not just in the embrace  
 of loved ones  
 at the airport,  
 but especially  
 in the palsied,  
 paper-thin-skinned hands  
 of the lonely widower;

when we know you  
 not just in the assertive platitudes  
 of those who have never held a doubt,  
 but especially  
 in the shattered heart  
 of the teenager  
 whose faith has slipped  
 through her fingers:

then  
 we will know  
 you have come

just as you  
 promise.

(c) Thom M. Shuman

## THINKING CHRISTIANS

Last time I suggested I'd continue thinking about the Old Testament not being a basis for Christianity. I'll change the theme a little.

There is no doubt conservative or fundamentalist Christians will argue with me about much of what I say, (and have done so) but I believe in it. As I said last time the Old Testament is good for its history and lessons of living, but in itself has no basis for Christianity other than a prediction of Christ's coming. Use the Old Testament for inspiration and the New Testament for practical living. The idea that our religion is based on the Bible per se leaves it open for heavy criticism. Christianity is based on Jesus Christ and his life, death, **resurrection** and teaching. If we claim it is based on the Bible then we must accept the whole Bible in all its parts, including the hundreds of Jewish laws, creation accounts and other parts, questionable in reality, as being literally true. The Bible teaches us about living. The Bible did not exist for the first 300 years of Christianity and so was not the basis then. If we claim any part as the basis it would have to be the New Testament but that in itself is based on Jesus and his resurrection. Without the resurrection there would be no New Testament.

The Old Testament is largely the old Jewish laws and the prophets. Why did that get included in the Bible? Well there are parts that are helpful in understanding there is only one God, how God dealt with the old Jews, and how they often disobeyed God, how they appointed Kings when God didn't want them to. Isaiah 53 in particular predicted the coming of the Messiah but the Jews missed it completely or understood it a different way.

Does the Christian life have a basis around the ten commandments? Some emphatically say we do while others say we don't. My opinion is they are not a basis but are useful in shaping how a person, Christian or not, should live. If we live by love as Christ taught then the ten commandments are not necessary. Love over-rules, and dictates our life style. If we ask the question "What does love require of us?" we would find ourselves obeying the spirit of the ten commandments, but we would not need to be know them at all. The first rules are love God and love your neighbour. All else is derived from those two.

It is my belief the Genesis creation accounts have been misinterpreted by those who insist they are literally true. The one good thing about Genesis 1:1 is it states "In the beginning God..." That indicates God was absolutely present at the beginning, even before creation, and was the one who created. The order of creation as written is generally roughly reasonable, but that it all happened in six days is totally unreasonable in today's knowledge of the ever changing cosmos. It was written in terms people of the day could understand and hear that it was the work of God.

Questions I have about taking it literally: Have we reached the seventh day yet? If so what happened on the eighth day? I see creation still happening. Earthquakes are an example of creation still happening in reshaping the earth.

Many will heavily criticise me (and I could be wrong), but I see creation and evolution as being the same thing looked at from different perspectives. Creation can be slow too. The initial few seconds of creation were of an enormous magnitude but I see it now still happening at much slower pace. In my studies I've discovered the Genesis creation accounts can be interpreted in so many ways by different, very serious and committed Christian theologians one gets confused. Perhaps you think I'm confused too. That's OK

The Bible is an essential part of Christianity but is not the source of Christianity. The resurrection of Jesus is the source. Some say the Bible is the inerrant word of God. I'll leave you to draw your own conclusion.

Graham Manson

## TEAR AUSTRALIA

As part of its 'mission outreach' the Glenroy Uniting Church congregation has annually raised money for TEAR Australia.

Over the past 15 or so years we have held a 'TEAR Lunch' but this year circumstances prevented that from happening.

But – as a result of the TEAR Christmas Gift Catalogue we embarked on a different course.

The Catalogue had a double-spread of an idea for children to contribute towards items which would be found in a village: a school, a rudimentary shop, a clinic and a vegetable garden. Each of these cardboard models cost \$15.

One of our members had the idea that we could purchase these models and then make them into a model village which would be displayed at the front of our worship space.

People were then invited to 'channel their inner child' and contribute to the village by making people, trees, chickens, animals, other buildings, a water pump – or whatever their imagination provided.

The original models were small in scale and one of the challenges was making the other items in similar scale – Lilliputian people, for instance!

As our village grew the congregation made monetary contributions in a bowl which was placed alongside it on a small table.

The objectives of the organisation as it works with local Christian communities are:

**Transformation**  
**Education**  
**Advocacy**  
**Relief**

and through these objectives they work to ease the poverty and multiple struggles of people in developing countries.

Thus we have made our annual contribution to TEAR, people have been enthusiastically and generously involved and our worship space has been adorned with our model village.

*Pictured (left to right) with the model village are:*

*Graham Manson  
Lyn Elletson  
Elva Averill*



## KENT ROAD NEWS .....

Christmas blessings to all, may your Christmas be full of happiness as we celebrate this very special time of the year and give thanks for the wonderful gift of Jesus and may 2019 be a year of good health and love.

How blessed we are to have so many people worshipping at Kent Road each Sunday, our Samoan friends after our service followed by the Church of Jesus our Saviour (Arabic speaking church) in the afternoon. We had such a lovely night at our Carols at Kent service, sharing carols and we thank Annette for providing all the music for us and both churches for the generous supper.

We also thank the Samoan church for all the extra help that give us in the garden maintenance etc. Special thanks to Epa and the children for all they do, making life so much easier for us.

Thanks to all for your generosity in providing gifts of food for Uniting Christmas Appeal.

Congratulations to Bethany Stewart and Stuart Ridge on their engagement and also to Ellen Buckley on her engagement to Libby. We wish these young couples best wishes and a life full of happiness and love.

We look forward to sharing our services in 2019, with Pascoe Vale South and Kent Road joining together each Sunday and Glenroy joining us whenever there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, may we all be blessed with clear vision towards our future.



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### Some Quotes

*(from people you may have heard of)*

I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in the Lord's hands, that I still possess.

(Martin Luther)

The time you spend with God alone will transform your character and increase your devotion.

(Charles Stanley)

Statesmanship and diplomacy have failed. The only remedy is Jesus Christ; it is either Christ or chaos.

(David Lloyd George, former UK PM)

Activity in God's service is the best cure for many of the ills of life, our labour is not in vain when it is performed for God.

(Robert Stuart MacArthur)

I will place no value on anything that I have or possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance that kingdom it shall be given or kept, whichever will best promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes both for time and eternity.

(David Livingstone)

## UCAF FELLOWSHIP GROUP.....

President: Jean Kyte  
Secretary: Marj Sproat



Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1.00 pm at the Pascoe Vale South Church, with speakers from 1.30 pm.

How the 2018 year has flown by. We have had a very successful year and finished with our BYO lunch and arranged the syllabus for 2019.

Rev Lynden Broadstock will lead our dedication Communion service on Tuesday 12 February at 11.00 am. In March Sylvia and myself will talk about the UCAF coach tour we enjoyed in November, visiting churches in and around the Bendigo area. In April we will celebrate the

Easter story.

New members and visitors are always welcome. We are a fairly small, friendly group and are always on the lookout for additional members as this would enable us to widen the range of speakers we could ask. Why not come along on any second Tuesday in the new year and check us out?

**Marj Sproat**

## ANSWERS TO PAGE 2 CROSSWORD.....

### CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Bethlehem, 5 Two, 8 Joel, 9 Reed, 10 The, 12 Ad, 14 Aser, 15 Virgin, 20 Meet, 21 East, 22 Jacob, 23 Ruth, 25 Omer, 27 Elisha, 30 Ears, 32 Ed, 33 Add, 35 Ague, 36 Lead, 38 Inn, 39 Shepherds.

Down: 1 Born, 2 Twelve, 3 Eat, 4 Eve, 5 To, 6 Wear, 7 Old, 8 Jesse, 11 Hai, 13 Or, 16 It, 17 Grace, 18 Naomi, 19 Star, 20 Mary, 24 Herod, 25 Oh, 26 Manger, 28 Led, 29 So, 30 Eden, 31 Jews, 32 Eli, 33 Ash, 34 Dip, 37 An.

## SOUTHERN SNIPPETS

Once again Christmas is almost upon us. The last quarter seems to have flown by.

Rev Deac Jenny Preston led the UCAF service at PVS on Sunday 7 October—Jenny is always a very welcome visitor and enthralled us with details of her, and husband John's, continuing work for school children in Zambia. She also celebrated Communion with us whilst Rev Lynden and his wife enjoyed a short and well earned break travelling around Victoria and New South Wales.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the combined services with Kent Road that have been held every third Sunday of the month—whilst worshipping at one or the other church, on a monthly alternating basis, has been a bit of a challenge, worshipping together as a larger group is always an enjoyable occasion.

Our second Hymn Sing-along for the year was held on Sunday 28 October—this was well attended and, as usual, Rev Ian Collings provided interesting background stories to the hymns selected and organist, Geoff Anderson, helped us sing along with his excellent skill at playing the organ.

Westgate Flicks continues successfully and we are extremely grateful to Vic (from Vic's Flicks) for all his work in screening the movies and his unique style of entertainment. Our Christmas spectacular, 'Come to the Stable' was a great success with festive food, carol singing with the Stars of Hollywood and great door prizes, etc. The Flicks will be closed in January but will recommence in February on the third Wednesday starting with 'Now Voyager' starring Bette David, Paul Henreid and Claude Rains. It should be a great movie. In 2007 it was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." In March we are screening another Bette Davis movie but filmed 20 years after Now Voyager—Pocketful of Miracles is a comedy also starring Glen Ford and a young Peter Falk (Columbo) and introduces Ann-Margret in her first screen role.

Our Boys' Gymnastics Club Display Night held at Coburg Town Hall on 27 November was a successful end to another good year. A new initiative to introduce a Girls' Gymnastics Club is in the process of being rolled out—initial testing has revealed significant interest in a similar offering for girls.

We missed having Rev Barbara Gayler lead our worship in December and hope that Barbara and her husband, Chris, are enjoying their time entertaining and travelling with their visitors. Barbara will be back to lead our worship on the second Sunday in January at PVS and we are delighted that she will continue with us once per month in 2019.

As you will note from the 2019 preaching plan at the back of this magazine, Kent Road and PVS will, as per past practice, combine for worship each Sunday in January, alternating between Kent Road and PVS each week—but this time, this will continue in February and beyond as standard practice. So from February 2019 onwards, combined Kent Road & PVS worship will be held at Kent Road on the first and third Sunday of each month and will be held at PVS (Cumberland Road) on the second and fourth Sunday of each month—with all services commencing at 10.30 am. Whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month, a combined service including Glenroy will be held. The first of these fifth Sunday all three congregations combined service will occur on 30 March 2019 and will be held at Glenroy.

Have a very happy and safe Christmas everyone and best wishes for the new year!

**Jean T**

## The True Meaning of Christmas

Every year we try, but sometimes still fail. We cringe as we feel ourselves about to ask, 'What is the true meaning of Christmas?' It's a question as clichéd as it is grating, as jarring as it hollow. It's a question dripping in piety, prompting a mechanical rejoinder almost calculated to induce a crumbling Victorian sanctimony. 'Jesus in the manger,' the primary voices smugly chant, delighted to be privy to this secret. But, is it?

The first problem with this question is that it allows for only one meaning.

The Christmas of holiday and of family gatherings is good and important. The Christmas of presents chosen and given, of food carefully prepared and gratefully enjoyed is valid and valuable. We enjoy them and look forward to them – they are a part of what Christmas means to us and millions of others – and we shouldn't do away with them in a fit of puritanical fervour.

The second problem is that Christian teachers have little lasting allegiance to their previously professed answer. We teach children all about the stable scene, but then equally talk about the many other things relating to Christmas—which are wonderful and powerful insights, but are patently not about the crib scene. At any Christmas service, no sooner had we heard about the shepherds and the magi than we pivot to think about 'Jesus as light'. If the 'true meaning of Christmas' really is the nativity, then many Christians themselves appear to have little fidelity to the mantra.

Finally, we have the problem of historical accuracy, as our most cherished moments are snatched from our clutches. For example, the Bible makes no mention of Mary and Joseph travelling with a donkey. It's unlikely that a pregnant woman toured the hostels of Bethlehem. Mary almost certainly would have had a midwife. The three kings were not kings and we don't know how many there were. The magi and shepherds never met each other. Jesus was a baby who almost certainly cried and was not 'meek and mild'. If your head is spinning, you might be wondering just what is left of this 'true meaning of Christmas'. It's as if we're on a branch about to snap under the weight of inconsistency. 'Christmas is not about food and family,' we say – whilst guiltily enjoying both. 'Christmas is about the baby Jesus,' we mutter – wondering who will back us up. 'Christmas is about the stable,' we proclaim – hoping no-one will ask how we know.

Our 'true meaning of Christmas' is being assaulted on all sides: so how are we to cope with this? How do children cope with the splintering of their primary school Christmas? How can adults hope to navigate this confusion?

First, we must not treat the gospels as video documentaries. The texts are brimming with symbolism and meaning, and are truly beautiful accounts, but they are not chronicles, diaries or interviews. They have narrative gaps that any storyteller is (rightly) keen to fill in and smooth over. If we look for Biblical birthing details we will be disappointed and doubt the veracity of it all. But if we approach the texts attending to their deep meaning, we can find another truth resonating through the story. Strip away the storytelling requirements and luxuriate in the unalloyed truth. The gospel stories point us straight towards Jesus, and we should let all else gently fade into the background. In another context, it's close to what CS Lewis called the 'deeper magic'.

Second, there is no 'a priori' [deductive] true meaning of Christmas. The story doesn't exist in a vacuum and however ancient, its meaning is always new. Because amid the flurry of angels and bluster of shepherds, there is the truth that Christmas is about Jesus coming to live with, among and in us – pitching his tent amid ours. Christmas means meeting Jesus' life with ours, and it is deeply personal. So we shouldn't fear that the branch is snapping and the 'true meaning of Christmas' is about to be lost. It can't be found in firm allegiance to the nativity or an ascetic crusade on materialism. No, the true meaning of Christmas is in us welcoming and worshipping the Jesus who has come to us.

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## JOAN'S JOTTINGS .....

Another three months have gone by and I think I must have hibernated during that time as I cannot think of anything to write about. Possibly will have to include a few more quotes and short stories...

On my book shelves I have many books with quotes and stories. I go to the Koorong Christian Bookshop at Blackburn and look for books. I flip through them and see a story I like. When I arrive home and look through the book I discover the one I read in the shop was about the only worth repeating.

I have many Francis Gay Friendship Books going back to the 1980's. I have been looking through them. Years ago I wrote to the publisher and still have their reply. I was given permission to use some of the articles.

A quote and other interesting snippets:

Happiness comes when we stop complaining about the troubles we have and offer thanks to God for all the troubles we don't have.

At a church tea party. It was commenced without Grace having been said. The minister thought of a way of putting things right. He stood up at the end and said "Praise the Lord—and all that is within me."

It had been a rather long service in church, or so little Katie thought, and was beginning to grow restless. Suddenly, in a quiet spell between hymns, her clear little voice piped up "Mummy is it still Sunday?"

Have you heard the story about the two spiders that met in a church one day? The first spider said "I cannot find anywhere quiet to live in this church. Its too noisy in the organ loft, its not peaceful in the choir stalls because of all those fidgeting choirboys and if I settle in a nice dark corner under a pew, it isn't long before a lady comes along with a broom and sweeps me out." The second spider replied "That's really awful. You had better come and join me in the offertory box. I haven't been disturbed for months."

In the Nativity play at the local primary school, the parts of the three wise men were taken by three boys from the first grade. Presenting their gifts at the stable, the first said "Gold", the second said "Myrrh" and the third piped up "and Frank sent this."

**Joan T**




















# CHILDREN'S BIBLE ACTIVITY SHEETS

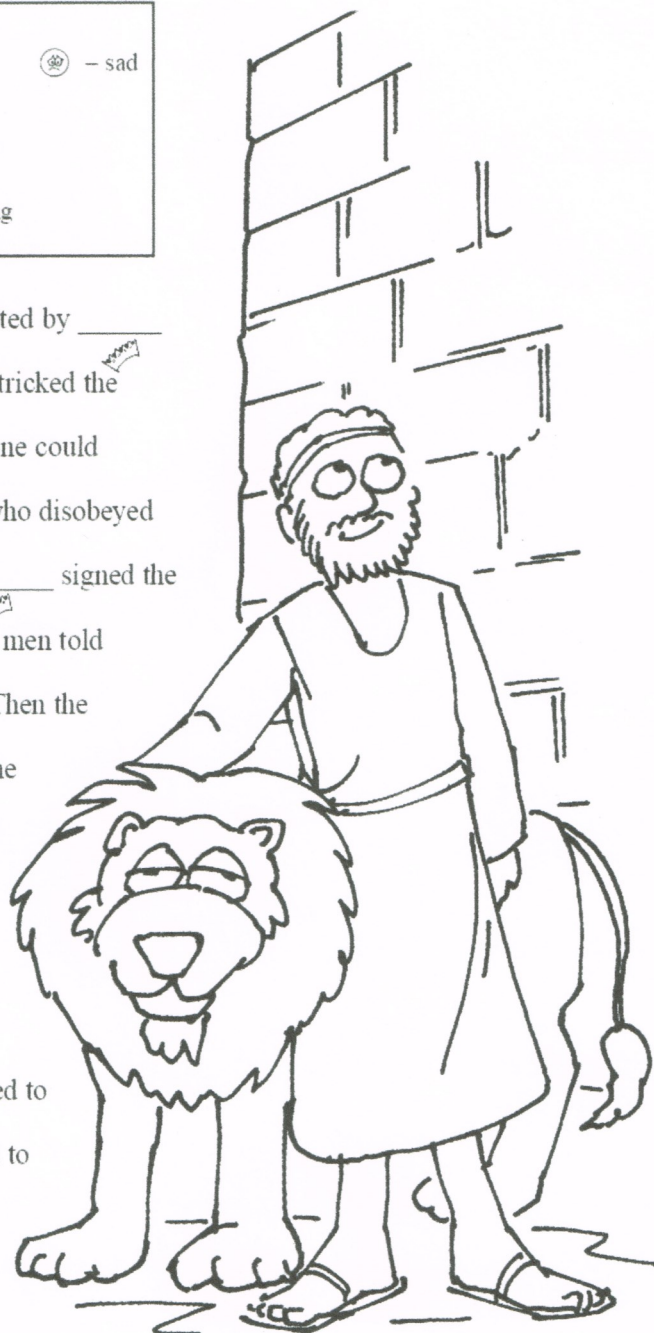
## DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

DANIEL 6:1-28

**D**aniel always worshiped God. Then something happened.

Code									
	= plan		= serve		= law		= lions		= sad
	= pray		= Daniel		= angel		= night		
	= worship		= king		= alive		= rescue		
	= see		= den		= Darius		= morning		

\_\_\_\_\_ was a good man in the kingdom of Babylon, trusted by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_. Some other administrators grew jealous! They tricked the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and presented him a \_\_\_\_\_ that for 30 days, no one could  
 \_\_\_\_\_ any god or man, only the \_\_\_\_\_. Those who disobeyed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ would be thrown into the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. So the \_\_\_\_\_ signed the  
 \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ continued to \_\_\_\_\_. The jealous men told  
 \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ had broken the \_\_\_\_\_. Then the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ knew he'd been tricked. But he couldn't change the  
 \_\_\_\_\_, and he was very \_\_\_\_\_. As \_\_\_\_\_ was sent  
 to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "May  
 your God, whom you \_\_\_\_\_ continually,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you!" \_\_\_\_\_ stayed up all  
 \_\_\_\_\_ worrying. When \_\_\_\_\_ came, he hurried to  
 the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ what had happened to  
 \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ found  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and well. The \_\_\_\_\_ had  
 not hurt him. The Lord had sent an \_\_\_\_\_ to protect \_\_\_\_\_.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rev Lynden Broadstock  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Tue 25 Dec	Combined Glenroy/KRd/PVS service <b>at Kent Road at 9.00 am</b>
Sun 30 Dec	5th Sunday Combined Glenroy/KRd/PVS worship <b>at PVS at 10.00 am</b>
Sun 6 Jan	Pascoe Vale Special Church Council Meeting at Kent Road to consider IIM Report—time to be confirmed
Tue 8 Jan	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Tue 22 Jan	Pascoe Vale Church Council Annual Meeting at Kent Road at 7.30 pm
Tue 5 Feb	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 7 Feb	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Tue 12 Feb	UCAF Dedication & Communion service at PVS at 11.00 am
Wed 20 Feb	Westgate Flicks screening 'Now Voyager' starring Bette Davis, Paul Henreid & Claude Rains at 1.00 pm (for a 1.30pm start)
Fri 1 Mar	World Day of Prayer—details to be advised
Tue 5 Mar	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 7 Mar	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Tue 12 Mar	UCAF Meeting at PVS at 1.00 pm
Thu 14 Mar	Worship Service at BUPA Home Coburg at 11.00 am
Wed 20 Mar	Westgate Flicks screening 'Pocketful of Miracles' starring Bette Davis, Peter Falk & Ann-Margret at 1.00 pm (for a 1.30pm start)
Tue 26 Mar	Pascoe Vale Church Council Meeting at PVS at 7.45 pm
Sun 30 Mar	Combined Glenroy/KRd/PVS worship <b>at Glenroy</b> (time to be confirmed)

**STANDARD WORSHIP TIMES & SERVICES  
FOR 2019**

**Glenroy**

**Sundays at 9.00 am—Contact Faye Woods on 9306 6104**

**Kent Road**

**1st & 3rd Sundays only at 10.30 am—Contact Shirley Foster on 9355 7988**

**Pascoe Vale South (PVS)**

**2nd & 4th Sundays only at 10.30 am—Contact Jean Taylor on 9354 6689**



## GLENROY & PASCOE VALE UNITING CHURCHES

### Preaching Plan December 2018

Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	9.15 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South
Sun	16-Dec-18	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Combined KRd/PVS service at KENT ROAD at 10 am led by Diane Wookey	
Sun	23-Dec-18		Rev Lynden Broadstock	Levy Crimeen	Rev Lynden Broadstock
Tue	25-Dec-18	Christmas Day	Combined KRd/PVS/Glenroy service at KENT ROAD at 9 am Led by Rev Lynden Broadstock		
Sun	30-Dec-18	5th Sunday - Glenroy/KentRd/ PVS Combined Service at 10.00 am at PVS Rev Lynden Broadstock			

### Preaching Plan January to April 2019

Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	10.30 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South
				Note: From 1 Jan 2019, the Kent Rd and Pascoe Vale South congregations will hold <b>Combined Services EVERY SUNDAY</b> (with the 1st and 3rd Sundays held at Kent Road and the 2nd and 4th Sundays held at Pascoe Vale South) <b>ALL services will begin at 10.30 am</b>	
Sun	6-Jan-19	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	13-Jan-19	Communion at PVS	Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	20-Jan-19	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	27-Jan-19		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	3-Feb-19	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	10-Feb-19	Communion at PVS	Lay Team		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	17-Feb-19	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Barbara Gayler	
Sun	24-Feb-19		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	3-Mar-19	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	10-Mar-19	Communion at PVS	Lay Team		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	17-Mar-19	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Barbara Gayler	
Sun	24-Mar-19		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	31-Mar-19	<b>5th Sunday - Glenroy/KentRd/ PVS Combined Service at 10.00 am at GLENROY</b> Rev Lynden Broadstock			
Sun	7-Apr-19	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	14-Apr-19	Communion at PVS	Lay Team		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Fri	19-Apr-19	<b>Good Friday</b>	"Typically" there is a 9.00 am service at Glenroy and Pascoe Vale congregations participate with local Catholic and Anglican churches in a Stations of the Cross service		
Sun	21-Apr-19	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Barbara Gayler	
Sun	28-Apr-19		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock