



Crookwell Uniting Church

“To Know Christ and Make Christ Known”



*Witnessing to God's love for the world
From the main street to the paddock.*

January 2023

The time came for her child to be born...

Our sacred stories tell us that when everything began, the world was chaos, and God breathed over the expanse of it. In its own time, each piece came into being, claiming its space as part of the whole. Light and dark, land and water, sun and moon and stars, birds and trees and fruit – the breath of God covered it all and coaxed it into being.

And so many lifetimes later, that same breath – the one that created and continues to hold all that is – held the stable, that held the family, that held the manger, that held the baby that would come to hold all the world in his heart. –
Illustrated Ministry Advent Devotional

The whole world has been holding its breath. As war rages in Ukraine, we inhale, wondering if this will become a global war. As climate change brings record breaking fire and flood, we inhale, wondering how much worse it can get. As our phone rings, with the news of another illness or death of one close to us, we inhale, wondering when our strength and courage will fail.

And soon enough, we realise we have stopped breathing altogether.

But then we hear the news. We breathe out in relief. For the hour for which we have been waiting has arrived. *A child has been born for us, a son given to us;*

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authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He is the Lord of time, come to redeem all of creation – come to make time itself Holy and sanctified. No longer is history stuck on a trajectory of death and devastation. For Heaven has come to earth, the sacred has become mundane, and the eternal has become mortal.

So, let us go to Bethlehem, to see this thing that has happened. Let us, at the end of a long, long year, celebrate once more the Christmas story, and see if it can still take our breath away.

Christmas Eve, 7pm – Jerrara
Christmas Day, 9am – Crookwell
New Years Day, 9:30am – Goulburn

Please note there is no service in Crookwell on New Years Day. Instead, you are invited to Goulburn for Holy Communion.

And wherever you spend this Christmas Day – at home, working, or away – may the blessing of our incarnate God, the Speaker, the Word made flesh, and the Breath of Life, be with you, now and forever.

Yours in Christ
 Daniel

Worship & Readings

Sunday 1 January

9:30am Goulburn and
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Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Sunday 8 January

9:30am Crookwell and
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Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday 15 January

9:30am Crookwell and
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 2:30pm Jerrara

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Sunday 22 January

9:30 Crookwell and
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Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday 29 January

9:30 Crookwell and
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Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

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