

# The Friendly Word Marion

Church of Christ Inc  
2020 Year of Fruitfulness

**Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community**

## *Special Edition: Christmas Services*

Welcome & may God bless you this Christmas Season!

Come, worship Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Messiah, Prince of Peace, Immanuel!

You are invited to join us for our special Christmas Services.

Thank you for remembering to RSVP  
if you are planning to come onsite.

For online viewing, tune into MCC YouTube channel by following this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf3erXUSKs9D54c8\\_LEwaw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf3erXUSKs9D54c8_LEwaw)

### **A Christmas Prayer**

**by Robert Louis Stevenson**  
Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.  
Amen.

### **Stay Connected with the MCC Team**

Church Office: 8277 7388  
Email: [admin@marioncc.org.au](mailto:admin@marioncc.org.au)  
Pastors: Bill Tyrie, Sonya Bertram,  
Mark Selke, Stephen Scott  
ML Director: Leighton Boyd

#### Worship Services:

- 27th December—10am service only  
Including farewell to Selke's

2021

- 3rd January—10am service only
- 10th January—both 10am and 6pm services resume

#### Regular Programs:

- Craft TBC
- MOPS (returns Feb) Mon F/n 9.30am
- Friendship Club TBC
- Girls Brigade 9th Feb Tues 6.30pm
- Good Gear Mon-Thurs  
Reopens 18th Feb 9:30am-1.30pm
- Side Gate Café Mon, Wed & Thurs  
Reopens 18th Feb 10am to 1.30pm
- Church Prayer Night returning February
- Element Youth Fri weekly 7pm School  
Year 7-12 School Term
- Camera Club (Feb) Mon monthly
- Marion Movers Returning soon—  
Fri weekly 9.30am

#### Other Important dates to lock in:

- 11th January—Church Office opens
- 11th January—Good Gear Re-opens
- 18th January—Side Gate Café Re-opens
- 19th January—Barista Training @ SG Café (bookings required)
- 20th January to 22nd January 'Kick Start' Special Youth Program—watch out for details
- 3rd February—Leadership meeting 7:30pm
- 7th February—Vision Sunday

#### MarionLIFE Programs starting from 11th Jan

- MarionLIFE ER Mon-Thurs 9am-12noon
- Marion Mugs Mon 9:30-11:30am
- Budget Couns. Mon by appointment
- Brekky 4 Blokes Fri (2nd & 4th) 9am  
restarts 22 Jan
- Comm. Garden Tues/Thurs am  
restarts 12 Jan
- Community Meal 1st/3rd Thurs 6.30pm—  
restarts 21 Jan
- Women Together Wed—restarts 3 Feb  
If you need crisis support in the coming weeks, or  
anytime, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

### **OUT NOW FOR CHRISTMAS!**

#### **MCC Worship CD!**

They will be available to purchase on before and after Christmas services. EFTPOS will be available.  
Great Christmas Presents!



#### *Ways we give with generosity & commitment*

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##### DETAILS FOR CHURCH:

BSB: **703-810**  
Account No.: **05 300 944**  
Acc Name: **Marion Church of Christ**  
Ref: **Offering**

##### DETAILS FOR MARIONLIFE

BSB: **035045**  
Account No.: **408616**  
Acc Name: **MarionLIFE Gift Fund**  
Ref: **Your Name (for receipt)**

### Prayer Word:

●Thank you, God for sending Your Son on one glorious night to be born of a virgin, to live a perfect life and to die on the cross for my sins. Thank you that He rose from the dead three days later and that this Christmas and every Christmas we can celebrate the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

●Thank You, Lord for loving us. If not for your great love, we would be lost in sin.

●Thank You, Lord for your precious gifts you shower upon us: love, joy, peace, hope, gentleness, kindness, grace, forgiveness, provisions and so much more. We want to bless You with our thanks and praise.

●Lord, for those who are feeling loss at this Christmas time; we hold them in our hearts and ask your healing hand and abundant mercy to rest upon one and all in this hurting world.

●Lord, help us to share our hearts with those around us the profound mystery of Christmas. Put in the hearts of men and women Your peace, which so many seek and that You alone can give. Reveal to each of us Your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken our hearts and join us in love and unity to honour and glorify You, our one true loving God.



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Checking in is quick and easy and a requirement by SA Government. If you don't have a smart phone, we can still register your attendance with the COVID Register.

Thank you

Keep in touch over Christmas and the New Year



### Thoughtful Word : — Matthew 1:21

*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

Names in the Bible were truly significant because they often told us something about the person. This is particularly true of God whose many names are of utmost significance—every name of God in the Bible reveals something about Him.

When the angel visited Joseph, we read that Joseph was instructed to name the baby, Jesus. Whilst 'Jesus' is a fairly common Jewish name, it comes with huge significance.

'Jesus' is an English rendering of the Greek name *Iêsous*, which is a translation of the ancient Hebrew *Yehoshua*. This name is formed from Hebrew roots signifying "Jehovah is salvation"

The name Jesus is also significant because of who it represents—it means "God our Saviour". Jesus Christ is *Immanuel* "God with us".

Jesus name was chosen for Him by God.

Jesus' name was a constant reminder of what God was going to accomplish.

The name Jesus reminds us about the amazing humility of the Son of God when he came as a man to die. As His followers, we must also strive to show the same selfless humility that Jesus demonstrated while on earth.

*"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)*

However, Jesus is not just a name of unmatched humility; it is also a name of infinite exaltation. His name is glorified far above every other name:

*"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11; cf. Acts 4:12)*

Praise the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our awesome Saviour!



Please register your interest via Church Office or website/app  
New date....  
19th Jan 2021

