

The Friendly Word Marion

Church of Christ Inc
2020 Year of Fruitfulness

Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community

6 DEC 2020

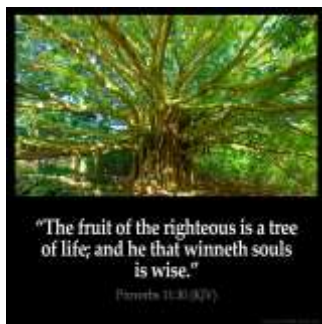
Let's stay connected with one another!

Welcome to our Friendly Word!

This morning, God, we want everything to be for your glory. We want our thoughts, our words, our songs, our church, our community, our resources, our time, our lives--all to be for you. Everything ours is yours, and we come together to declare this to be so, on this Sunday, your holy day. Bless our time together with your holy presence, Amen

As Pastor Bill reminded us last week, to focus on wisdom in our words, let us pray that *'the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, Oh Lord, my rock and my redeemer.'*

Psalms 19:14



This weeks Worship Service will be on site and via live streaming.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf3erXUSKs9D54c8_LEwaw

Ruth Davidson will be sharing the Word today. Bringing the Wisdom series to a close we will conclude with Wisdom in our Witnessing. Proverbs 11:30.

The latest **MCC COVID-19 Update** has been issued via email. Please make sure you check it out to keep up to date with the required changes. Hard copies are available in the foyer.



GETTING EXCITED ...

Due to the circumstances Carols will be live streamed into everyone's home and we are encouraging YOU to invite your church family, friends, family and neighbours, life group to join you for a BBQ etc and watch carols in your homes, backyards, streets to enjoy a SPECIAL CAROLS LIVE STREAMED WITH MCC.

MCC SPECIAL DECEMBER AND JANUARY DATES

Side Gate Café OPEN Monday 7 Dec 9.30am—1pm
Christmas Lunch Wed 9 Dec 12noon Bookings essential
Christmas Lunch Thurs 10 Dec 12noon Bookings essential
Reopening Monday 18 January 9.30am

Good Gear OPEN Saturday 5 December 9.30am—1pm
OPEN Monday 7 Dec —Thursday 10 Dec 9.30am-1pm
Reopening Monday 18 January 9.30am

Carols at Home Saturday 12 December 7.30pm [SPECIAL ONLINE EVENT]

Services Sunday 6 December 10am [onsite & online] & 6pm [onsite]
Sunday 13 December 6pm only [onsite]
Sunday 20 December 10am only [onsite & online]
Sunday 27 December 10am only [onsite & online]

Christmas Eve 7pm Family Service [onsite & online]
11pm Candlelight Service [onsite]

Christmas Day 9am [onsite] online TBC

Church Office Hours OPEN 9am—1pm Monday—Thursday
(Closed morning of Thursday 17 December)
(Closed from Monday 21 December Christmas preparations)
Reopening for Staff Catchup Week Monday 4 January

Governing Council Elections —Extended Voting Date

MEMEBERS: voting closes TODAY, 6th December at the end of 6pm service.

Have you read your Annual Report yet?—soft copies have been emailed out or you can grab a hard copy from the foyer.

AGM: Please be advised that the new date for the AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 16th December, 2020 at 7:30pm. Please register your intention to come ASAP via the Church Office, Website or APP. Thank you!



Ways we give with generosity & commitment
OnLine | Envelope | APP | Automatic

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)

Stay Connected with the MCC Team

Church Office: 8277 7388 Email: admin@marioncc.org.au

Pastors: Bill Tyrie, Sonya Bertram, Mark Selke, Stephen Scott

ML Director: Leighton Boyd

OUT FOR CHRISTMAS! MCC Worship CD!

What was your favourite worship song the Music Team recorded during the COVID lockdown?

Did you know that 40 songs were recorded during that time.

Pre-order your CD and lock in a copy or two, a fantastic Christmas present, or even a way to share the Gospel to friends/family.



Prayer Word:

- We lift our hearts in thanks and praise for who our God is and what He does for us.
- We give thanks for the beautiful country we live in, here in Australia and the many blessings we enjoy. May we never take it for granted.
- We give thanks for our leaders who seek to look out for us. May God's wisdom and strength sustain them.
- We give thanks for the months of concentrated, dedicated work in many countries to find a viable vaccine for COVID-19. We bless our God for His faithfulness.
- We give thanks for the unexpected lockdowns, that gives us opportunity to rest, refocus and be safe.
- We give thanks for the business and shops that are able to continue providing service. We lift up those who are struggling financially and the flow on effect of closures.
- We give thanks for the dedicated medical persons, serving despite their exhaustion.
- We give thanks for Pastors who lead us in new ways.
- We lift up those who mourn and those who weep and give thanks for the lives of those they loved.
- We give thanks for the opportunity that Carols online brings. May we each be aware of and use the opportunities open to us.
- We pray for our community who are in need. May they reach out for assistance and know that they are cared for and loved by God.
- We give thanks for life, for love, for the many blessings our wonderful God bestows upon us. We are so thankful for the personal relationship we can have with the living creator, through His dear Son, Jesus.



It is with sadness that we advise that Mr Brian Gardiner passed away on 1st December. Many will remember Brian as a regular worker in the Community Garden & at MarionLIFE until his health prevented him volunteering. We extend our love, prayers and sympathy to all his family and friends. A private funeral service to be held in due course.

KIDS@MARION

SUNDAYS 10AM ZOOM
Creche Lighthouse JAM!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR HAPPY FACES THIS SUNDAY.
ENTER BY THE SIDE GATE TO REGISTER IN THE PAVILION.

Please note that Church Office hours are 9am to 1pm Mondays to Thursdays. Reception is closed for staff meeting and prayer 9:30am to 11am Mondays. Thank you.



Thoughtful Word : Wisdom in our witnessing.

Proverbs 11:30

'The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives'
NIV

The interesting thing about our faith journey is that it is just that...a journey. In other words it isn't finished yet. No matter how long we have been walking with Jesus, there is always still much to do, learn and grow.

We have become more aware of this particularly during our Wisdom series and the various aspects of the fruit of wisdom.

Our Wisdom area this week is witnessing. Part of our doing in our faith is sharing the Good News. As this Advent Season begins, and we focus on the birth of Jesus, let us take up the invitation to share that focus.

Let us be encouraged this week to prayerfully consider who we can share with. A great way to start such a conversation is to invite your family, friends, colleagues to share in the Carols. If you have room and can invite some to your house, please do so, and watch it together. If not, share the info, share the link and make a time to catch up for a cuppa and a chat. **It doesn't matter how we share, it matters that we do.**

Will you this week, take up the challenge?

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank You that we are recipients of Your great love for us. We ask for Your help to pave the way for conversations to share this love with others. Help us to rely on You and to guide our words and actions, In Jesus name we pray, Amen



Please register your interest via Church Office or website/app



Ring – Chat – Pray!

MEMBERSHIP

Have a chat with the Church Office or one of our Pastors to find out how.

JOIN OUR COVID MARHSALL TEAM Have a chat with the Church Office.

VOLUNTEERS

We welcome you! Come into the church office or online to organise the Screening checks.



COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN

Marion Church of Christ



Checking in is quick and easy:

1. Download or log into the free mySA GOV app
2. Scan the above QR Code with your phone's camera
3. Enter your name and phone number
4. Follow the prompts
5. Done—you're checked in!

Remember: Do not enter if you are unwell. Stay 1.5 metres from others. Regularly wash or sanitise your hands.



MarionLIFE

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Each year MarionLIFE distributes Christmas Hampers to families in need during this often stressful time of year.

Thanks to our partnership with Foodbank SA, we are able to purchase wonderful prepacked hampers at a heavily reduced cost, but there is a huge demand that we would be unable to meet without support from the wider community. Are you able to make a financial donation to help cover this cost? We're seeking donations of \$35 per hamper and are hoping to provide 100 hampers this year. Donations are tax deductible and the following giving options are available:

Online: www.givenow.com.au/marionlife

In person: 887 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park
Post: PO Box 380, Park Holme, SA, 5043

Book in for the Christmas DAY Lunch by Thurs 10 December at MarionLIFE \$5.00

Bookings Essential
Friday 25 December
12noon

CALL FOR CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for people with an enthusiastic and empathetic approach to become a part of a friendly, caring team of volunteers committed to the inclusion of all the community members attending our Christmas Day Lunch on 25 December. Phone 8277 0304 or email info@marionlife.org.au to express your interest in a volunteering role.



MarionLIFE
Donation Bin
Now in the church foyer

Don't forget to bring items for the Emergency Pantry - long life pantry items and hygiene items are distributed daily to people in need from our supplies. Bring them on Sunday or drop off Monday to Thursday 9am—12noon.



MARIONLIFE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR DATES

We wish you a merry and safe Christmas
& look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Emergency Relief Service: closing 10 December 2020 and reopening from Monday 11 January 2021

Community Meal finishing 3 December 2020 (RSVP required) & starting again 21 January 2021

MarionLIFE Youth finishing 4 December 2020 and starting again 5 February 2021

Brekky for Blokes finishing 11 December 2020 and starting again 22 January 2021

Marion Mugs finishing 7 December 2020 and starting again 11 January 2021

Community Garden will be closed from 11 December 2020 until 12 January 2021

Final Women Together for 2020 is 9 December and restarting 3 February 2021

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO
Christmas Day Lunch 25th Dec, 12pm
Bookings Essential Through Reception by Dec 10

\$5 per person

MARIONLIFE 8277 0304
887 Marion Road, Mitchell Park
www.marionlife.org.au



Connect in with the MCC
Young Adults LIFE Groups
15 Nov—After 6pm Church Café Catchup
Contact Stephen Scott (*Growth Young Adults Pastor*) for details via church office on 8277 7388 or sscott@marioncc.org.au

Connect in with Element Youth
Term 4 on Fridays for all Year 7-12s
7pm—8.45pm \$4 plus Compassion Sponsorship—we accept bottles and cans for recycling - you can drop them off on Fridays at youth to help financially support us
Contact Mark Selke (*Growth Youth Pastor*) for details via church office on 8277 7388 or

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS
ON SALE NOW!**

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 9:30AM - 1:30PM
30 NOV - 3 DEC, 7 DEC - 10 DEC
PLUS SPECIAL SATURDAY OPENING ON 5 DEC

Christmas Menu
Special for 2020
Choose a date and book your seat!
Wed 9th December @ 12 noon or
Thurs 10th December @ 12 noon

Entree
Chicken Waldorf Salad

Main Course
ROAST TURKEY WITH
ROASTED VEGETABLES, GRAVY &
CRANBERRY SAUCE, BREAD ROLL

Dessert
CHRISTMAS PUDDING OR
FRESH FRUIT AND ICECREAM

Drinks
CHOICE OF
1x TEA, COFFEE, SOFT DRINK

only \$30