

Friendly Word

NEWSLETTER

SUN 22 DEC 2024

MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST

DISCOVERING JESUS
VALUING PEOPLE
BUILDING COMMUNITY

WELCOME TO MCC
10AM COMBINED SERVICE
EVERYONE'S INVITED

Pastor Stephen Scott will be speaking the Christmas Word this Sunday. K@M is now in recess but check out the activity spot in the Kids' corner. Plus the Photo booth area is available to have photos with friends and family—get your phones and cameras out and make some memories this Christmas at MCC.

6pm CAFÉ Church is now in recess until Vision Sunday. We encourage you to come along to the 10am combined services through to end of January.



Some Stats ...

- 1,000 post cards
- letterbox dropped
- Market 9 Stalls
- Sausage Sizzle
- Pony Rides
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Kitchen Food/Drinks
- Good Gear
- 30+ volunteers

CAROLS

- 250+ attendees
- 22 Music Team, AV, Sound, Lights, 5 Alive, Father Christmas etc.
- 560 views & counting on YouTube

THANK YOU!

Our weekly newsletter keeps you updated and connected with MCC. God has been doing some great things in the lives of so many people and we are excited for where He is leading us in 2024.

I'M NEW HERE: If you're visiting today, welcome. We'd love the opportunity to meet you and give you a MCC welcome bag (at the Welcome Desk)—it has some info you may find helpful to know about what happens here and how to connect in.



COMMUNION ... Everyone who loves the Lord is invited to share in the time of communion. Here at MCC we celebrate communion every week. For your convenience there are prepared cups including a wafer for you to collect as you enter. During the service the Communion leader will lead us in a reflective time, then as the music follows, you are welcome to participate of your bread and cup in your own time.

STAYING CONNECTED.. If you visiting or have changed your contact details, or have a Prayer request or encouragement to share, please pick up a **Care Card for Communication** as you enter today (or let us know on the MCC APP or admin@marioncc.org.au) Fill it in and pop it in the offering box or church office box in the foyer.



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Stay Connected with the MCC Team

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

Pastors: Stephen Scott, Sonya Bertram, Stephen Lim



MarionLIFE Director:
Leighton Boyd



Governing Council (Elder) Chair:
Andrew Bertram



GIVING To give now or monthly scan the QR Code or visit <https://www.marioncc.org.au/give> and EFTPOS is available at the welcome desk
MCC Bank Account: BSB: 703-810 Account: 05 300 944 Reference: Offering
Giving to God through His Church here at Marion Church of Christ allows you to share the blessings you have received by investing in the mission of our church.



Hope
HAS A NAME

You're warmly invited to join us at our festive COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICES Everyone's welcome!

TUES 24 DECEMBER 7PM
CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

TUES 24 DECEMBER 11PM
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WED 25 DECEMBER 9AM
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

WHAT'S ON!

December Service Dates

Sun 22 Dec 10am
Sun 29 Dec 10am

Church Office

Last Day Tues 24 Dec 1pm
Staff Back Mon 6 Jan 2025
Reopen to public Mon 13 Jan 2025

BBQ Church 6pm 4th Sunday of Month

Restarts Sun 23 Feb 2025

Craft Wednesday 10am during school term

Restarts Wed 5 Feb 2025

Element Youth Fri 7pm

Restarts Fri 31 Jan 2025

Flower Power Friday collection

Saturday arrangements and delivery
Restarts Fri 31 Jan and Sat 1 Feb

Friendship Club 1pm 2nd Thurs of Month

Restarts Thurs 13 Feb 2025

Good Gear Mon-Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm

Restarts Mon 13 Jan 2025

Kids@Marion Sundays 10am Resumes Term 1

Life Groups Term 1

MumCo—more info in the New Year

Music Team Night Feb TBC

Side Gate Café TBC

Young Adults Tuesdays school term

Into the New Year 2025

Summer Church January 10am combined services

Beach Church Sun 12 Jan from 4pm TBC

Vision Sunday 2 Feb 10am/6pm

Leaders Meeting Thurs 27 Feb 7.30pm

We look forward to seeing what God's plans are for us as we head into 2025 and beyond. He is our guiding light—please be in prayer for our church and community as we seek God's will.

Marion Church of Christ aims to be a loving, **GENEROUS**, healthy community of passionate disciples of Jesus

CHOOSE A PROJECT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON 



Gifts of Compassion

Fund the opening of a new child development centre in Cawayan, Philippines, providing hope, new opportunity and critical support to 100 children and families. \$15,100.

Name: WPACAUS

BSB: 032506 ACC: 109683

Please put in the Deposit – 02945368 (global supporter number) PH2418 on the description



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<https://www.greatgifts.org.au/>



Churches of Christ Overseas Aid

Share God's Peace this Christmas transforming the lives of children, families and communities through life-changing development activities.

<https://www.gmp.org.au/give-now>



COLLECT A CATALOGUE, ENVELOPE OR GO ONLINE TO DONATE

CHANGE LIVES ONE BY ONE

(GIFTS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

Check out all the information on how you can be a part of the 'Special Christmas Season Project' this Christmas. All the details are above and ready for you to make a difference in the lives of others around the world.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 Corinthians 9:7, ESV

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. — 2 Corinthians 8:12, NIV

But since you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you — see that you also excel in this grace of giving. — 2 Corinthians 8:7, NIV

Let us give thanks to God for His gifts so generous given to us, and for the blessings we are called to share. For recognising that all things come from You, for remembering that we are stewards of Your gifts, for wisely using the resources entrusted to us.



Big Blue Bin Donate MarionLIFE's pantry welcomes non-perishable food or hygiene items for Emergency Relief Pantry You are invited to pop a couple of extra items in your shopping trolley this week and place in the blue bin, located in the foyer. Thank you!

MarionLIFE GROUPS START DATES 2025

- ✓ Marion Mugs, Monday 13 January
- ✓ Walking Group, Tuesday 14 January
- ✓ Community Garden, Tuesday 14 January
- ✓ Garden Tool Library, Tuesday 14 January
- ✓ Community Meal, Thursday 16 January
- ✓ Brekky Together, Tuesday 28 January
- ✓ Women Together, Wednesday 29 January
- ✓ MarionLIFE Youth, dates will be announced soon

