

# Friendly Word

NEWSLETTER

SUN 8 DEC 2024

MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST

DISCOVERING JESUS  
VALUING PEOPLE  
BUILDING COMMUNITY

## WELCOME TO MCC TO OUR 10AM FAMILY SERVICE & 6PM CAFÉ CHURCH

Pastor Stephen Scott will be speaking the Word—Matthew 1:18-25 Sunday 10am/6pm service.



K@M are decorating biscuits as part of their Christmas Party celebrations this Sunday. Thank you to our families and leaders.

Stay after for a cuppa and chat after the service and enjoy the company of your church family and meet up with someone new!

Join us again at 6pm CAFÉ Church for a great night of worship and enjoying a cuppa together.

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](mailto: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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**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.



**Governing Council Elders Word:** Hi church family, GC is thrilled to announce that at our special members meeting held after the 1000 service last week on Dec 1st, members voted overwhelmingly in the affirmative to proceed with finalising the sale of land as discussed to MarionLIFE. This is phase 1 of our site redevelopment. Stay tuned for announcements about next steps and new opportunities in 2025 as God unwraps more of His vision for our community.  
Blessings, Andy Bertram GC Chair

### Stay Connected with the MCC Team

Church Office: 8277 7388 E: [admin@marioncc.org.au](mailto:admin@marioncc.org.au)

**Pastors:** Stephen Scott, Sonya Bertram, Stephen Lim



**MarionLIFE Director:**  
Leighton Boyd



**Governing Council (Elder) Chair:**  
Andrew Bertram



Special moments at Marion Craft's Christmas Breakup. Thank you to the wonderful leaders for your time and care through the year. Thank you to Sue for the wonderful Christmas Cupcakes and Ros for your help behind the scenes with signing people in. We appreciate your generosity, laughs and joy.



Let's invite the neighbourhood to our  
**Community Market & Carols**

**READY TO COLLECT ☺**

We invite you to walk around our neighbourhood to post flyers in letter boxes.

(Don't post in letter boxes with 'No Junk Mail' or 'Addressed Mail Only')

Pick up a Pack for our local area and follow the map  
Pick up a Post Card to give to a friend  
Share a Social Media Post—Send a Text Message



## WHAT'S ON!

- ◆ Community Christmas Market & Carols Sat 14 Dec 4pm
- ◆ Christmas Services : Hope has a name!  
Tuesday 24 Dec 7pm  
Tuesday 24 Dec 11pm  
Wednesday 25 Dec 9am

**BBQ Church 6pm 4th Sunday of Month**  
Restarts Sun 23 Feb 2025

**December Service Dates**  
Sun 8 Dec 10am/6pm  
Sun 15 Dec 6pm  
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

**Craft Wednesday 10am during school term**  
Restarts Wed 5 Feb 2025

**Element Youth Fri 7pm**  
Last Day Fri 13 Dec 2024 Christmas Breakup  
Restarts Fri 31 Jan 2025

**Flower Power Friday collection**  
Saturday arrangements and delivery  
Last Day Fri 6 Dec and Sat 7 Dec  
Restarts Fri 31 Jan and Sat 1 Feb

**Friendship Club 1pm 2nd Thurs of Month**  
Last Day Thurs 12 Dec 2024 Christmas Breakup  
Restarts Thurs 13 Feb 2025

**Good Gear Mon-Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm**  
Last Day Sat 14 Dec 2024  
Restarts Mon 13 Jan 2025

**Kids@Marion Sundays 10am**  
Christmas Breakup Sun 8 Dec 10am

**Life Groups TBC**  
**MumCo TBC**  
**Music Team Thurs 28 Nov 7.30pm**  
**Side Gate Café TBC**

**Young Adults Tuesdays school term**  
Last Day TBC Restarts TBC

**Into the New Year 2025**  
**Summer Church January 10am combined services**  
**Beach Church Sun 12 Jan from 4pm Henley Beach Square, Henley Beach**

**Vision Sunday 2 Feb 10am/6pm**  
**Leaders Meeting Thurs 27 Feb 7.30pm**

MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST INVITES YOU TO A  
**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
4-6.30PM  
**CAROLS SPECTACULAR**  
"LIVE ON STAGE" FROM 7PM  
**SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

**FREE ENTRY**

FAMILY FRIENDLY . FUN  
CHRISTMAS STALLS . BBQ  
COFFEE . JUMPING CASTLE  
PONY RIDES. FACE PAINTING

JOIN US IN THE COOL AUDITORIUM  
TO SING ALONG WITH CHRISTMAS  
CAROLS YOU KNOW AND LOVE

Marion Church of Christ Inc Everyone's Welcome

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## MarionLIFE

### MarionLIFE Community Programs

**Emergency Relief Mon-Thurs 9-12noon**  
Budget Support & Financial Counselling  
Community Garden  
Refugee Support  
Adult Community Learning  
Last Day Thurs 5 Dec  
Resumes Mon 13 Jan  
**Marion Mugs Mondays: 9:30am**  
Last Day Thurs 9 Dec  
Resumes Mon 13 Jan  
**Tool Library & Garden Tues morn**  
**Community Meal 1st/3rd Thurs 6:30pm**  
Last Meal Thurs 5 Dec  
Resumes Thurs 16 Jan  
**MarionLIFE Youth Fridays 3pm**  
Last Day 6 Dec  
Resumes TBC

**Women Together Wed 1:30pm**  
Last Day Wed 11 Dec Resumes Wed 29 Jan  
**Brekky Together 2nd/4th Tuesdays 9am**  
Last Day Tues 10 Dec Resumes Tues 14 Jan  
**Walking Group Tuesdays 9:30am**  
Last Day 10 Dec Resumes TBC  
**Christmas Hamper Day Tuesday 10 December**



Your donation will make a world of difference. For example:  
-\$10 covers the cost of **Christmas lunch** for one person  
-\$50 provides a **hamper** that makes a family's Christmas special  
-\$120 fights food insecurity and loneliness by providing a **meal once a month** to a community member, where they eat a delicious 2 course meal with other members of the community.  
Donations are tax-deductible <https://marionlife.org.au/donate/>

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, that would be a great help!



### Global Mission Partners

Great Gifts Catalogue:

Every single gift brings great good into the world as GMP works with vulnerable people around the world, helping them to break the cycle of poverty

<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.



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