

TWAS THE KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS ...





When you're too cheap to buy Christmas decorations

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# Maroochydore Uniting Church



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### 4th Sunday in Advent December 22<sup>nd</sup>

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#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 8:30 am James McKenna

**Today's Lectionary Readings** 

Mic 5:1-4a	Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.
	God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
Heb 10:5-10	Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.
Luke 1: 38	I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.
Luke 1:39- 45	<i>Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord!</i>

Please send any notices for next week's 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon

## **Christmas Day Service** Wednesday 25th December: 8:30 am Rev James Stevenson

### Next Week: 29<sup>th</sup> December

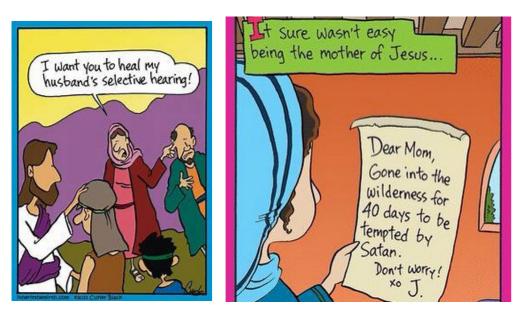
8:30 am Rev Keith Turpin 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 r.5 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 cf. Acts 16:14 Luke 2:41-52

Services January 2025
5 <sup>th</sup> Rev Jan Rossow (Communion)
12 <sup>th</sup> James McKenna
19 <sup>th</sup> Rev Darren King
26 <sup>th</sup> Rev Darren King

Please join us for morning tea after the service

**Birthdays in December**: Trish Hair (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jan Rossow (19<sup>th</sup>), Winni Park (21<sup>st</sup>), James Stevenson (31<sup>st</sup>), Meg Johnson, Stephanie, Jesse Bagot (turns 91)

**Birthdays in January:** Shirley Cope (26<sup>th</sup>)



Prayer from this week's Uniting News

Gracious God of Hope, We come before you with hearts full of gratitude, acknowledging the unexpected ways you have moved

In the quiet corners and hidden spaces of this past year.

We thank you for the small signs of renewal -The tender green shoot breaking through concrete, The unexpected kindness between strangers, The moments landscapes, The courage to of healing that surprised us. The resilience that emerged in difficult of restoration and the hope to places.

We are grateful for the ways hope has found us When we least creative spirit Is always at work, always transforming.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we open our hearts to the possibilities you are preparing.

Teach us to look for renewal in unexpected places: In the margins, in the silence, in the overlooked moments.

Grant us the wisdom to recognize your hand weaving new life into worn-out participate in your ongoing work trust that your love is always making all things new.

Renew our vision, expand our expected it, reminding us that yourunderstanding, and help us to be bearers of hope and healing in the year that stretches before us. Amen.

Wrinkles, wrinkles on my skin Feel them flutter in the wind Peeing every time I sneeze Climbing stairs can make me wheeze

Greying hair becoming thin Can't remember where I've been This little gem donated by Imm (it's always the quiet ones)

