



30th December

6.00 pm Youth and Family
Community Cinema Meredith

6th January

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7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

7th January

11.00 am Communion
Estia Health Bannockburn

8th January

4.00 pm Baptism Interview

12th January

12 Noon Inverleigh and Bannockburn
Op Shop Volunteers Thank You BBQ
Parish Ministry Centre Bannockburn

13th January

*Bannockburn Op Shop Trading
resumes*

6.00 pm Youth and Family
Community Cinema Meredith

7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

20th January

6.00 pm Youth and Family
Community Cinema Meredith

7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

26th January

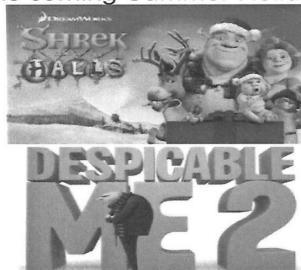
Australia Day Public Holiday

27th January

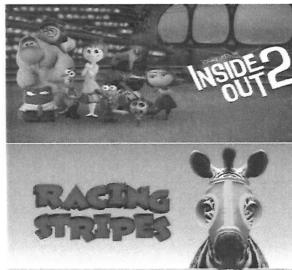
Schools Resume
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMUNITY CINEMA

December 30



January 13



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Bannockburn:	Lynette Oates

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh+Bannockburn+Meredith

28th December 2025—FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



...the gospel concerning God's Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power... *Romans 1:3-4*

Melody Shobe writes, "Often when we say things, we hedge our bets. We insinuate or imply something, rather than stating it outright. We mention or allude to or suggest an idea, for fear of painting ourselves into a corner or being held accountable for our words. But the identity of Jesus Christ our Lord, the Son of God, is declared. The incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ is God's great declaration to the world: this is who I am, this is what I am like, this is how much I love you."

I wonder what you hear in that emphatic declaration by God.
I wonder what you might declare in return.

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Worship Today: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS and HOLY INNOCENTS

Sentence: Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. *Hebrews 2:18*

Collect: Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: in your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ, who came to share our human life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 657 – God of freedom, God of justice; 293 – Unto us a boy is born; 328 – Joseph, your love of life; 679 – God of Jeremiah, grieving

Bannockburn: Great is the darkness; Unto us a boy is born; Here I am to worship; Joseph, your love of life; What child is this; *To be in your presence*; God of Jeremiah, grieving; *You laid aside your majesty*

Meredith: Great is the darkness; What child is this; Unto us a boy is born; Joseph, your love of life; God of Jeremiah, grieving; *You laid aside your majesty*

Intercessions: ...in your pity and mercy, hear our prayer.

World: peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia, Sudan, and all places in conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan and all developing nations; for all nations experiencing natural disaster; where there is injustice, loss of freedom, racism, misogyny and death, where there is need for education, health services, employment, food; for all national leaders to bring about justice and grace in a changing climate and an uncertain world.

Church: to share the good news of God's kingdom in an uncertain world; Bp Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury elect, Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Brad as he prepares for the Diocese of Adelaide, raise up bishops to replace those who are retiring; parish organisational and administrative unity and financial viability; for a season of rest before recommencing the kingdom mission we are called to; for the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples on whose country we live, play, work, and worship; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that will be welcome and safe; for healing and belonging to our Jewish brothers and sisters; for the establishment of Bannockburn Food Relief Project.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Jesse Osborne, Phil Dickson, Paul Duke, Josie Andrews, Josie Harvey, Steve and Stacee Copland, Mawut Gotbaai, Timothy and Weng Deng.

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at cruel hands, though they had done no wrong: give us grace neither to act cruelly nor to stand indifferently by, but to defend the weak from the tyranny of the strong; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Thomas Becket (d.1170) *Martyr*
Archbishop of Canterbury

Morning:

Ps 145
Isaiah 62
Ephesians 1:1-14

Evening:

Ps 147
Isaiah 29:13-24
John 1:35-51

Tuesday

Josephine Butler (d.1905) *Social reformer* *Saint*

Morning:

Pss 148 & 149
Isaiah 63:1-9
Ephesians 1:15-23

Evening:

Pss 133 & 150
Isaiah 30:1-14
John 2:1-1

Wednesday

John Wyclif (d.1384) *Teacher*
Teacher and reformer

Morning:

Pss 130, 31 & 133
Isaiah 27:2-13
Galatians 3:23-4:7

At Evening, Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Evening:

Ps 11
Isaiah 65:17-25
Luke 21:25-36

Thursday

NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

Morning:

Ps 113
Deuteronomy 30:6-20
Acta 3:1-16

Evening:

Ps 115
Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1

Romans 10:5-13

Friday

Basil of Caesarea (d.379) *Theologian*
Gregory of Nazianzus (d.389) *Theologian*
Bishops and teachers
Eliza Hassal (d.1917) *Teacher*
Pioneer of CMS (Aus) and missionary training

Morning:

Pss 5 & 6
Isaiah 64
Ephesians 2:1-10

Evening:

Pss 7 & 8
Isaiah 30:15-28
John 3:1-21

Saturday

Morning:

Ps 9
Isaiah 65:1-16
Ephesians 2:11-22

At Evening, EPIPHANY

Evening:

Ps 19
2 Samuel 22:47-51
Romans 15:8-21



Next Sunday 4th January

EPIPHANY (Transferred)

8.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12