

**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

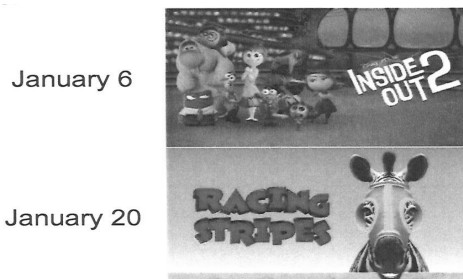
7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

**26th January**  
*Australia Day Public Holiday*

**27th January**  
*Schools Resume*

7.00 pm House Group Teesdale

## YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMUNITY CINEMA



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## Parish Roster for January 4

**Church Cleaning:**  
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Bannockburn: David & Jenny Bannister

**Banno Reading:** Ivan Marsetti

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Inverleigh: Bruce McDonald  
Bannockburn: Lynette Oates

# Golden Plains Anglican News

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith  
28th December 2025—FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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 Stacey 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:** Ps 148 & 149

Isaiah 63:1-9  
Ephesians 1:15-23

**Evening:** Ps 133 & 150

Isaiah 30:1-14  
John 2:1-1

### Wednesday

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

**Morning:** Ps 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  
Acts 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 Hassall (d.1917) *Teacher*  
Pioneer of CMS (Aus) and missionary training

**Morning:** Ps 5 & 6

Isaiah 64  
Ephesians 2:1-10

**Evening:** Ps 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