

LIGHT LUTHERAN CHURCH INC

A sincere, warm welcome to all our members and any visitors who are worshipping with us today. May God bless our being in His presence and in Christian fellowship with each other.

Sunday 11th January
Epiphany 1/ Baptism of Jesus



Bethel
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Bethlehem
Allen's Creek

St John's
Kapunda

St Mark's
Freeling

Trinity
Rosedale

For your Prayers this Week



Bethel
Bethlehem
St John's
St Mark's
Trinity

Pray for organisers, leaders and campers preparing for or enjoying youth gatherings and camps across the LCA NZ.

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

- Day By Day – Richard of Chichester
- [Just Prayer](#)

[Worship Service YouTube Link](#)

Epiphany 1: <https://youtu.be/8nf8HXM1gaw>

Bible Readings

Sunday 11th January

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday 18th January

Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

This Week

Mon 12th Isaiah 43:1-7
Tue 13th Ezekiel 36:24-28
Wed 14th Acts 2:36-42

Thur 15th Romans 6:3-11
Fri 16th 1 John 5:6-12
Sat 17th Psalm 40:1-11

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT– CHILD SAFE

The Light Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. Light Lutheran Church acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse. Light Lutheran Church also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important



responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

Women's Fellowship
In recess until 2026



Kid's Club

In recess until 2026

Kids Club invites all school aged children Kindy-year 7 to join.



Care and Share

In recess until 2026



Bible Study at Kapunda

In recess until 2026



Lutheran Care~

In recess until 2026

ISAIAH 42:1-4

*"Look at my servant,
whom I strengthen.*

*He is my chosen one,
who pleases me.*

*I have put my Spirit
upon him.*

*He will bring justice to
the nations.*

*He will not shout or
raise his voice in public.*

*He will not crush the
weakest reed or put out
a flickering candle.*

*He will bring justice to
all who have been
wronged.*

*He will not falter or lose
heart*

*until justice prevails
throughout the earth.*

*Even distant lands
beyond the sea will wait
for his instruction."*

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

THE SERVANT SONGS

I want to take you along a slightly different path this week. I want to share with you a hint of the study that I do before I write my message for each Sunday. And the OT text for this week is a great way to start.

When we read different books and letters in the Bible, we perceive of them as the work of this or that particular author, written by a particular person, in a specific time, with a single coherent message. What we find out is that over decades and maybe even centuries different writers and editors have had a hand in compiling the final product, the scriptures which we accept as the Word of God.

There are all sorts of reasons for editing. The best one revolves around the writings of Jeremiah. Baruch was a very close friend and also his editor and secretary. At one point, the king ordered that all of Jeremiah's writings be burnt. Baruch was given the task of

writing down the prophecies all over again, from memory. There are indications that editing occurred in the process.

But it is the writings of the prophet Isaiah which give indications of compiling and editing. Sometimes messages which share a theme, but are spoken in quite different styles, are joined together. In other cases there are specific titles for the Messiah being used in quite different messages.

*Our OT text for today is Isaiah 42:1-9. It is called a **Servant Song**, because in this message the Messiah is called My*

Servant as he is in other chapters (49, 50, 52:13-53:12). These servant songs have very unique characteristics yet are spoken into diverse situations.

At the same time, in Isaiah 42, Yahweh begins by talking about **"My Servant"**. But after declaring the significance of God's role in creation, Yahweh directs his message to the Servant. Jesus quotes these words as proof that the prophets spoke directly about him.

I often wonder how the message would have been received by the people of Israel to whom Isaiah was speaking. To whom was he making this promise? **"I, the LORD, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness. I will take you by the hand and guard you, and I will give you to my people, Israel, as a symbol of my covenant with them. And you will be a light to guide the nations"**.

Or who was he speaking about, in the past tense, when he described **My Servant** in these terms?

My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, sprouting from a root in dry and sterile ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.....

He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised, and we did not care.

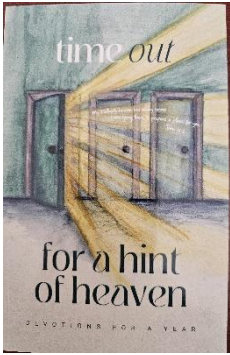
The words spoken refer to a past event. Yet their focus and meaning speak of Jesus, who lived and died 400 years into the future. And their impact is most powerful when they speak directly to us, 2500 years later as we reflect on how human beings have responded to Jesus.

For Isaiah, **My Servant** is the fulfilment of the Old Covenant and a beacon of hope for all nations.

Your shepherd-servant and brother in Christ.

Pastor Geoff

LIGHT FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Timeout Devotion books: Timeout devotion books are available for \$26 each, if you would like one, please let Karrissa know via phone 0427706691 or email: lightlutheran@gmail.com. There will be copies available at each Worship centre as well.

A message from the Light Country

Community Centre: Hello All and One, A very

very big thank you to your Churches. Thanks, the amazing amount of food items, toys, and money, we were able to make up 80 Christmas Hampers to give to people in Kapunda. 25 individuals, 35 2-4 family and 20 5+ families Yes, the businesses and service organisations supported us as well. I think the Christian Spirit is alive and well in Kapunda. Again, many many thanks and blessings.

COMMUNITY AND CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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happening in
our church.



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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 18th January- Epiphany 2

	Allen's Creek	Bethel	Freeling	Kapunda	Rosedale
Service Times	9am	9:30am	9am	10:45am	10:45am
	HC	LR	PR	HC	HC
Pastor	G Kuchel		J Bryan	G Kuchel	J Bryan

Sunday 25th January- Epiphany 3

	Allen's Creek	Bethel	Freeling	Kapunda	Rosedale
Service Times	10:45am	9:30am	9am	10am	No service
	HC	LR	HC	LR	
Pastor	G Kuchel		G Kuchel		

Sunday 1st February- Epiphany 4

	Allen's Creek	Bethel	Freeling	Kapunda	Rosedale
Service Times	No Service	10:45am	9am	9am	10:45am
		HC	PR	HC	HC
Pastor		G Kuchel	J Bryan	G Kuchel	J Bryan

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