



# Morning Worship: Roster

	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Leader</b>	Rev David Russell	Peter & Pam Skelton
<b>Music</b>	Elizabeth Prosser	Peter Ayling
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Rae Stove	Ros Williams
<b>Stewards</b>	Janet & Cecil Smith	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey
<b>Reader</b>	Stuart Edwards	Joan Winwood
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Ros Williams	Wendy Ross
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Ros Williams & Barbara Brown	Rae & Fred Stove
<b>Projection</b>	Jeff Haynes	Bob & Wendy Ross
<b>Lectionary</b>	Micah 5: 2-5a Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45, (46-55)	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52

## Regular Activities

**Morning Worship** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday/month: - 10am

**Holy Communion** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/month - 10am and at Wyndham - 2:30pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/month - 2:00pm at Imlay House.

**Weekly Prayer Meeting** at Shirley McLennan's home - Tuesdays at 3:30pm

**Tura Beach Op Shop** - open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Fellowship Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday/month at 1.30pm - contact Joan or Corinne

**"Uniting Gardeners"** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 3pm to 4pm at the church.

**Uniting Church Tai Chi 108** Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

**Uniting Church Dance Group** - Tuesdays 7:00pm; Fridays 9:00am - in the hall

**Church Bring-and-Share Brunch** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

**Birthdays this week:**

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## Christmas Meditations & Services:

- Advent Meditations 23 December - 7pm
- Christmas Eve Meditation (HC) - 7pm
- Christmas Day Service - 10am

### ***A Rich (Poor) Christmas***

Often people cry out "Christmas has become too commercial" but then they continue spending as in the past. It's an understandable problem because there are so many temptations out there.

However, this year for many the tight economy may have major implications for holiday celebrations. Those who have lost jobs or had their work/and or pay downsized may well be feeling a pinch and not able to spend as they have in the past. **Perhaps this is a gift.**

The creative opportunity to explore alternative ways to celebrate the holiday can be a wondrous time of discovery. It can also present an opportunity for friends and neighbours to connect in new ways as less time may be spent buying and wrapping gifts and preparing for guests.

Try such things as homemade or recycled gifts, attending free seasonal events, gathering with friends and family and spending time focusing on the beauty and transformative power of this holy season. The lists are truly endless and the results can provide wonderful memories.

The prophet Micah pointed out that Bethlehem was one of the poorest and smallest places around and yet it would be the birthplace of the Saviour. May our simple and poor hearts be places for Christ to be born anew.

