



# JUDE'S NEWS

10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Attending to God

Please find attached to this email a new series provided by Michael Hillier – Attending to God. There will be hard copies available at the back of the church.

## Holiday Office Hours

The office will be open normal hours until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. Then closed until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## Bishop Announcement

We are delighted to announce that a new Archbishop of Adelaide has been elected. See attached letter from Bishop Sophie with the news. An installation date will be announced soon.

## Volunteer of the Week – Sylvia Hunnisett



This week we celebrate **Sylvia** for her welcoming smile and the care she shows through every small but meaningful act.

**ST JUDE'S VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK**



This week we are delighted to recognise Sylvia as our Volunteer of the Week. Sylvia is a friendly and familiar face at St Jude's, always ready to help serve morning tea and warmly welcome others as they arrive. One of her most special contributions is writing and sending our birthday cards on behalf of St Jude's—a thoughtful ministry that helps people feel remembered, valued, and connected. We are so grateful for Sylvia's kindness, care, and the heartfelt way she serves our community. Thank you, Sylvia, for all that you do!

## Image of the week

Brighton Primary School recently took the time to celebrate and thank the dedicated Breakfast Club volunteers for their incredible commitment throughout the year. Their energy, care and willingness to show up early make a real difference to students every week, and their hard work is truly appreciated.



### December Community Meal Sponsor – Jane Fleming

Thank you to Jane Fleming – Liberal Candidate for Gibson, who has kindly donated \$1000 to sponsor the St Jude's community meal for the month of December. Jane also attends the community meal occasionally to serve and/or visit with diners.



# THANK YOU

## Jane Fleming

December sponsorship of  
**\$1000**  
to fund the St Jude's  
Community Meal!



### Message from Chris Steers

Chris has been in residential care for one year now and appreciates the care given by the staff. She says the residents are kept well occupied with craft sessions, board games and bus trips. She sends everyone at St Jude's best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

### Reminders:

#### Christmas Funday!

Brighton Uniting Church is hosting a Christmas Funday on Monday 14th December from 1pm–5:30pm for children aged 5–10. The afternoon will be filled with food, games and festive fun, followed by a special Christmas story presentation at 5:30pm in the church and a BBQ tea afterward. Cost is \$5 per child, and bookings are essential — please email Heather at [heatherbackhouse19@gmail.com](mailto:heatherbackhouse19@gmail.com) to reserve a place.

**BRIGHTON UNITING CHURCH**  
443 Brighton Road

## CHRISTMAS FUNDAY

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1pm - 5:30pm

Please join us at 5:30pm in the church to see your children participate in Christmas story - following this please join for a BBQ tea!

**FOOD - GAMES - FUN**

Children Ages 5-10 / \$5 per Child

\*Booking Mandatory\* (please email Heather)  
[heatherbackhouse19@gmail.com](mailto:heatherbackhouse19@gmail.com)







# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025

St Jude's Anglican Church Brighton. 444 Brighton Rd Brighton S.A.

Advent Community Meals (with Christmas Carols): **Fridays from 11.30am**

Advent Afternoon: **Friday 5th December 2-4pm**

Blue Christmas Service: **Tuesday 16th December 2pm**

Westfield Marion Carols: **Sunday 21st Dec 12.30-2pm**

Carols & Children's Nativity: **Wednesday 24th Dec 4pm**

Midnight Mass: **Wednesday 24th Dec 11pm Christmas Eve**

Christmas Day: **Thursday 25th Dec 10am Christmas Morning**

Christmas Day Meal: **Thursday 25th Dec 11.30-1.30pm**


Boxing Day Service & Light Lunch: **Friday 26th Dec 10.30am**


*Please see website for more details: [www.stjudesbrighton.org.au](http://www.stjudesbrighton.org.au)*

## Introducing the Order of St Luke & Invitation to Online Advent Studies

JOIN US THIS ADVENT

**LIVING WELL  
PRACTICING  
GENEROSITY**

 **OSL** Healing Ministries  
The Order of St. Luke the Physician in Australia

 **LIVING COMPASS**  
Spirituality & Wellness Initiative  
HEART • SOUL • STRENGTH • MIND

Meaningful discussions and reflections on living well through the practice of generosity. Practical application in your life and healing ministry.

Thursdays: 27 November - 18 December  
Join us between 4pm and 5pm ACDT  
Please RSVP to [osl@osl.org.au](mailto:osl@osl.org.au) for zoom details

As many in our parish may know, I have the privilege of serving as the National Chaplain and Chair of the Order of St Luke (OSL), a Christian healing fellowship committed to prayer, study, and the ministry of Christ's healing love. The Order exists to encourage and equip people to grow in the healing ministry—through learning, shared prayer, and the gentle discipline of supporting one another as companions on the way. OSL is open to all Christians who feel drawn to this ministry, whether lay or ordained, experienced or simply curious.

As we move toward Advent—a season of longing, hope, and holy expectation—I warmly invite you to join our OSL Online Advent Study Series. I will personally be leading these sessions which will provide space for reflection, prayer, and conversation as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. You don't need to be a member of the Order to participate; all are welcome. Sessions begin this Thursday 27 November and will be held weekly until 18 December, from 4pm to 5pm SA time. If you would like to learn more about the Order of St Luke or explore membership, please feel free to speak with me. I would be delighted to share more about this gentle and meaningful ministry. Let us enter Advent with hearts attuned to God's healing presence among us.

### **Invitation to Our Blue Christmas Service – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

For many, Christmas is a season of joy and celebration. But for others, it can be a difficult time—marked by grief, loneliness, worry, or memories that sit heavy on the heart. If this season feels blue for you, or if you simply need a quieter, more reflective space, you are warmly invited to our Blue Christmas Service. This gentle service offers space for stillness, prayer, and honesty before God—acknowledging that Christ's light shines even in our darkest places. Through scripture, silence, and candlelight, we will hold space for hope, healing, and God's tender comfort. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm, St Jude's. All are welcome. You may come for yourself, bring someone you love, or simply to sit together in the quiet presence of God.

### **Community Meal Christmas Day**

If you're spending Christmas Day on your own this year or feeling the pinch financially, we warmly invite you to join us for a delicious Christmas Lunch at St Jude's Brighton. Bookings are essential, so please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer or see Lisa in the office. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated if you're able. We'd love a couple of extra hands on the morning of Wednesday 24th December to help slice the ham. If you can assist, please let Lisa or Murray know.



## **FREE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MEAL**

On your own or worried about costs?  
Join us for friends, food & festive cheer!

Bookings are essential. Please put your name on the sign up sheet or see Lisa in the office. Recommended \$10 donation for those who can afford it.

**11.30-1.30pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**444 Brighton Road**

### **Prayer of the week**

Merciful God, who sent your messenger John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

### **Prayer List:**

Christopher, Draginja (Holly), Emerson, Jane, Joy, Judy, Lange, Lesley, Lilly, Lola, Lyla, Marilia, Norma, Peter, Peter & Kath, Rachel, Sabrina, Sidney & Jackie, Sylvia, Victoria.