



the
**Gateway
Family**

20th December 2009



Our Vision: to show and tell the Gateway to Life ... Jesus Christ

Welcome

If you are new (or haven't done so before!) we would love you to fill in your details on the yellow care card that you received when you walked in the door and place it in the letter box in the foyer. Please join us for a cuppa in the hall after the service.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for the new year have now arrived. They are on the table in the foyer, please help yourselves.

ROSTERS FOR 2010

A roster for January is now out, the full roster will be worked on as more people volunteer. If not received by email please pick up your copy on the table in the foyer. Thank you.

PAGEANT REHEARSALS

*There will be a full rehearsal for the choir and cast on **Sunday 20th December** after church, and a full dress rehearsal (with choir and band) on **Tuesday 22nd December** starting from 7pm.*

WALK TO WATER

For those who donated to and walked for water earlier in the year, there is an update with pictures (on the notice board in hall) of where your money and efforts went and words of thanks from those who received the wells.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor: Robin Turner Ph: 4982 1970. Email: robint@nelsonbay.com

Church Office: Ph: 4982 5022; **Church Email:** office@gatewayfamily.org.au

Web Page: www.gatewayfamily.org.au

On-Line Shop: www.gatewayfamily.ichristian.com.au

Church Calendar: http://au.calendar.yahoo.com/gateway_family

Bank Details: For those wanting to deposit their giving - **Bank:** Westpac

Name: Gateway Family Presbyterian Church **BSB:** 032533 **Ac No:** 173242

PRAYER FOCUS - 20th December 2009

1. Give thanks for the HSC students results and pray for wisdom as they make decisions about their future.
2. Pray that the Carols under the Stars event will draw attention to Jesus and good connections with the community will be made.
3. Pray that Beach Mission teams travelling up and down the NSW coast will be kept safe and they will be effective in reaching holiday crowds with the gospel.

ARE YOU PRAYING
HARD...OR HARDLY
PRAYING?



*PRAY for
one
Another*

*Please take time
each week to pray for
members of our church family.*

This week please pray for:

Janice, Ewen, Kathleen, Rachel & David

Williamson

Robin & Julia Turner

Meagan & Bill Simm

Prayer Chain

*If you have an urgent prayer
request please call:*

Jenni Reddel Ph: 4984 1553

Helen Almond Ph: 4982 2409

Available 24 hours a day,

7 days a week. All prayer

requests are confidential

PRAYER GROUP - Prayer warriors needed! Come along on Tuesday mornings 9:30am in the church office to pray for our church and the wider community — all welcome.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

SAM AND JULIE VIDLER - In China - Go to www.julesam.com,

DANIEL & TAMMY PRIEST - In Papua New Guinea - <http://www.priestfamily.info/>

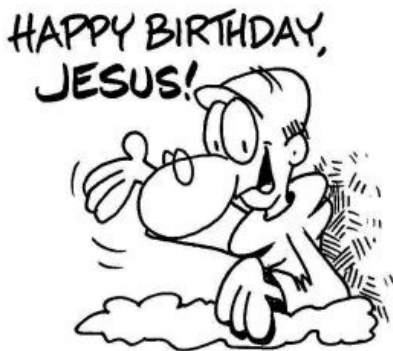
ROSTERS

	20th December	27th December
Welcomers	Bill Simm Megan Simm	Geoff Grugean Geneane Grugean
Usher	Duncan Anderson	Duncan Anderson
Morning Tea	Cathie Price Janet Goldsworthy	Fay Bear Ted Foster
Offering	Marion O'Donnell Bruce Cocking Bill Simm	Ted Searls Geoff Grugean Pam Vandergriend
Bible Reading	Geoff Grugean	Rachel Hall
Prayer	Colin Reddel	Sandra Ferguson
PowerPoint	Andy Batchelor	Colin Reddel
MC	Robin Turner	Susan Cocking

G3: Saturday 26th December
(BOXING DAY)

G3: Saturday 2nd January—TBA,
see Tony Miles for 2010 roster

If you can't make your rostered day please organize a swap with someone who does the same job and let the office know by emailing office@gatewayfamily.org.au
Thank you.



UPCOMING & REGULAR DATES

Tuesdays: 9:30am Prayer Group in the office

Sunday Service: 9:30am Family Service

Wednesday 23rd December: Christmas Pageant

Saturday 2nd January: Anna Bay Markets

**PLEASE NOTE J4J, PLAYGROUP, YOUTH GROUP AND SMALL GROUPS
ARE IN RECESS UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.**

Jesus is Better than Santa

Santa lives at the North Pole - Jesus is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh—JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year—JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies—JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited—JESUS stands at your door and knocks.. and then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa—JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap—JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, What's your name?" - JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly—JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO—JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry" - JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you.

Santa's little helpers make toys—JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle But... JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree ...JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.

*It's obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about. We need to put **Christ** back in **Christmas**. Jesus is still the reason for the season.*

*May the Lord Bless and Watch over you and your loved ones this Christmas 2009
And may He prosper and bless the work of your hands in the New Year 2010.*

