

*Welcome* to family and friends of **Liz, Rohan, Ethan and Liam Young** who have come to help Celebrate in the Dedication Service of Liam today. Please join us for a cuppa after the service

**SPECIAL SERVICE  
NEXT WEEK**

The Choir will be leading worship for this special Christmas service.

**There is ONE more rehearsal:**  
This Tuesday 8-9:30pm.  
We would love to have as many people involved as possible so let **Liz Young** know of your availability.

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**50's plus**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 12Noon!!**

Our final meeting for 2009 will be our Christmas luncheon.  
Meat will be provided – ladies please bring a salad or sweet ( or both)

**Tom** will be entertaining us.  
No trading table.

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**THE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM** is now guaranteed to **2011** after Mr Rudd gave strong support to Chaplaincy by extending funding to **Dec 2011!!**

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**An Opportunity of a Lifetime:**

Grant and Helen Spangenberg (Minister of the Naracoorte Church of Christ) together with Trevor and Sue Barnett (Chaplain at Naracoorte High School) are looking for expressions of interest from people who would be keen to accompany them on a 17 day Inner Faith Travel group to Israel (8 days), Turkey (including Gallipoli) (4 days) and Greece (2 days – visiting Athens and Corinth) departing February 21st, 2011. Further information can be obtained from Grant on (08) 8762 1147 or via email on [ghspang@dodo.com.au](mailto:ghspang@dodo.com.au). It would be great to have your company on what promises to be an exciting and special time.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Today we light the Peace candle on the Advent wreath to signify the Second Sunday in Advent.  
**Prepare ye the Way!!**

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**Readings for 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Call to worship:** Isaiah 12:2-6

Matthew 2:1-12  
Micah 5:1-2

**Theme**  
The Visit of the Wise Men  
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**NEWS AROUND THE VALLEY!!!**

Our prayers are with **Bec Anson** as she travels with her friend **Jess** through Africa for 2 months. They will be spending part of their trip volunteering at an orphanage in Uganda.

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There is great excitement for Karen and Luis, as Karen's parents **Vito and Nelly** arrived from **Peru** last Tuesday for a 4 week visit. They are currently in the Eastern States and we hope to see them next Sunday.

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**PRAYER OF PRAISE!!!!**

It is with much **JOY** that we celebrate with **Etienne and Adolphe** from **Vox Congo** their exciting news!!! On Wednesday night 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec they became:

**PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF AUSTRALIA**

For 9 YEARS they suffered much as they sought Asylum from the Congo.... Through out this time they were granted temporary visas every 3 months never sure of what their 'fate' would be. There has been much heartache but also much joy as they have shared with us over the past three years.

They thank all their friends at Happy Valley sincerely as you joined their 'fight' for justice by writing letters to the Government pleading their case, praying and supporting them when they came to play their unique music in Adelaide!!!

If you want to read about their journey or send a personal Congratulation message to them then go to [www.markriessen.wordpress.com](http://www.markriessen.wordpress.com), or see **Janet and Des Riessen** for more information.