



# Tin Can Bay Community Church

A Baptist Ministry

The Purpose Statement of our church is:  
**NOW IS THE TIME TO BE GOD'S  
LIGHTHOUSE IN TIN CAN BAY**



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

**20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



Every year, around the world, people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day, 25 December. It's a day – and season – filled with Christmas carols, tree decorating, gift-giving and parties. And, among all the celebrations, you may be wondering: what is the real meaning of Christmas? Or, why do we have these Christmas traditions? What do they have to do with Jesus?

This year has been filled with uncertainty, anxiety and unexpected change. The good news of Christmas is that even when our celebrations may look different this year than in the past – the message of Christmas is timeless.

Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is about how He came to give us love, hope and joy. That message doesn't change from year to year. In a year of so much bad news and devastation, this is good news worth celebrating!



## Welcome to Our Service

We pray God's blessing on you and your family as we worship together.



Happy birthday to Ronnie Stromberg today, Jim Menteith tomorrow, and John Macfarlane on Saturday  
**God's blessings on your special day.**



A young sceptic said to an elderly lady,

*"I once believed in God, but since studying science, I am convinced God is but an empty word".*

The lady replied,

*"Well, I have not studied science, but since you have, maybe you can tell me from whence came this egg".*

*"Why, of course, from the hen,"* was the reply.

*"And where did the hen come from?"*

*"Why, the egg."*

*"And perhaps,"* said the lady, *"you can tell me, which existed first."*

*"The hen, of course,"* replied the young man.

*"You mean the hen existed without having come from an egg?"*

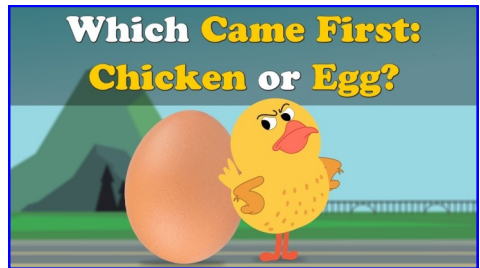
*"Oh, no,"* said the young man, *"I should have said the egg was first."*

*"Then you mean that an egg existed without having come from a hen?"*

The young man exclaimed, *"You have me all mixed up!"*

She drove home her point:

***"Young man, since you cannot explain the existence of even a hen or an egg without God, you cannot expect me to believe you can explain the existence of the whole world without Him."***





**Our Christmas Day service will be at 8am on Friday Dec 25.**



**My dear precious Jesus,  
I did not mean to take your place,  
I only bring toys and things and you  
bring love and grace.  
People give me lists of wishes and hope  
that they come true;  
But you hear prayers of the heart and  
promise your will to do.  
Children try to be good and not to cry  
when I am coming to town;  
But you love them unconditionally and that love will abound.  
I leave only a bag of toys and temporary joy for a season;  
But you leave a heart of love, full of purpose and reasons.  
I have a lot of believers and what one might call fame;  
But I never healed the blind or tried to help the lame.  
I have rosy cheeks and a voice full of laughter;  
But no nail-scarred hands or a promise of the hereafter.  
You may find several of me in town or at a mall;  
But there is only one omnipotent you, to answer a sinner's call.  
And so, my dear precious Jesus, I kneel here to pray;  
To worship and adore you on this, your holy birthday.**



- ★ Please pray for Ellen McDowell who had a fall recently and has ulcers on her legs
- ★ Continue to pray for Monica
- ★ Those spending Christmas alone
- ★ Helpers for Lighthouse Kids





**We need assistance for the following areas:**

- ◆ Singers — see Simon
- ◆ Computer operators (Training given, very easy) — see Glenn
- ◆ Lighthouse Kids — see John V
- ◆ Sanitising Team — see Michele

**This Week in Our Church**



Sunday 20 Dec 9.00 am Worship Service

**KYB Groups are in recess**

Friday 25 Dec 8.00 am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 27 Dec 9.00 am Worship Service

**Rosters**

Date	Singers 8am start	Data	Welcome	Offering Counters	Sanitiser Team	Chair Setup 7am start
20 Dec	Karen Hayley	Julie-Anne	Trevor U Michele	Christine D Tony D	Carmel Kathy S	Rob John P
25 Dec	Karen Carmel	Julie-Anne	Lynelle Diane	Christine Tony	Jan H Julie-Anne	Rob Trevor U
27 Dec	Hayley Shannon	Linda	Lynelle Kay	Rob J Julie-Anne	Trevor U Michele	Rob Jim

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