# Tin Can Bay Community Church

A Baptist Ministry

NOW IS THE TIME TO BE GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE IN TIN CAN BAY



### Christmas begins with Christ

God bless you on your special day.

Tomorrow— Ronnie Stromberg
Tues—Jim Menteith

Dec 19th

### Welcome all who are visiting us at this special time

All our normal groups are now in recess

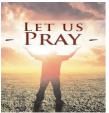
#### **Christmas or Xmas?**

Christmas is also sometimes known as Xmas. Some people don't think it's correct to call Christmas 'Xmas' as that takes the 'Christ' (Jesus) out of Christmas. (As Christmas comes from Christ-Mass, the Church service that celebrated the birth of Jesus.)

But that is not quite right! In the Greek language and alphabet, the letter that looks like an X is the Greek letter chi / X (pronounced 'kye' - it rhymes with 'eye') which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, Christos.

The early church used the first two letters of Christos in the Greek alphabet 'chi' and 'rho' to create a monogram (symbol) to represent the name of Jesus. This looks like an X with a small p on the top:  $\Box$ 

The first musical composition ever to be associated was Christmas was likely "Angels Hymn," a piece dating back all the way to AD 129. Some say a Roman Bishop proclaimed that people should sing the song "in the Night of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour." The song is so old that historians aren't



 Pray without ceasing for members of our church family who are unwell – including Kathy Sutton who has been in hospital, Mandy Willmann, Christine Davies, Dave Copus

## Christmas Trivia

- 1. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
- 2. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. Who is the patron saint remembered on the 26th of December?
- 3. Every elf has this ornament on the tip of their shoes. Which ornament are we talking about?
- 4. Everyone is familiar with the mistletoe tradition. What is the color of the berries of the plant?
- How does Santa Claus go back up the chimney to continue his journey of delivering gifts?
- 6. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?
- 7. Name the eight original Reindeer.
- One of the most famous Cola companies in the world used to have advertisements featuring a happy, smiling Santa Claus. Name the company
- 9. Red and green are the two colors most associated with Christmas. Which are the two other colors, according to Christmas holiday trivia, that are also extremely popular in this season?
- 10. Traditionally, kids leave out snacks for Santa Claus. What are these snacks?
- 11. Traditions of Christmas around the world will tell you that Santa Claus is known by many names.
  What is the French name for Santa Claus?
- 12. Two of the reindeers are named after weather phenomenon. Name the reindeer.
- 13. What are the gifts that the Three Wise Men gave baby Jesus, according to Christmas history?
- 14. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner, from the play, A Christmas Carol?
- 15. What two phrases will you almost always find on Christmas gift tags?
- 16. When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
- 17. Which country can be credited with the creation of the Christmas beverage, eggnog?
- 18. Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to?
- 19. Which country gifts the Christmas tree that is placed at the Trafalgar Square in London, according to Christmas tradition?
- 20. Which is the most popular ornament used to place at the top of the Christmas tree?



Carols in the Park was Blessed by a mild night, great community spirit and SO MANY happy children.









A child will be born for us. A son will be given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. He will be named:

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6 GWT

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

=gypt Stephen Bells White He places his finger

White He places his finger on the side of his nose, gives a smile and a nod. Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Dancer, and Donner
 Coca Cola
 Gold and Silver

1. Cookies and milk
2. Pere Noel
3. Donner, which means thund

3. Donner, which means thund 4. er in German, and Blitzen, which means lightning Gold, Myrrh, and Frankincense

6. To and From 8. January 7th 9. England 10. Turkey

### **Sermons and Bulletins**

Sermon links and Church bulletins will be emailed to you weekly.

They are also available on the church web sit

www.tincanbaycommunitychurch.com.au

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**Pastoral Care & Prayer** 



### **All Prayer Requests**

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Rosters						
Date	Worship Leader	Data	Worship Team	Welcoming	Offering Counters	Chair Setup 7am Start
19/12	Karen	Linda	Heather	Michelle Lynelle	Christine D Tony D	Rob Phil & Sheryl
25/12	John V	Julie-Ann	Karen	Х	х	Rob Heather & Bruce
26/12	John V	Brendan	Scott	Х	х	Chairs done
2/1/22	John V	Julie-Ann	Heather	Michele Trevor U	Christine D Kaitlyn H	Rob Trevor U
9/1/22	Heather	Jed	Hayley	Jim Sheila	Dorothy N Rob J	Jim Bruce & Heather
16/1	Bruce	Tyson	Heather	Kay Jan H	Christine D Tony D	Trevor U Phil & Sheryl
23/1	John V	Brendan	Karen	Diane Katie	Rob J Julie-anne B	Bruce, Jim & Heather
30/1	Kelly	Jed	Hayley	Lynelle Kay	Christine D Rob J	Rob Trevor U