

READINGS AND ROSTERS FOR

Friday, 24th December 2021—Christmas Eve
7.00pm : St Luke's, Mt Schank 9.00pm : Christ Church, Mt Gambier

Isa 9. 2-7 Ps 96. 7-13 Titus 2. 11-14 Luke 2. 1-14

Server	Julienne Feast
Reader	Julienne Feast
Intercessions	Rick Fisher
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher

Saturday, 25th December 2021—Christmas Day
9.00am : Christ Church, Mt Gambier (only service in parish)

Isa 62. 11-12 Ps 97 Titus 3. 4-7 Luke 2. 15-20

Server	Julienne Feast
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle

Sunday, 26th December 2021—Christmas 1
9.00am : Christ Church, Mt Gambier (only service in parish)

Sir 3. 2-14 Ps 128 Col 3. 12-21 Luke 2. 41-52

Server	Julienne Feast
Readers	Fran Laslett / Robyn Ashby
Intercessions	Julienne Feast
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher
Flowers	Roma Driscoll

Sunday, 2nd January 2022—Christmas 2

Prov 8. 22-31 Ps 147. 12-20 Eph 1. 3-6, 15-18 John 1. 1-18

Server	Trevor Christopher
Readers	Brian Smith / Raylene Milligan
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND CULTURE IN NINE LANGUAGES

History was created at Christ Church Anglican Church Mount Gambier on Sunday the 28th of November with an evening event which included traditional Christmas carols, the Nine lessons from the Bible traditionally read at Advent time and performances by representatives of several of the different ethnic communities living in Mount Gambier and several Churches, all relating to Christmas.

One of the lessons was read by the Mayor of the City of Mount Gambier, Mrs Lynette Martin, OAM who also took the opportunity to express her delight to see the community coming together after a very difficult year, caused mainly by the COVID pandemic. More than 230 people enjoyed the evening sitting in both the Church and the hall. More people arrived than could be accommodated due to COVID restrictions. The evening was live streamed on the Church's recently donated cameras with 46 people watching from as far away as the UK. Since then, a further 400 people have watched the service on YouTube.

Performances were provided by the Phoenix singing group, St Martin's School, Tenison Woods College, the Salvation Army, and the South African, German, Italian, Sri Lankan, Indian and other African communities. A group of young children, "Sparks and Seekers" re-enacted the Christmas story dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds and the three wise men. A collection was taken to support the FOOD BANK in Mount Gambier.

Fr Neil Fernando said he was almost overwhelmed by the success of the event which ended with a hot drink in the Church grounds. He said the event gave people the opportunity to see and hear the real story of Christmas ... the birth of Christ, not Christmas presents and parties and gatherings enjoyable as they might be. He particularly appreciated the efforts of a small group of Christ Church volunteers who had helped in putting everything together, particularly the new technology the Church was using for the first time.

Fr Neil wished everyone in Mount Gambier and District a happy and holy Christmas.

The congregation donated \$575 to support Food Bank in Mount Gambier and District,

Those who would like to watch the service can see it on www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au or on YouTube ; Christ Church Mount Gambier.