



*Jesus  
the Lord is salvation*



**CHRISTIAN HOME CARE  
NEWSLETTER**

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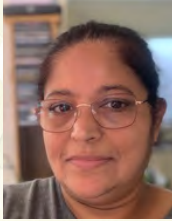
### ANCA STAMATESCU



Anca oversees the Care Coordination Team. She is the main point of contact for new enquiries as well as feedback and suggestions.

Phone: (03) 9069 6202

### STIFFANY TOUSSAINT



Call Stiffany for scheduling new services with a caregiver, changing or cancelling scheduled services, and general admin matters.

Phone: (03) 9069 6200, option 1

### DINU STAMATESCU



Call Dinu for any Accounting and Compliance matters that could not be resolved with other members of the team.

Phone: (03) 9069 6201

### MICHELLE KOK



Michelle is part of our Care Coordination Team. She will be in touch with you for assessments, care plans and service reviews.

Phone: (03) 9069 6200, option 2

### JESSICA MAGNO



Jessica is also assisting with Care Coordination: service referrals, purchases, booking events and general admin matters.

Phone: (03) 9069 6200, option 2

### NISHANTHI DHARMAKEERTHI



Nishanthi is our Accountant Assistant. Call Nishanthi for any queries regarding invoices and statements.

Phone: (03) 9069 6200, option 3

## WHAT ELDERS SAY ABOUT US:

"I would like to say "Thanks" to all your staff. I have enjoyed their help."  
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## CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

We would love to highlight the testimonies, stories, special anniversaries or events of the Elders in our community.

If you have anything to share, please email us at [anca@christianhomecare.com.au](mailto:anca@christianhomecare.com.au) and we would love to feature you!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS



#### Elders:

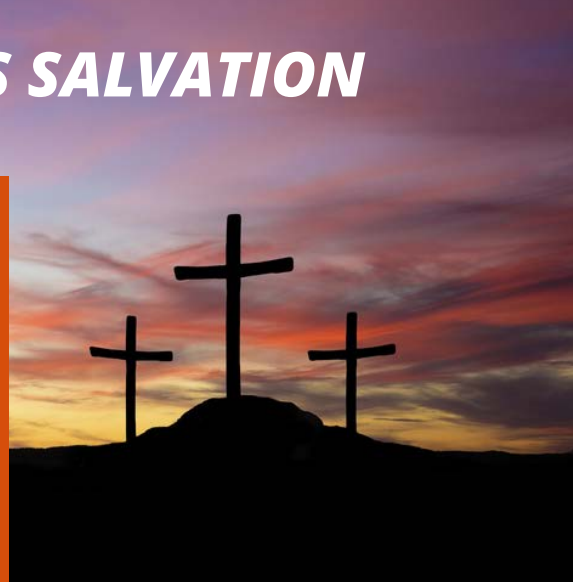
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The Christian Home Care Monthly Newsletter



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## WORD OF THE MONTH: JESUS

This year, with Easter on the last day of March, also overflowing into April in terms of public holidays, I experienced a feeling of receiving a double portion.

Six times in the Bible, specific reference is made to a "double portion." When someone receives a double portion, he gets a gift twice as much as the measure given to others.

Near the end of Elijah's time on earth, he offered his assistant Elisha a gift: ***"What can I do for you before I am taken from you?" Elisha answered, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me"*** (2 Kings 2:9).

Another example is Isaiah 61:7: ***"Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy."***

Every year I am overwhelmed by God's undeserved generosity, made available to us through Jesus Christ, our salvation.

Through Jesus we are forgiven, the debt of sin is paid and we are received in the family of God, our Father, heirs of His kingdom everlasting, being granted eternal life. Is this double portion? My sense is that this is so much more, a thousand-times more than double. And how do we receive this godly provision upon us? Just believing that Jesus is salvation:

***"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*** John 14:6

May we rejoice in the knowledge that, through believing in Jesus Christ, we are saved!

By Dinu Stamatescu



## Aged Care Subsidies and Supplements

(Rates of daily payments effective at 20 March 2024)

### Home Care Subsidies and Supplements

These rates are applicable from 1 July 2023

#### Home Care Subsidy Rates

Home care package level	Daily subsidy rate
Level 1	\$28.14
Level 2	\$49.49
Level 3	\$107.70
Level 4	\$163.27

#### Home Care Supplements

##### 1. Dementia and cognition and Veterans' supplement

Home Care Package level	Daily amount of supplement
Level 1	\$3.24
Level 2	\$5.69
Level 3	\$12.39
Level 4	\$18.78

##### 2. EACHD Top Up supplement

Eligibility	Daily amount of supplement
For consumers who were in receipt of an EACHD package on 31 July 2013	\$3.23

##### 3. Oxygen and Enteral feeding supplements

Supplement	Amount of supplement
Oxygen supplement	\$13.62
Enteral feeding supplement – Bolus	\$21.58
Enteral feeding supplement – Non-bolus	\$24.24

#### 4. Home Care Viability supplement

##### Modified Monash Model rates

These rates are applicable from 1 July 2023

MMM classification	Amount of daily supplement
MMM 1,2,3	\$0.00
MMM 4	\$1.24
MMM 5	\$2.75
MMM 6	\$18.21
MMM 7	\$21.87

##### ARIA rates

These rates are applicable from 1 July 2023

ARIA score	Amount of daily supplement
ARIA Score 0 to 3.51 inclusive	\$0.00
ARIA Score 3.52 to 4.66 inclusive	\$6.47
ARIA Score 4.67 to 5.80 inclusive	\$7.75
ARIA Score 5.81 to 7.44 inclusive	\$10.84
ARIA Score 7.45 to 9.08 inclusive	\$13.01
ARIA Score 9.09 to 10.54 inclusive	\$18.21
ARIA Score 10.55 to 12.00 inclusive	\$21.87

These rates apply to care recipients who entered a Home Care Package on or before 31 December 2016, who would otherwise qualify for a lower rate of payment under the Modified Monash Model rates (subject to receiving care in the same location).

#### 5. Hardship supplement – as determined by the Secretary.

Hardship supplement is payable where consumers meet the requirements under the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

***(Extract only  
for the full version, please go to  
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/schedule-of-subsidies-and-supplements-for-aged-care>)***

# PASTORAL MESSAGE: JESUS OUR SALVATION

There is no other issue in our Christian faith more important than Jesus, Our Salvation. It is the central focus of our faith and often criticised by people in the world who are not established in faith in Christ. What I mean by this is that our modern world criticises faith in Christ as narrow-minded and intolerant: how can we Christians make such an exclusive claim that Jesus is the only means of salvation? What about other religions – are not their truth-claims just as valid? And what about those who have never heard of the Gospel?

The answer to those questions is not in the perspective of those who do not have faith in Christ, but in Christ Himself. Jesus said in John 14:6, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* The exclusive claim to salvation is rooted in Jesus’ very own words. Later on, the Early Church through the writings of Paul embraced this exclusive claim by Christ. Paul the apostle wrote in Galatians 2:16, *“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Christ Jesus”*; and also in Romans 1:16, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.”*

The apostle Peter’s statement affirming this truth-claim of exclusivity in salvation is also noteworthy; he declares to the anti-Jesus, Jewish leaders of his day, *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”* I understand the statement *“name under heaven”* to mean that the name, Jesus, possesses the fullness of the authority of heaven, and in the context of the verse it is specifically for the salvation of humanity.



Another issue worth exploring in the title, “Jesus Our Salvation”, is the definition of salvation itself. What is meant by the Bible in the word salvation? Or in the word “saved”?

A straightforward definition of salvation (“soteria” in Greek) by the commonly used Strong’s theological dictionary defines it as “rescue or safety (morally or physically): deliver, health, salvation, save, saving. The word “save” or “saved” (“sozo” in Greek) is defined by Vine’s theological dictionary as (a) material and temporal deliverance from danger, suffering, etc.; (b) the spiritual salvation granted immediately by God to those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; (c) the present experience of God’s power to deliver from the power of sin; and many other definitions of “saved” itself and other words derived from “sozo”.

My point in raising these definitions is to show you that salvation is not just our ticket to heaven, as I think salvation is often narrowly defined, but that it is also heaven’s ticket to us here on earth, in our day-to-day lives.

In salvation, God’s power is effectively operating and saving us everyday – delivering us from evil and sin, protecting us from the attacks of our spiritual adversary, and, in many real ways, healing us emotionally and physically.

Jesus our Salvation is truly heaven on earth, with greater experiences of salvation still to be experienced by the saved!

**Pastor Paul Magno**  
**Alabaster Church, Warranwood**



# Christian Home Church

## Christian Home Church Meetings:

Our next Church services and afternoon tea meetings are planned for:

Wednesday 24 April, 8 May 2024 and so on fortnightly as usual, starting at 2.00 pm.

**Please note: The service on Wed 10 April is replaced by the Salvation Army concert on Fri 12 April.**

## For our usual church services we meet on the premises of :

St Paul's Anglican Church at 40 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood and there is ample parking.

As we meet on St Paul's Anglican Church premises, we have been advised by the host that there is no further need to check vaccination status. However, we still highly recommend that you get the vaccinations as your GP advises, keep social distancing and wear a mask if concerned about COVID.

You also need to self-screen for COVID before attending the services according to CHC procedures already notified to you.

**Please RSVP to [coordination@christianhomecare.com.au](mailto:coordination@christianhomecare.com.au) or (03) 9069 6200, select option 4**

**Please note that we cannot take responsibility for your COVID safety when attending; if you deem attendance as an unacceptable risk to your health, we understand!**

**HAVE YOU VISITED OUR CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://CHRISTIANHOME.CHURCH](https://christianhome.church) ?**

**PLEASE DO SO FOR UPCOMING SERVICE DATES, SERVICES RECORDINGS, PRAYER REQUESTS, ETC.**

**Christian Home Church is an ecumenical non-denominational church where we welcome people from any background and hope that irrespective of having been brought up as Catholics or Baptists or Pentecostal, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians and so on, or maybe having no prior connection with church, we will all meet up in unity to bring glory to our God, praise our Saviour and thank our Holy Spirit.**

**SCAN ME**



Have you got used to scanning QR codes wherever you go? You might like to try a different reason for scanning: just to get to our website, see what is coming up, leave prayer requests. **Try it now!**

## **PSALM OF THE MONTH**

### **Psalm 31 Verses 1-5, 24**

- 1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
  - 2 Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.
  - 3 Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
  - 4 Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.
  - 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.
- 24 Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

# Let's Celebrate Together



## Mother's Day High Tea

**Wednesday 8th of May from 3pm**

**(straight after our CHC church service that is from 2pm to 3pm)**

**All gentlemen are warmly invited to join our ladies.  
The invitation for all CHC community, not just for the ladies.**

**St. Paul's Anglican Church, 40 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood**

**Please RSVP by 3rd of May to**

**[coordination@christianhomecare.com.au](mailto:coordination@christianhomecare.com.au) or (03) 9069 6200, option 4**

**During our Christian Home Care and Christian Home Church services and events we take photos and videos which we may use in our publications such as newsletters, invitations, presentations, websites, streamed church services, etc. By participating to our services and events you give us permission to use such photos and recordings.**



# COME TO OUR SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

At CHC we are a vibrant and loving community that meets each fortnight to enjoy afternoon tea, have a laugh, care for each other, share experiences, celebrate birthdays and journey through life.

**YOU are invited! ALL WELCOME! Come and join us!  
You will be very warmly received and much loved!**

Our social gatherings are each fortnight on Wednesdays from 3pm to 4.15pm in the sequence of :  
Wed 24 April, 8 May and so on in this sequence.

Location: St Paul's Anglican Church, 40 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood; ample parking available.

If you need a Caregiver to assist you in attending our social events, we can organise this service for you.

**Please register for catering purposes by ringing the office and self screen yourselves for Covid on the day of the attendance according to our self screening Covid document.**



# **AGED CARE WORKERS WIN UP TO 28.5 PER CENT WAGE RISE**

Aged care workers have won their years-long Fair Work case for a wage rise of up to 28.5 per cent for the entire sector.

In November 2020, the Health Services Union (HSU) filed a work value case with the Fair Work Commission (FWC) regarding aged care that requested a 25 per cent increase in wages for all employees.

The union argued that the work had been undervalued due to its growing complexity and the fact that it was primarily performed by female workers.

"We find that the work of aged care sector employees has historically been undervalued, because of assumptions based on gender," the FWC's decision said.

It based that finding on historical gender assumptions made when wages were fixed in awards, and that many historical issues were migrated across to the modern awards system.

The commission awarded an interim pay rise of 15 per cent to direct care employees in 2022, but the union maintained wages were still insufficient and would not address a critical shortage of aged care workers.

The hourly wage for direct care workers will increase between 18 and 28 per cent, inclusive of the previous 15 per cent, resulting in a significant impact on pay.

## **WORKERS DESERVE RESPECT AND BETTER PAY, SAYS PRIME MINISTER**

The decision affects more than 200,000 residential and home care workers.

Higher wages were a key recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety,

A federal government task force recently reported on how to reform the sector for the future, including recommendations to make wealthier Australians pay more for their care.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said he learnt from the Royal Commission into aged care that "we need to pay our aged care workers more, in order to keep and retain staff".

"It is vital that our older Australians get dignity and respect in the later years. The workers who look after them deserve respect as well and they deserve better pay."

"We have already increased aged care workers wages by 15 per cent and we will always work with our aged care workforce in order to improve the life of people who looked after this country for such a long period of time," Mr Albanese said.

In a joint statement the Minister for employment, the Minister for health and the Minister for aged care said they welcomed the FWC decision and that the government was closely examining the content of the decision, which is "lengthy and highly detailed".

"We promised to fight for a pay rise for Australia's aged care workers and we did," the statement said.

"Early in our term we made a submission to the Commission that unequivocally supported a wage increase."

# CARPET CLEANING NO LONGER APPROVED UNDER HOME CARE PACKAGE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

Home care package funds are intended to be used for regular, ongoing care and services related to a client's aging related health care needs.

The Government does not allow home care packages funds to be used for care, items and services that would normally be purchased out of general income (general furniture items, white goods and general home maintenance).

**Government guidelines clarified that carpet cleaning is considered a general income expense and should not be covered by Home Care Package funds.**

As an exception, to access professional carpet cleaning using home care package funds, Elders should have a care needs assessment which should identify a health condition (such as severe and permanent incontinence) which requires carpets to be regularly professionally cleaned. This should be detailed in the Elder's care plan and home care package budget.

NOTE: Allergies and chronic asthma are considered chronic health conditions, not ageing related, therefore not covered by HCP.

We apologise for any disappointments arising out of this Government decision!

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## Have you got a complaint?

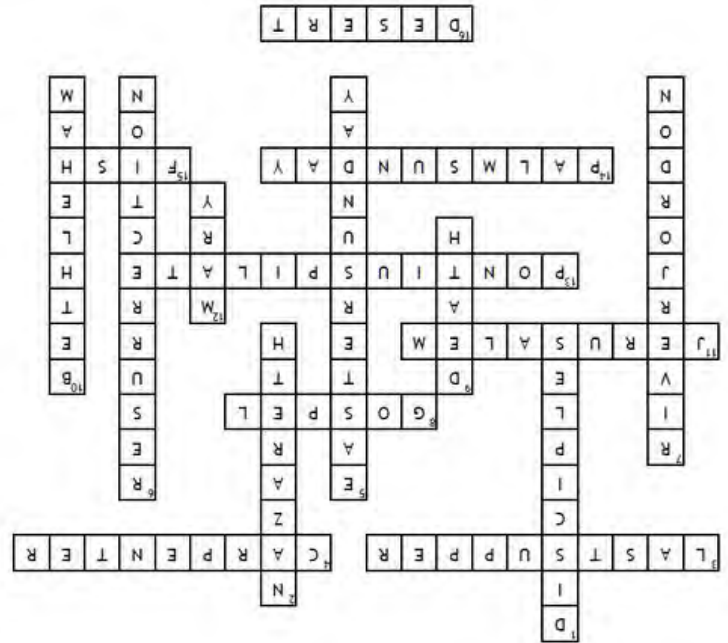
At Christian Home Care we strive daily to provide excellence in Home Care Package Service Delivery. Have we missed something?

Raising your complaint promptly and directly with us gives you the best chance of a satisfactory resolution - please call us on 03 9069 6201.

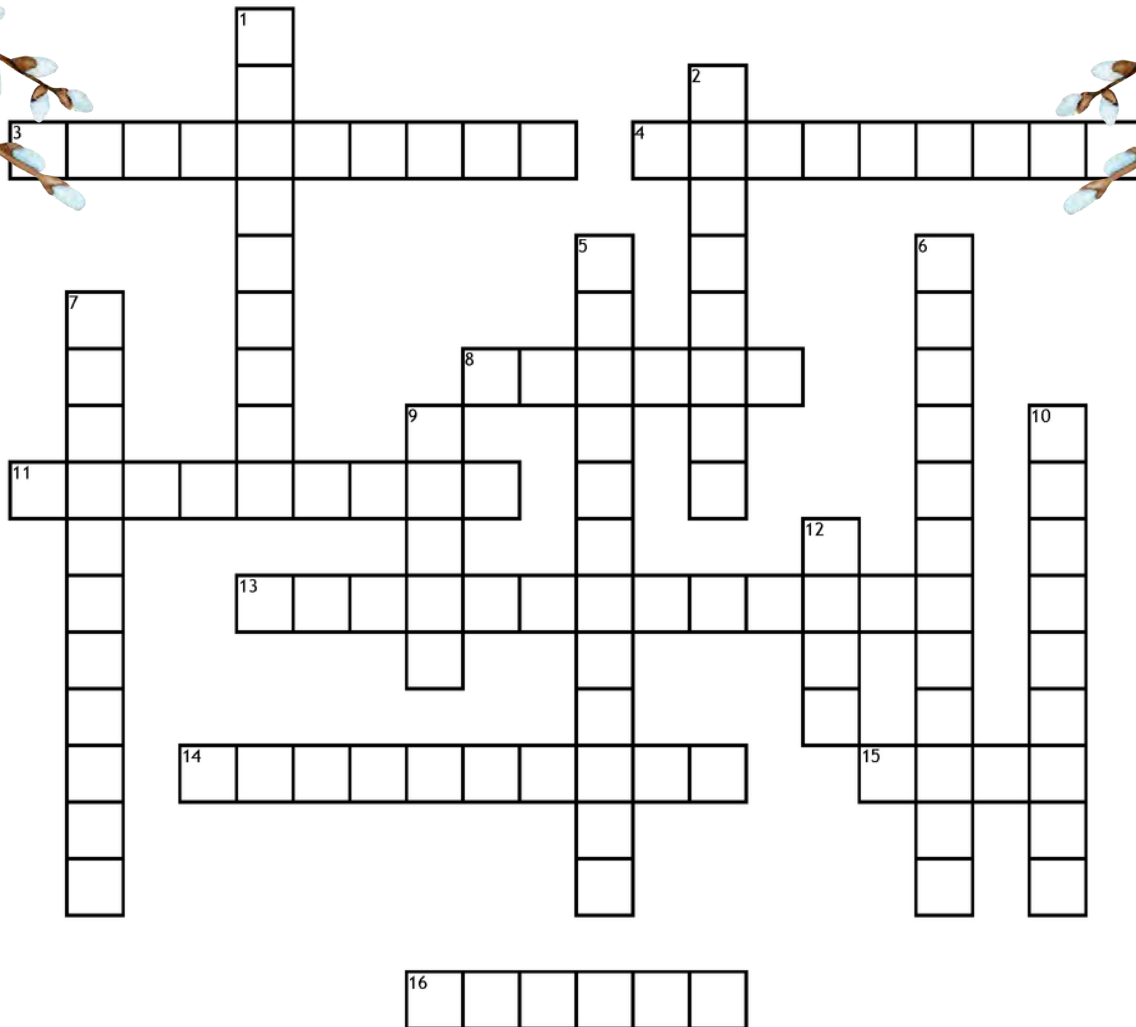
If you don't receive a response to your complaint or are not satisfied with the response, you can contact Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC) or an advocate.

For more information on how to raise a complaint, you can find resources on ACQSC website [agedcarequality.gov.au](http://agedcarequality.gov.au). If you want to contact an aged care advocate, call 1800 700 600. You can contact ACQSC on 1800 951 822.

## WORD SEARCH ANSWERS (DO NOT READ BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE WORD SEARCH ON THE NEXT PAGE)



# Jesus



## Across

**3.** At the .... Jesus told his disciples to eat bread and drink wine in memory of him.

**4.** Jesus' occupation ...

**8.** You can find the teaching of Christ in the ...

**11.** On a visit to ..... Jesus got lost and was found three days later in the temple

**13.** Who sentenced Jesus to death?

**14.** The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are from .... the previous year

**15.** Early Christians used this symbol as a clear and convenient way to identify each other.

**16.** Jesus spent 40 nights and days in the ....

## Down

**1.** Jesus has 12 ...

**2.** Jesus' hometown is ...

**5.** Jesus rode from the death on .....

**6.** Overcoming death is called the ...

**7.** Jesus was baptized in the .....

**9.** Jesus overcame .....

**10.** Jesus was born in .....

**12.** Who is Jesus' Mother?