CRE teachers invite families to participate in the GIPS Christmas Church Services on:

**Monday 5 December, 2011, in the Church Hall**

- **Prep - Gr.2 - 9.15am**
- **Grs. 3 - 6 - 10.00am**

**Carols, stories and the Empty Christmas Tree**

Each year we ask the children to contribute to the Christmas Hampers distributed by Camcare to local disadvantaged families to help make a special Christmas meal. Some suggested goods are:

- tinned ham, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned salmon, pasta sauce (no baked beans)
- tinned Christmas puddings and Christmas cakes, packets of mince pies and shortbread
- sweet or savoury biscuits, chips, cordial, soft drinks, fruit juice, coffee, tea, Milo or Quik

If the children would prefer to bring small presents rather than food, the only request is that the present is not wrapped.

The gifts are collected as children enter the hall and a “symbolic goodies” basket is placed under the empty Christmas Tree at the appropriate time during the service. CRE teachers deliver these goods to Camcare after the service.

**Margaret Duncan, Convener CRE Teachers**