

Advent 1



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Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

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Matthew 24:36-44

Isaiah 2:1-5

If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here. A Welcome to Adelaide West information sheet is available in the foyer or from the stewards.

Here we are in advent – SO WHAT?

This is precisely the question that we will ask right through this advent. What difference does the coming of Jesus make to our world? Our first answer is that the coming of Jesus brings hope, peace, joy and love and we will explore this throughout the next month.

The first Sunday in advent always has a gospel reading that focuses on the final coming of Jesus Christ (this year Matthew 24.36-44). Our challenge is to be ready for the coming of Jesus whenever he comes and however he comes. The basic assumption of Christians is that the brokenness of the world is not the last word. Jesus is always present bringing new beginnings and bringing justice and peace and wholeness to our lives. We have hope because the crucified risen one is amongst us and because of this we can be sources of hope in the lives of all the people we know.

**Rod Dyson
Lead Minister**

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship,

Today the 10.45am service will be led by Kids' Space and some great helpers. Come along and help us celebrate our year and enjoy worshipping together.

For the next two weeks (the 3rd and 10th December) we will still have Kids' Space as normal, then on the 18th December we will have our party and we invite the whole church to a light lunch that we will provide.

I would like some helpers to prepare lunch, so please chat to me soon!!!

Enjoy worship today and expect it to be different,

Blessings Lorraine

Children and Families Pastor

A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus

Engage Youth News

Please join us from 6pm - 9:30pm.

Dinner & dessert (\$5.00 cost).

Anyone in years 7 – 12 is very welcome.



The **AWUC craft group** will hold it's last meeting of the year with a Christmas lunch 12:00 - 2:00pm at the home of Vera Barraclough this **Tuesday 29th November**.

Past and present members welcome.

Bring a plate to share.

Adelaide Harmony Choir presents....

Make we merry at Christmas-time.

7:30pm Wednesday 14th December
Flinders Street Baptist Church

More details on the notice board or see Wendy Barrett.

Christmas

at ADELAIDE WEST



CHRISTMAS EVE, EVE
FRIDAY 7:30PM

CHRISTMAS EVE | CHILDREN SATURDAY 6PM
CAROLS SATURDAY 9PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 9AM

Thank you to Andy Jones and Mark Vandenbos who have now joined the bus driving team. There is still room on the roster if anyone else would like to join this team. On average 13 people rely on this service to get to Church every Sunday.

There will not be a bus on Christmas morning, but at this stage there will be a bus for New Years Day.

If you need assistance to get to our Christmas Day service (or if you are happy to offer transport), please let the office know and we will try and arrange transport for you.

There are many ways we can **make a difference** in our lives, our community and our world and in 2017 we will be encouraging and challenging each other to **make a difference**.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesian's 6:18

We are creating an Adelaide West daily prayer guide to help encourage each other with suggestions of daily prayer points. This can be used as an additional personal or group resource. These will include key events and activities at AWUC, in the wider church, our community, state and world. Our initial prayer guide will be for the months of January and February and we intend to produce hard copies as well as web and social media versions.

If you have ideas that you would like included please put your ideas into the reception letter box or pass on to staff or church council members.

Preaching Series

Next **February (21st and 28th) and March (7th and 14th)** a preaching school will be run at Adelaide West. This will be open to anyone across the synod. It will be led by Craig Bailey and Tim Hein from Uniting College and can be done by audit or for credit as a VET course. We will charge \$10 per night and other costs will be covered by applying for scholarship funding through the college. This course is open to current preachers and people starting to preach or even thinking about preaching.

Please save the dates now, more details to come.



BIG WEEK OUT is an exciting and jam-packed camp with passionate, diverse young people from all over Adelaide. Running from January 16 - 20 during the day (so you get your own beds at night #win) it focuses on going out into our community to serve as Jesus served us. You could be clearing a backyard, painting fences, washing cars or simply performing random acts of kindness.

Held here at AWUC this camp is open to participants who are in years 8 - 12 in 2017 and leaders who are over 18. (If you're under 18 but out of high school why not join as a leader in training?)

We are also looking for donations of baked goods or snacks to feed our young people as they serve as well as any opportunities you know of in the community to go out and make a difference!

Registrations are available here: www.bigweekout.org.au or speak to Irene Willcocks for more information on 040 777 1537.

Garden Plantings

Some 30 - 40 cuttings are planted in the garden bed along Beverley Avenue, indicated with sticks or black plastic surrounds (yes the nettles will go!). Thank you to Kylie, Ruth, Andreas, Luci and Kym who're prepared to water over summer. 1 - 2 more folks would be good so please contact me, David Bailey 0408 207 675

Our regular **Shared Lunch** will be held today after the Kids Space Service. Everyone is encouraged to come along and bring a plate of food to share.

Small Groups

Please give a list of your small group members to Dorothy Crosby or put the list in the letterbox in the church foyer. By small group I mean all the groups that meet – not just home groups.

On Wednesday week, the **7th December**, at 1.30 p.m. the Adelaide West U.C. **Friendship Club** will have the final Meeting for this year when the Encounter Ensemble Group will entertain with music and song. Afternoon tea will follow.

At 12 noon there will be a two course Christmas Dinner of turkey (with all the trimmings) and pudding, provided by The Experience Café at a cost of \$15.00. The meal will be gluten free if requested.

A special invitation is extended to those who haven't attended these lunches before to join with the Club for this special Christmas Dinner.

For catering purposes people are asked to advise either John Burton or Graham Galpin today or next Sunday at the latest.

John's phone No. is 84438746 and Graham's is 84438746

UnitingCare Port Adelaide

This year, again, we will support UnitingCare to provide gifts for those in the community who are most in need. This includes children, families in crisis, homeless teenagers and lonely older people.

Please bring non-perishable food, gifts and things to brighten up Christmas day and place in the church foyer, under our Christmas Tree on **Sunday the 4th or 11th December.**

Both **mainly music** and **Engage Youth** are also supporting this important community project.

Bakers needed!

At Christmas time this year a group of singers have the privilege of sharing the reason for the season at Yatala. As well as singing, we gift each inmate with a packet of biscuits.

This is where you come in!

If you love baking we would love help as we need thousands of biscuits! If you could please drop them at the church office by 12pm on Tuesday November 29, Deborah Ralph will collect.

Thank you!!

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson & Kids Space Service Followed by share lunch
	5:00pm	Rod Dyson - Communion
Monday 28th	6:30 - 8:30pm	Girls' Brigade AWUC hall
	7:30pm	Men's choir practice AWUC chapel
Tuesday 29th	12 - 2pm	Coffee, chat & share Craft Group Christmas Lunch
	7:00pm	prayer & fasting AWUC chapel
Thursday 1st	9:30 - 11:00am	mainly music playgroup AWUC hall
Friday 2nd	6:00 - 9:30pm	Engage Youth AWUC

Next Sunday 4th December Advent 2

Communion in morning services

9:15am	Rod Dyson
10:45am	Rod Dyson
5:00pm	Tom Maple

Please keep Jack Harington and the rest of the team in your prayers while they are in Korea, returning 7th December

Planning ahead.....

18th Dec	Kids' Space Party
21st December	Mellor Park Carols

Western Suburbs Primary School Christmas Seminars commence Monday 28th November and run for two weeks.

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AWUC personal name tags can be ordered from the office.

Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip

\$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.