

First Sunday Advent

Jerimiah 33 14-16

Psalms 25 1-10

1Thes 3 9-13

Luke 21 25-36



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**news
of
the
church**

2nd December 2018

**If you are new or
visiting Adelaide West
Uniting Church we are
pleased you are here**

One congregation, 5 services

It's easy to talk about the '9.15 congregation' or the '5pm congregation' but in a meeting this week, we all agreed that it is more helpful to refer to the '9.15 service' or the '10.45 service'. Structurally we are one congregation with 5 services:

- weekly – 9.15am, 10.45am & 5pm on Sundays
- weekly during school terms – Friday youth
- monthly – progressive service.

We have different worship styles, different theological flavours and some services are for particular age groups – but we are one congregation.

It got me thinking – do we see ourselves as one congregation pastorally and spiritually? How do we care for each other across services and show respect for each other's worship styles and theological understandings? How can we connect better?

Today is the first Sunday in Advent – not sure how we got here so quickly, but here we are! Advent is the start of the new church year - what are our hopes for our church in this new church year? Advent is the celebration and the preparation for the true meaning of Christmas amidst all the tinsel and commercialism around us - expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming. It is a time of waiting and of hope. Let's commit to pausing regularly during Advent to think of the hope in Jesus and the hopes for our congregation.

**Blessings ,
Lynne**



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship

Today is our last group time for 2018. We will have the Advent Story in a Godly Play style together in the Chapel, when we come out of the 10.45am service, and then we will be finishing our preparation for our "Celebration Service" where the Children will lead us in Worship (December 9th, we are the 10.45am service, next week!).

Thank you to those of you who came to Back to Bethlehem on Saturday 2nd December, 11am – 3pm. I write this before the event so in faith I say we 'had' a great day!

Dates for you Diaries: Christmas Carol Festival – Mellor Park, Lockleys. Wednesday 19th December, food available from 6pm and Carols from 7.30 to 9pm.

Christmas Eve – service to invite everyone to, 7pm here at Adelaide West.

Blessings Lorraine ,
Children and Families Pastor

Engage Youth

Engage Youth welcomes all youth in years 7-12 to come, hang out, relax, eat, make new friends, meet awesome leaders and most importantly *engage* with God!

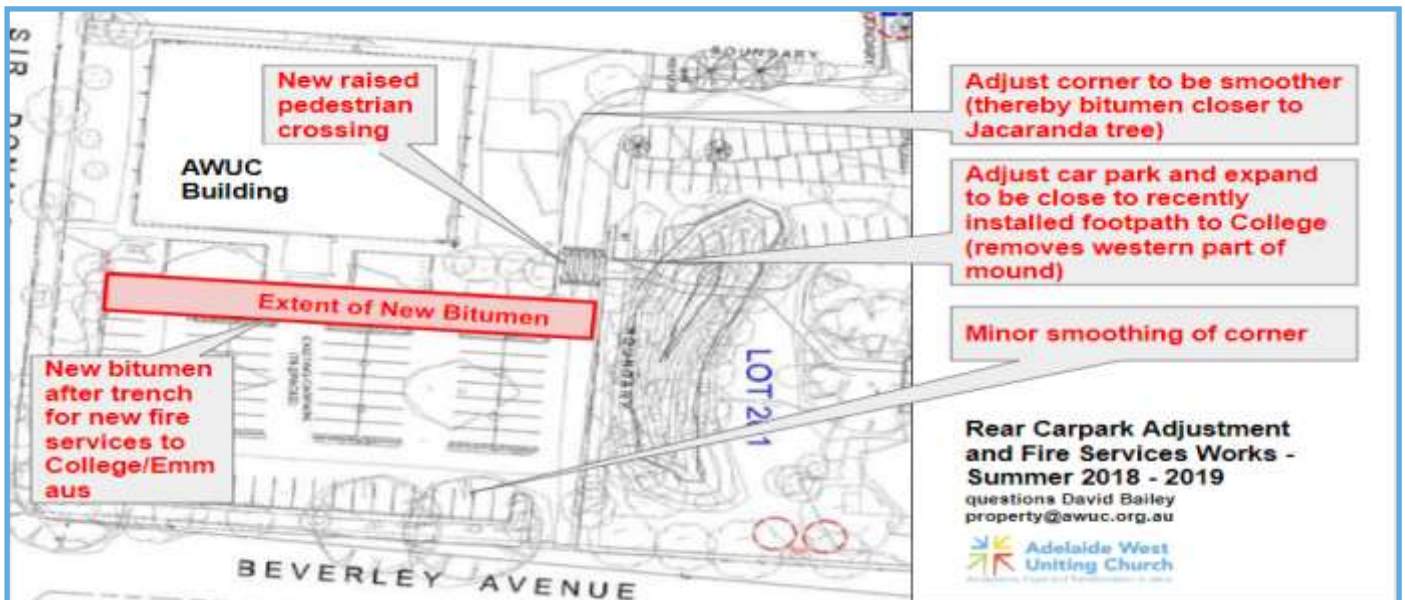
Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm Friday's (during School terms) at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5. Questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or youth@awuc.org.au

Jack Harington
Youth Ministry team Leader

Adelaide West U.C. Friendship Club

The last Meeting for this year next Wednesday 5th December at 1.30 p.m. It will be a Christmas Meeting. People are invited to bring a plate of food for afternoon tea and to speak for half a minute on "Something I remember about Christmas". Lynne Aird will give a Christmas message and there will be carol singing.

Enquiries to Graham Galpin 8297 5154 or Joan Kelley 8179 5639



Late Nov to end of March, some 'civil' works are to be done to the car parks and roads near to AWUC. This image shows what and where the works are. This means there will be some impact on 'how' you get to AWUC. Exactly when is unknown but we will try to give people a heads up via FB and newsletter, and try to minimize inconvenience .

Thankyou

Kylie Roberts, Tori and Louise Fielke would like to sincerely thank the Adelaide West 9:15am and 10:45am communities for their support for the Port Vincent Beach Mission fundraiser last Sunday. \$317.05 was raised and will be put to good use in January 2019 when we will be sharing the gospel in Port Vincent .

Coffee, Chat & Share Craft group

The Craft Christmas Break-up - will be held on Tuesday 4th December 12-00 –2.00pm at the home of Trevor & Linda Story. Past & present members welcome. Please bring a plate of lunch to share. The Craft Group will start up again in the new year, 5th February 2019.

Liz Dyson's ordination on 9th December 2018

I would welcome any offers of cakes, slices or biscuits, gluten free biscuits and cakes or cheese platters, dips and crudités for this celebration. Please contact Dorothy on 0434 891 558 or email xbfam@internode.on.net with what you are able to donate.

If you are free to be a kitchen helper for this also let me know....We want to bless Liz at this significant milestone of her journey...but it would also bless me to know I have a team to help :).

Offering envelopes for 2019

Envelopes are now available in the foyer. If you wish to start using this form of giving, please take one of the un-named boxes of envelopes. If you currently give in using envelopes please take the box with your name on it.

Family Mission

Along with Pt Vincent Family mission, our church are being represented at the KI Family mission by Linda and Trevor Story, in mid-January. This team is mainly comprised of enthusiastic under 25 year olds, Secondary and Tertiary students and our team have the added financial burden of ferry fares for the team members to get to and from KI. You have the opportunity to support two fundraising initiatives to help this:

Next Saturday 8th Dec. at 7pm, there is a showing of the movie "The Nutcracker and the four realms" (PG) at the Regal Theatre, Kensington Park. Linda has tickets (\$15 Adults/\$12 children). Any monetary donations to help support this mission will be gratefully received.

Next Sunday Dec. 9th, there will be a BBQ dinner following the 5pm service for \$5 a head

We acknowledge the ancient people of the land on which we meet, the Kurna people, whose story reaches back to the first sunsets.

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Lynne Aird
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	5:00pm	Kristen Holden
Monday 3rd	10:00am	Stitchers Group
	7:30pm	Men's Choir
Tuesday 4th	12.00pm	Coffee, Chat & Share Craft group
	7:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Wednesday 5th	1.30pm	Friendship Club
Thursday 6th	9:30am	mainly music
Friday 7th	6:00pm	Engage Youth
Sunday 9th	9:15am	Joan Kelley
	10:45am	Kids Space
	5:00pm	

***Congregational meeting following shared lunch
Today at 1.45pm***

Woolworths Christmas If you are shopping at Woolworths & spend more than \$30 you are offered a card which makes a Christmas ornament. If you do not need them, please put them in the box in the foyer to be sent to children overseas.

Intentional Interim minister: (day off Friday)

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Children and family pastor: (4 days, day off Tuesday)

Lorraine Schroder kidsspace@awuc.org.au

Youth ministry team leader: (half time)

Jack Harington youth@awuc.org.au

Young adult team leader: (half time)

Lauren Andris youngadults@awuc.org.au

Administration support officer: (2 days)

Louise Woodhouse office@awuc.org.au