

Second Sunday of Advent

Mal 3:1-4

Lk 1:68-79

Phil 1:3-11

Lk 3:1-6



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

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

Advent 2 - Peace

Today is the second Sunday of Advent where we light the peace candle. We dream of a peaceful world, where there is no war, where nations are able to work together in peace. But peace is not merely the absence of fighting or war. Peace is the restoration of relationships within creation and between peoples and nations. Peace is as much between each other and between neighbours as it is between nations.

We read in the Bible that God's peace 'transcends all understanding' (Phil 4:7). God's peace is beyond our understanding. Furthermore, God's peace 'will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'. Christmas can be a difficult time, there are stresses and struggles, memories and grief - all rising to the surface. There are deadlines to meet, shopping to be done, and time pressures. It's good to know that God's peace guards our hearts and our minds - we can know God's peace amongst it all.

In this Advent season, as we prepare and wait for Christmas, we pause to experience God's peace in our lives and commit to be peacemakers in our homes, in our church, in our community and in our world.

Blessings

Lynne

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship

Today at the 10.45am service the children will be leading us as we share in their "Celebration Service" the title of our service is "Christmas through the eyes of a child" the church will be set up slightly different and you will need to turn your seats around as the service progresses. Thank you to all of those that helped with Back to Bethlehem last Saturday, despite the weather it was a great day of connection to our local community.

Over the next couple of weeks we have some fun activities for the whole family both in the sanctuary and in the hall so come and join in!!

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

Evening Fellowship

Our Christmas meeting will be at 7.30pm on the 12th December. We will enjoy a light hearted meeting during which our Secret Friend will be revealed, Come with a small gift for your friend and an item of non-perishable food for Uniting SA.

Enquiries Pam Roberts 8443 8339

Sunday Night 5.00pm Service

After the service on the 23rd December we'll be doing a pot luck dinner and the team would love to extend the invitation to all of Adelaide West to join in celebrating Christmas/the year.

Photos from Ignite Worship Nights // Christmas



Dupang Festival - Corroboree 22 or 23 February

This is part of the Adelaide Fringe on Ngarrindjeri land near Raukkan. Bookings through the Fringe.

Sean Weetra-Newchurch is happy to show people around and provide extra stories and insights.

https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/dupang-festival-af2019?fbclid=IwAR0QY3-J_z24X88VxPbPfiwX7OE-8HTaOdmri19muaUjO8Dp5pFtoZJas1Y

Ignite Ministries

The Ignite Ministries team would like to say a massive thank you to Lynne Aird and the church council for allowing them to hold their "Worship Nights // Christmas" event at Adelaide West last Saturday night. Despite the last minute venue change, the church was filled with over 700 people — children, youth, young adults, right through to grandparents, from every denomination, worshipping Jesus through song and prayer and community. Their hope is that this is an encouragement to the wider church, to see what God is up to in the younger generations as well as what is possible for the future at Adelaide West.

Bedframes wanted for Raukkan (Coorong)

Sean Weetra-Newchurch is looking for bed frames for a retreat centre at Raukkan for stolen generation peoples - king single and queen sized. Please contact Ruth Harbinson-Gresham 0450 694 844

Family Mission

Fundraiser – BBQ dinner following the 5pm service for \$5 a head

#ChangeTheHeart Prayer Service 24 January, 7pm

In partnership with Common Grace, we are hosting a service of acknowledgement, lament and prayer in the lead up to 26 January.

www.commongrace.org.au/changetheheart_prayer_service_in_adelaide

Stitcher's Group

Monday 17th December will be the last meeting for 2018

No Stitchers meetings in January

Monday 4th February will be the first meeting for 2019

Giving at Christmas - gift ideas

Choose a gift to 'give' to a friend or family member > send or give a card > fight poverty. Ben from TEAR will have Useful Gifts in the foyer after morning services today. There are further catalogues for virtual gifts on the glass shelves in the breezeway for Uniting World, World Vision and Leprosy Mission.

Giving to our community

We are collecting non-perishable food and gifts for Uniting SA (formerly UnitingCare Wesley Pt Adelaide) for pick up on 13/12/18. As we are still collecting at our 16/12/18 services, these items will be taken to Careworks SA (who provide emergency relief and food in our area) and St Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church in Glenelg (community aid providers). Thank you for your generosity!

Hire vehicles in car park

Noticed some hire vehicles on the Beverley Ave side of our car park? We have an arrangement with Alpha Car Hire for the use of spaces for a licence fee. This has alleviated some of the congestion of Beverley Ave and thereby looking after our neighbours, as well as working together with a local business.

Christmas Carols 19 December, 6pm - 9.30pm

(Carols 7.30pm), Mellor Park

Flyers available to give to friends and neighbours. This is a fun, free, local event that we are part of as members of the Cooperating Churches of West Adelaide. Bring a friend!

Christmas services

Flyers available today. Invite friends, family and neighbours. If you are available to letterbox in the local area, please ring the office or email.

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Lynne Aird
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	5:00pm	Lauren Andris
Monday 10th	7:30pm	Men's Choir
Tuesday 11th	7:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Wednesday 12th	7:30pm	Evening Fellowship
Thursday 13th	9:30am	mainly music
Friday 14th	6:00pm	Engage Youth
Sunday 16th	9:15am	Lynne Aird
	10:45am	Lynne Aird
	5:00pm	Jack Harington

Meet Our Staff...

Intentional Interim minister: (day off Friday)

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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)

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