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# Adelaide West Uniting Church

Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

## Christ the King

**Jer 23:1-6**

**Lk 1:68-79**

**Col 1:11-20**

**Lk 23:33-43**

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

**News  
of  
the  
church  
24th November  
2019**

**Kurna miyurna, Kurna yarta, ngadlu tampinhi.  
(We recognise Kurna people and their land.)**

## End of church year ...

And here we are, at the end of the church year! I'm not sure how we got here, but here we are! The church year starts at the beginning of Advent – it is a cycle including celebrations to be observed, and which portions of Scripture are read in a cycle of several years. We're finishing Year C (year of Luke) this Sunday and we cycle into Year A (year of Matthew) from the beginning of Advent on 1 December.

At the same time, we encounter other rhythms in our year. School is drawing to a close. School has finished for the Year 12s and they are celebrating Schoolies this weekend in Victor Harbor. Please pray for the Green Team (we have a number of young adults going from our church) who are an important presence at Schoolies and work so hard to keep all the young people safe. We may be in a season of end of year functions. There is Christmas looming. The Pageant has come and gone. Christmas cards are going out (for those still doing this). What rhythms are there in your everyday life at this time?

An important question is how do we encounter God in this busy season? How do we prepare for the season of Advent with the distraction of all that is going on?

Grace & peace in this busy season,

**Blessings, Lynne**

### Sunday Worship times:

<b>creative traditional</b>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>family worship</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>worship</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Today in our Seahorse (3-4 year olds) room we are starting to talk about Christmas, as in our Mussels (5-6 year olds), Dolphins (7 – 10ish year olds) and Orcas (10ish to year 6) we will also start looking at Christmas.

We are really looking forward to our “Celebration service” that will be the 11am service on the 8th December.

**Blessings, Lorraine, Children and Family Pastor**

#### Synod Meeting

- New Moderator, Bronte Wilson, was installed.
- Proposal encouraging congregations to establish community meals was passed.
- Proposal to support banning the use of spit hoods in all places of detention in SA was passed.
- Proposal to encourage congregations to support young people suffering with mental health issues due to climate change was passed.
- Proposal to stand in covenantal solidarity with UAICC to oppose nuclear waste facilities in SA was passed.
- Proposals to commend the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart to congregations and to provide materials to congregations regarding sovereignty were passed.
- Two new geographic Presbyteries were formed (Presbyteries A & B - AWUC is in Presbytery B).
- SA Congress was encouraged to work towards becoming a second non geographic Presbytery.
- Proposal to include Creation Care in next Synod Strategic Plan was passed.
- Mission and Service Fund Budget 2020 was approved.
- Simon Story was elected to the Synod Standing Committee.
- Lynne Aird was elected to the Presbytery B Standing Committee and appointed to the Business Committee.
- Phil Carr was re-appointed to the Committee for Counselling
- Bindy Taylor was appointed to the Mission and Leadership Development Board.
- KCO 2020 launched (21-22 March).
- Retiring ministers, ministers with 50 years of ordination and lay preachers with long service to the church were recognised.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Synod members - Lynton Willcocks, Ruth Harbinson-Gresham, Alex Harris, Simon Story, Lorraine Schroder, or Lynne Aird.

#### Frontier Services Work Parties 2020

Trevor Story has dates and details of the Frontier Services Work Parties planned for 2020. There are four dates throughout the year. First one is 25th - 31st March to Mt Searle Station- Nepabunna. Approx 330 km north east of Pt Augusta. Jobs will include, painting, plumbing, electrical, garden and general repairs and maintenance. Please see Trev if you are interested in going on a work party trip.



For youth in years 7-12

Fridays in term time, 6.30pm – 9.30pm @ church

Shared tea \$5

EY Sunday is every Sunday during the 11am service, except for the first Sunday in the month – for years 7 to 9.

Questions/comments – contact Lynne 0439 600 220

## Upcoming events

<b>30 Nov, 11am-3pm</b>	Back to Bethlehem, Mellor Park
<b>1 Dec, 1.30pm</b>	Congregation meeting
<b>8 Dec, 11am</b>	Kids' Space Celebration service
<b>15 Dec 2.00pm</b>	Adelaide West Men's Choir
<b>18 Dec, 7.30pm</b>	Christmas Carol Festival, Mellor Park

## Christmas brunch

A couple of people have shown interest in being a part of a team to provide Christmas brunch on Christmas day for anyone who doesn't have family or is on their own - but we would need more to do this well. If you are interested, contact Lynne asap. If people aren't available for this year, it's a thought for next year.

Thank you to all who serve by making barista coffee - for services, mainly music and events. Thanks to Trevor for making the new coffee cart - it looks amazing! Your ministry and care is greatly appreciated.

#togetherweserve



## Bushfire assistance

Kellie Stuart (11am service) is collecting supplies for animals and people affected in the fire for Wildlife Rockhampton - Rescue, Rehabilitation & Release who will then distribute to groups in those areas. They are looking for toiletries, first aid kits, blankets, towels, bowls, pet items, pet food and medical supplies. Supplies can be dropped off to the church.

## Save the date! Sunday 15th 2.00pm

AW Men's Choir will present "Behind the Christmas Story".

A retiring offering will be collected to support a school in Cambodia for displaced Vietnamese children. Stay for Devonshire tea after.

PRAYER POINTS	
MON	Men's Choir - preparing for concert on 15 Dec
TUES	Christmas seminars in local primary schools
WED	Nursing home services & team
THU	mainly music
FRI	Friday Youth
SAT	Back to Bethlehem at Mellor Reserve
SUN	Sunday services (3), Kids' Space, Congregation meeting

## From Lesley Ashman

To all who gave me moral and practical support during recovery from my recent accident; it was much appreciated. Thank you, I am recovering well and will soon be back.

Love and God's Blessings to All

## What's on in the next week...

<b>Today</b>	9.15am	Lynne Aird
	11.00am	Lynne Aird — Baptism
	12.15pm	Shared Lunch
	2.00pm	Emmaus Christian College Celebration Day
	5.00pm	Lynne Aird
<b>Monday 25th</b>	2.00pm	Membership Matters [subject to numbers]
	7.30pm	Membership Matters [subject to numbers]
	7.30pm	Men's Choir
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	9.30am	mainly music
<b>Friday 29th</b>	6.30pm	Youth @ church
<b>Saturday 30th</b>		Back to Bethlehem, at Mellor Park [see flyer for times]
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	9.15am	Lynne Aird [Holy Communion]
	11.00am	Lynne Aird [Holy Communion]
	5.00pm	Lynne Aird
	1.30pm	Congregation meeting
	5.00pm	TBA [Holy Communion]

## CHURCH CONTACTS

**Intentional Interim minister:** (day off — Fri)

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