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Adelaide West Uniting Church

Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5

Ps 122

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:36-44

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

**News
of
the
church
1st December
2019**

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

Are we ready ?...

And It's December – are we ready for December? I'm not sure I am! Somehow this happens every year, we get to December and there's so much happening for the end of the year together with Christmas looming close. It can be a joyous time and a busy time but it can also be a stressful time. For some of us, this is the time of the year we feel deeply the loss of people or relationships. Or we can feel frustrated that things are not how we had planned them earlier in the year, or in fact, last December when we said we would be ready for it all this year!

Today we start Advent – the season of anticipation that looks forward to the celebration of Christmas and the second coming of Christ. It is a time of reflection in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

This time of anticipation is a time to stay connected with God and connected with each other. It is easy for the busyness to distract us from connection. We approach this season of anticipation with readiness, readiness to remember the birth of Christ, readiness to encounter God amidst all that is happening around us, and readiness to encounter God in each other.

Grace & peace in the Advent season,

Blessings, Lynne

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional	9.15am
family worship	11.00am
worship	5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Today in Kids' Space we will be preparing for Christmas amongst preparing for the Kids' Space Celebration service next week where the children, with the help of the youth will lead us in worship.

We are so looking forward to you joining us!!

Blessings, Lorraine, Children and Family Pastor

Meals on Wheels

Appeal for volunteers.

The local branch is in need of people to help either in the kitchen or as a deliverer. This can be a very rewarding community activity for anyone who has a spare couple of spare hours in their week. Please call 8271 8700 [HO] for more information.

PRAYER POINTS

MON	Men's Choir, Stitches
TUES	Christmas seminars in local primary schools this week
WED	Friendship Club
THU	mainly music
FRI	Friday Youth
SAT	Connect groups
SUN	Sunday services (3), Kids' Space service at 11am

Accommodation Required

Marie Therese is looking for somewhere to stay over the Christmas period — 21-30 December . Please contact church office if you can assist.

Frontier Services Work Parties 2020

Trevor Story has dates and details of the Frontier Services Work Parties planed 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

8 Dec, 11am

Kids' Space Celebration service

15 Dec 2.00pm

Adelaide West Men's Choir concert

18 Dec, 7.30pm

Christmas Carol Festival, Mellor Park

24 Dec 7 & 9pm

Christmas Eve services

25 Dec 9am

Christmas Day service

Christmas brunch

A small team is interested in providing Christmas brunch on Christmas day for anyone who doesn't have family or is on their own (in the church & in the surrounding community). More details soon. If you're interested to join this team, contact Lynne asap.

Evening Fellowship

Christmas meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm & hosted by the committee. The evening will include a fun program. Bring along a card for your secret friend. Donations for a food hamper will be collected on the night. Supper served after.

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.

Adelaide West U.C. Friendship Club

meeting in the Hall next Wednesday, December 4th at 1.30 p.m. It will be the Christmas Meeting. Our Minister Lynne will conduct Devotions and there will be carol singing. People are asked to bring a Christmas story, Christmas memory or Christmas quote to share. Afternoon tea will follow and all are invited.

Enquiries to Graham Galpin 8297 5154
or Joan Kelley 8179 5639



Thank you to everyone who contributes to all the different appeals we do each year – blankets and jackets at Easter, bushfire appeal, food items, Christmas Bowl and more. Your ministry and care is appreciated!

#togetherweserve

What's on in the next week...

Today	9.15am	Lynne Aird [Holy Communion]
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	1.30pm	Congregation meeting
	5.00pm	TBA [Holy Communion]
Monday 2nd	10.00am	Stitchers
	7.30pm	Men's Choir
Wednesday 4th	1.30pm	Friendship Club
Thursday 5th	9.30am	mainly music
Friday 6th	6.30pm	Youth @ church
Sunday 8th	9.15am	Lynne Aird
	10.30am	Shared Morning tea
	11.00am	Kid's Space Celebration service
	5.00pm	TBA

Giving at Adelaide West

direct deposit to: BSB: 805-007 | Account #: 00703475 |

Account name: Adelaide West Uniting Church | marked 'offering'.

eGive - forms on shelves by front door offerings at services

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Youth ministry team leader: Currently vacant

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