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Adelaide West Uniting Church

Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-16

Ps 80:1-7, 17-19

Rom 1:1-17

Mt 1:18-25

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

**News
of
the
church
22nd & 29th
December
2019**

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

Coming, ready or not ...

When playing hide and seek, one counts and the other hides. When counting is finished, we call out 'coming, ready or not!' Christmas seems to be calling this. The year 2020 is also calling out! We've been talking about 2020 for decades and predicting what life will be like. The time for imagining is over – the time has arrived.



2,000 years ago the Jews were waiting for a Messiah - a new age and a new season. Jesus came as a baby, whether the people were 'ready or not'. Are we ready today to wonder again at the birth of the baby that changed the world forever? This baby gives hope to a world desperately needing hope, so that we can see the peace of God afresh in our everyday lives, experience joy in God and celebrate the love found in the presence of the Christ child.

**Joy & peace to you in this Christmas season,
Lynne**

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional	9.15am
family worship	11.00am
worship	5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



We continue our Christmas break. There will be new activity sheets every week.

Kid's Space resumes on 2nd February 2020.

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

PRAYER POINTS	
MON	Those lonely over Christmas
TUES	Christmas eve services
WED	Christmas day service & Christmas brunch at the church
THU	Those in hospital or care
FRI	Preparations for Pt Vincent & Mannum missions starting 6 Jan & AWUC people involved
SAT	Connect groups
SUN	Sunday services (3)

Thank you

to all those that very generously supported the 'Cake with your cuppa' fundraiser last Sunday for Port Vincent and Mannum missions. Just over \$500 was raised (that included a donation from the Craft Group), which will be split evenly between the two missions.

Christmas services

7pm Christmas eve – family friendly (all age service)

9pm Christmas eve – all age, Sun 5pm service style

9am Christmas day celebration (all services)

Invite friends, family & neighbours – flyers available in the foyer.

Uniting Church calendars

Calendars are available in the foyer for \$3 each.

Invitation to Christmas brunch

An open invitation to join us to share good food and enjoy great company for brunch on Christmas day at 10.30am in the hall. Please RSVP by 23 December to Lynne 0439 600 220. All are welcome! #togetherwebrunch



We are looking to meet on 10 January during the holidays - probably 'hang out at church' night. No tea unless we decide to do pizza! Keep an eye out in the Facebook 'AWUC Youth Info' private group for details.

Years 7 -12 welcome.

Youth is in recess and resumes again 31 January.

Questions/comments – contact Lynne 0439 600 220

Upcoming events

- 29 Dec** - No shared lunch
- 15 Jan** - Progressive Service
- 26 Jan** - Shared lunch resumes
- 31 Jan** - Youth resumes
- 2 Feb** - Kids' Space resumes
- 3 Feb** - Stitchers resumes
- 3 Feb** - Men's Choir resumes
- 6 Feb** - mainly music resumes
- 12 Feb** - Evening Fellowship resumes
- 4 Mar** - Friendship Club resumes

Men's Choir

The Adelaide West Men's Choir was delighted with the success of the Christmas Presentation last Sunday. A big thankyou to those of you who gave so generously to the Vietnamese School in Cambodia. A total of \$ 1200 was raised and will be forwarded to the Activate Church for the school. A wonderful effort

- thank you, Meredith

Church Council meeting - 5 December

Summary of meeting:

- Finance and other reports were received and considered
- Staffing structure – ongoing careful consideration of the big picture, seeking prayers of the congregation for this
- Christmas brunch – team now in place – who to invite?
- Baptisms – approval of Jacob & Campbell's baptisms 15 Dec in 11am service
- Pastoral issues/joys and IIM report – pastoral & spiritual oversight
- Manse - noted Lynne and Craig moving into the manse next year
- Carpet – noted carpet being laid in 2 rooms at back of church
- Intern – noted an intern likely in 2020
- Love God and love others – the filter for all we do as a church.

If you have any questions regarding Church Council, please speak to one of the elders - Simon Story (chair), David Bailey (vice chair), Kylie Roberts (secretary), Trevor Story, Belinda Willcocks and Margaret Williams.

New Times

Latest copy of New Times is available in the foyer.

Thank you

Thank you for all the food and gifts given for Uniting SA (Pt Adelaide). Uniting SA was delighted when they picked them all up on Monday. Thank you for your generosity – your ministry and care is appreciated!

#togetherweserve

Presbytery B

We've received a letter from Presbytery B - it is available in the foyer and is also posted on the Facebook AWUC private group. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact the office.

Last week we hosted a meeting of the Presbytery B Standing Committee.

What's on in the next week...

Today	9.15am	Phil Carr
	11.00am	Phil Carr
	5.00pm	tba
Tuesday	7.00pm	Christmas Eve Service
	9.00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday	9.30am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday	9.15am	Progressive Service
	11.00am	Various
	5.00pm	tba

Newsletters & office in coming weeks

There will be no newsletter 29 December.

Newsletters in January will be fortnightly - 4th & 18th.

Office is closed from 24/12/19 to 1/1/20.

Christmas Bowl

A retiring offering will be taken at all 3 Christmas services for the Christmas Bowl. Envelopes available or go to act-forpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

On-line giving:

BSB: 805-007 | Account# 00703475

Account name: Adelaide west Uniting Church | marked 'offering'

CHURCH CONTACTS

Intentional Interim minister: (day off — Fri)

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Children and family pastor: (4 days, Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sun)

Lorraine Schroder kidsspace@awuc.org.au

Youth ministry team leader: Currently vacant

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Administration support officer: (Mon, Tues, Thurs)

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