

## Advent 1 Humility

Philippians 2: 5-8

Mark 1: 1-8



# Adelaide West Uniting Church

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

**We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.**

This week begins the season of Advent and our theme is Simple Gospel Simple Christmas. Simple does not mean simplistic. It means straightforward, uncomplicated and unassuming. Simple means focusing on what really matters. Christmas is one of the major marketing opportunities of the whole year and the pressure to make Christmas more complicated, more expensive, more decorated and more demanding seems to increase every year.

This year we are pausing to ask, what really matters in our Advent preparations and Christmas celebrations? Surely they must mirror the way that the Christ child came into the world. Jesus' arrival was to a poor household in very poor circumstances. Certainly there were angels and other unusual events but Jesus came in humility. As Philippians 2 says Jesus, "... emptied himself taking the form of a slave ... he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death." This week our focus is simple humility. Humility creates a space in our hearts, minds and lives to encounter God. It is preparing our heart to again receive our king.

**Rod Dyson | Lead Minister**

### Sunday Worship times:

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| creative traditional | 9.15am  |
| family worship       | 10.45am |
| youth & young adults | 5.00pm  |



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



### Welcome to Worship,

This week in our Seahorse room (3-4 year olds) we will have a further look at Christmas. In our Mussels 5-6 year olds, Dolphins (7-9ish year olds), and Orcas (10ish year olds to year 6) we will talk about Good news for everyone – Christmas from Luke 2.

We will also be putting the final polish on our Celebration Service that will be **NEXT week, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 10.45am**, come prepared for a different flow to the service.

Don't forget the Carols Festival at Mellor Park Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December look out for more information on the flyer in the foyer.

**Blessings Lorraine,  
Children and Families Pastor.**

## **A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus**

### **Engage Youth | 8th December.**

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!

We continue our series #Blessed!

Looking at Matthew 5 verse 9

*Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them  
his children!*

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5.

Any questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or [youth@awuc.org.au](mailto:youth@awuc.org.au)

**Jack Harington | Adelaide West Uniting Church**

**The Tuesday morning craft group** will hold a Christmas celebration lunch on Tuesday 5th December at 12:00 at the home of Linda & Trevor Story | 6 Rushworth Ave Brooklyn Park.

Past and present members are all welcome..

**This will be the final gathering for 2017.**

**The Adelaide West Men's Choir** are presenting a concert at Estia Health on Monday 4th December from 7:00pm.

**Anyone is welcome to attend**, in the lounge area on the first floor, 8 Mellor Ave Lockleys.



## SIMPLE GOSPEL. SIMPLE CHRISTMAS.

In a world that has made Christmas to be about extravagance, busyness and materialism, we're taking the opportunity at Adelaide West this Christmas, to be reminded of the *simplicity* of the birth of our King and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He came, not wrapped in fancy paper at the top of the present pile, but wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

The story of the gospel is simple, "for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life", and we celebrate his coming through our response of simple love, humility, obedience and lifestyle.

### Christmas at Adelaide West

**You are invited** to join us for Christmas this year. Our service times are

**Christmas Eve**                      10am Combined service | Advent 4  
   2:30pm Children and Families  
   9pm Carols

**Christmas Day**                      9am Combined service

### UnitingSA Christmas Appeal

Once again this year we will support UnitingSA. On the **10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of December** please bring toys, gifts and non-perishable foods to make Christmas more enjoyable for those in need.

### Aboriginal Art Workshops: Indigenous Painting and Ngarrindjeri weaving

An Aboriginal artist will share insights, techniques and stories.

All welcome. **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Adelaide West Uniting Church**

**Painting: 10:00 – 12:00. Weaving: 12:30 - 2:30.**

**Cost \$15 for each workshop.**

A light lunch of salad and fruit will be provided at 12:00 noon if you are attending both workshops.

Paints, canvases and fibres will be provided on the day.

**RSVP before the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: text Sean 0468 912 599 or text**

**Ruth 0450 694 844**

## **Adelaide Harmony Choir presents.... Christmas Harmony**

Featuring highlights from Handel's Messiah and a program of Christmas carols.

Wednesday 13th December @ 7:30pm | Elder Hall, North Tce

Ticket prices and more details on blue notice board.

Next Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> December, the **Adelaide West U.C. Friendship Club** will have the final Meeting for this year.

At 12 noon a Christmas Dinner will be served and at 1.30p.m. Rev. Rod Dyson will give a Christmas Message, which will be followed by Carol Singing. Afternoon tea will follow.

The Christmas Dinner will cost \$12.00 each and those attending are asked to book with Graham Galpin, by today.

A special invitation is extended to those who haven't attended Friendship Group before to join with the Club for this special Christmas Dinner.

Graham's phone Nos. are 8297515 or 0405490200

## **Basketball Upgrade Grant**

Thanks to all who voted in "Fundmyneighbourhood" to upgrade our basketball areas. Unfortunately unsuccessful this time but its been good to have a go and to raise the profile of the courts and facilities anyway.

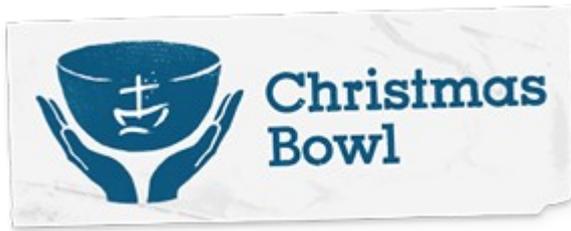
**David Bailey**

## **Adelaide West office**

Adelaide West will be in a period of transition early next year as we begin to work more closely with the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology and as we continue to explore the possibility of being a resourcing congregation.

To assist with this we are looking for volunteers to assist in the early part of 2018 with some administrative functions, as well as advertising for a 0.2 administrative support role commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. We encourage both internal and external applications for this 0.2 role.

If you are interested in applying for the 0.2 role, please contact Matt Cragg on 0407 616 510.



## Over 65 years of the Christmas Bowl

It began on Christmas Day 1949, when a minister named Rev Frank Byatt in Victoria placed a simple empty bowl on the table before him. He humbly asked his friends and family to contribute what they felt the cost of the meal had been. Rev Byatt asked that they consider their own good fortune in being able to share a Christmas meal together in comfort and safety. And he invited them to share God's blessings of love and friendship in the form of a gift to help people who had fled the horrors of World War Two and were suffering as refugees.

This invitation to Australian Christians to stand by men, women and children living through conflict and displacement is, sadly, more important than ever. For the first time in history, there are nearly 60 million displaced people in the world who need our help.

The Christmas Bowl appeal is our way of forging a loving connection between our Christian community here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering.

**Every year AWUC have an offering at all of our Christmas services that is donated to the Christmas Bowl and envelopes are available in late December.**

### **Millions flee their homes.**

Today there are more refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people worldwide than at any time since World War II. That's 65 million people forced to flee their homes due to conflict and disaster. [\\$75 can support refugees to overcome the barriers they face to going home, including providing support to obtain civil documents such as passports and birth certificates.](#)

### **Training for refugees**

Ethiopia currently hosts the 5th highest number of refugees in the world, with the latest UNHCR recorded figures showing close to 800,000. Through courses such as computer and hair-dressing training, refugees have the opportunity to learn new skills, build their self-esteem and strengthen their financial independence. [\\$180 can provide basic computer skills training for refugees in Ethiopia.](#)

## What's on this week...

### Today

#### Communion all services

9:15am Rod Dyson  
10:45am Rod Dyson  
5:00pm Rachel Ferguson

### Monday 4th

10am - 3pm AWUC Stitchers BYO lunch & stitching  
**Final gathering for 2017**

7:00pm Men's choir concert @ Estia Health

### Tuesday 5th

12:00 Coffee, chat & share Craft Group

#### **Christmas lunch @ Story house.**

7:00pm Prayer & fasting - AWUC auditorium

### Wednesday 6th

12:00 Friendship club - AWUC hall

7 - 9pm Space for Grace - AWUC chapel

### Thursday 7th

9:30 - 11:00am mainly music playgroup AWUC hall

7:30pm Church Council meeting

AWUC Chapel

### Friday 8th

6:00pm Engage Youth AWUC hall

### 10th December

#### Advent 2

9:15am Rod Dyson  
10:45am Rod Dyson  
5:00pm Tayah Anstey

### Diary dates:

20th December Lockleys Carols

**An audio copy of every sermon is available on our web site if you want to hear it again or you miss attending any week. You can also catch up with newsletters or join a mailing list to receive them every week.**

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#### office & event coordinator:

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**AWUC personal name tags can be ordered from the office.**

#### Costs are:

**standard pin \$6.00;**

**dual pin and pocket clip \$7.00;**

**magnet \$9.00.**