



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

TODAY @ BCUC - Overwhelmed with Joy

17th December

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams

Isaiah 61:-4,8-11, Psalm 126, Luke 1:46b-55, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Next Sunday @ BCUC

24th December - Christmas Eve

10:30am Classic : Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

5pm Contemporary: Rev Matthew Bond

11.30pm Carol & Candles: Rev Matthew Bond

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16, Luke 1:46b-55, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Day @ BCUC

25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am: Rev Matthew Bond

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16, Luke 1:46b-55, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

December 31 @ BCUC

31st December

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond—Now is the time

Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams—You are God's child

Galatians 4:4-7

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Sunday 17th December 2017

WELCOME

*Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service,
so that we can get to know each other better.*



I delight greatly in the
Lord; my soul rejoices
in my God.

Isaiah 61:10a

Ministry Team Contacts

Minister: Rev Matthew Bond Ministry Team Leader 0400 777 410

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Office Hours - 9am—12 noon Monday to Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW

The challenge of last week was to think of and to invite someone to one of our Christmas Services so that they too can hear the good news that Jesus Christ has come into the world to bring us joy.

How did you go? Have you invited someone? Did they say yes?

In the Gospel according to Luke we are given an example to follow.

⁸ *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause **great joy for all the people.** ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

¹³ *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

¹⁴ *"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."*

¹⁵ *When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

¹⁶ *So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and **all who heard it were amazed** at what the shepherds said to them. (Luke 2:8-18 NIV)*

The Good News of the birth of Jesus is still cause for great joy for all people and all who hear this good news will be amazed. Before you invite anyone else to come and share this great joy, I ask you to stop and think – am I taking this good news for granted in my own life? Do I really understand that this good news has turned my life upside-down? Do I believe that Jesus still has the power to miraculously change lives today?

The shepherds heard the Good News, they experienced it for themselves and then they spread the word. We are compelled to do the same.

Special Meeting of the Congregation

There will be a special meeting of the Congregation **TODAY, at 10:20am** to accept the 2018 budget.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

10:30am Classic Service

5pm Family (Contemporary Service)

11:30pm Carols & Candles

Christmas Day

9:30am Worship for Everyone

Christmas Bowl 2017

Envelopes to support the Christmas Bowl appeal are available in the foyer. The leaflet describes the 3 ways you can donate using your credit card. Should you wish to make a cash donation, there is a box in the foyer which will remain there until Christmas Day.

The church office will closed from Thursday December 21, 2017 and reopen on Tuesday January 2, 2018.

BCUC Cares for Families in need

The BCUC Cares team extends its deep gratitude to all who have so generously contributed to this appeal. As we draw near to the Christmas season Uniting Communities would value items that could be included in a Christmas Hamper. All donations are distributed to needy families by Uniting Communities at Clayton Wesley Church. Thank you for any items you are able to give.

Suggestions Include: Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Cereal, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Longlife Custard, Spreads, Milo / Tea or Coffee, Soft Drinks, Chips/ Lollies, Canned Vegetables, Biscuits/Crackers, Soup, Canned Ham/Turkey, Toiletries.

Thursday Friendship Club

Thursday Friendship Club has finished for the year and will recommence in the 1st week of February 2018.

Wednesday 9:30am Prayer Group

Please The group has finished for the year and will resume on Wednesday February 7, 2018.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Deb Mugford at admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday