



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

This Sunday @ BCUC

23rd December

God the Promise Keeper^{ad}

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Rob Williams

Fully Alive in Jesus – Love completes us^{bc}

10:30am Café : Rev Trevor Klar

Micah 5:2-5a^a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10^b; Luke 1:39 -45^c; Luke 1:46 -55^d

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday : Christmas Eve

6:00pm Family Service
11:30pm Carols & Candles

Tuesday : Christmas Day

9:30am Worship for everyone

Thursday 27th December

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry
7:30pm Choir practice

Sunday 30th December

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

30th December

The fruits of Christmas^{ab}

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Café : Rev Trevor Klar

Remembering not to forget^c

10:30am Classic : Heather Maynard

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148^a; Colossians 3:12-17^b; Luke 2:41-52^c

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

If you require more information please contact the church office or visit our website.

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WELCOME

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

**according to the promises he made
to our ancestors ...**

Luke 1:55



Ministry Team Contacts

Supply Minister: Rev Trevor Klar 0437 708 183; Mon (am), Tue, Thu (from 2pm)

Minister in Association: Rev Rob Williams 0424 123 171

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

Interim Administrator: Stuart MacAdam Mon - Fri, 9am-2pm

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM ROB

'God – the Keeper of Promises'

When I was a little child, my mother loved to play 'Can you keep a secret?' with me. Her tickling of my soft palm, followed by the underarm tickle, always caused me to giggle loudly, evidence that as a keeper of secrets I was hopeless! I have to write in my defence that I've improved considerably over the years!

Another Williams' family virtue taught by my parents became a part of me. It was that we kept our promises. 'Don't make a promise that you can't keep' was taught with an explanation of the effect broken promises had on the one to whom the promise was given, as well as on me as the promise-maker. Unkept promises make for fractured relationships.

Two of our readings for today contain promises which God has kept. In Micah 5 : 2-5a we hear God promising that out of Bethlehem will come a ruler, strong in the Lord, shepherding his flock to bring peace and unity to his people.

Luke 1: 46-55 is Mary's response to the angel's news that she will become the mother of Jesus – 'the Son of the Most High' – that he will stand in the line of King David, that he will rule forever and that his kingdom will never end. Verse 55 of Mary's Song - '.. just as he promised our ancestors..' – links back to the promise in Micah and God's promises and covenant God made with Abraham in Genesis chapter 12. It is through Abraham's descendants, the tribe of King David, that God promised to bring the world his eternal blessing of Jesus, our Saviour, God with us.

These two promises are about God's love relationship with us - God working throughout history to ultimately draw people like us to himself through the promised One whose coming we celebrate at Christmas and whose coming again in glory we await. Truly we can sing 'Glory to the newborn King' as we celebrate his birth. God has kept his promises to us – and all people.

Christmas Hamper Update

This year the Uniting Community Branch at Norwood have been overwhelmed by the generosity of gifts, both of food and toiletries, freely given by the congregation of Burnside City Uniting Church. Originally, deliveries were made once per month, then it got close to fortnightly and of late, deliveries have been weekly. How good is that?

I am told that there are now only three churches supplying goods, so it is important that we continue to give our support in 2019. It is surprising how quickly the shelves empty due to the support given to those in need that attend the Norwood Office. The office has a small staff of employees and a team of volunteers, all who are hard working and dedicated. So, thank you again people of BCUC, because of your kindness many people have been blessed. - Mick.

Christmas / New Year Office Hours

The BCUC Office will be open from 9am to 2pm Thursday and Friday this week (Dec. 27, 28), and again on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday the following week (Dec. 31, Jan. 2, 3).

Christmas Cards—Money Raised

Sale of this year's Christmas cards in aid of U.C. missions and Frontier Services ended two Sunday ago. Together, we raised over \$400.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

6:00pm Family Service
11:30pm Carols & Candles

Christmas Day

9:30am Worship for everyone

BCUC Christmas Postcards

We would like to encourage you to take some additional BCUC Christmas postcards to distribute to family, friends, and mailboxes in your neighbourhood. Extra cards are available in the foyer. Please take as many as you can distribute.

KCO is Coming

Kids Camp Out (KCO) is a Uniting Church camp for 7 year olds to Year 7's. On 23rd and 24th March 2019 hundreds of campers, junior leaders and leaders will gather at Adare Caravan and Camping at Victor Harbor for a fun filled 24 hours of stories, games, crafts, Bible studies, food, fellowship and some sleeping. Make a note in your diary and let your friends know so they can join us for a fabulous time. In 2019 there will be no cost for campers and helpers so let's bring as many children as possible. More information will be available soon.

This year we are looking for a coordinator, so if you would like to be part of the KCO leadership team speak to Gaynor Strapp.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Stuart MacAdam at info@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 10am on Wednesday