



**This Sunday @ BCUC**

2nd December

***Fully alive in Jesus – looking forward with hope<sup>bc</sup>***

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev Trevor Klar

***Be Ready!<sup>ad</sup>***

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Jeremiah 33:14-16<sup>a</sup>; Psalm 25:1-10<sup>b</sup>; 1Thessalonians 3:9-13<sup>c</sup>; Luke 21:25-36<sup>d</sup>

**Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

***Monday 3rd November***

10:00am mainly music

1:30pm Monday Day Fellowship

6:30pm Netball Meeting

***Tuesday 4th November***

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

***Wednesday 5th November***

9:15am Mission Focus Group

9:30am Prayer Meeting

***Thursday 6th November***

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

***Sunday 9th November***

12noon Prayer Meeting

12noon Seniors 2nd Sunday Lunch

**Next Sunday @ BCUC**

9th December

***Fully alive in Jesus – Life may not be easy but joy makes us sing<sup>ab</sup>***

9:00am Contemporary (Children's Nativity), 10:30am Café : Rev Trevor Klar

***Responding to the Good News<sup>c</sup>***

10:30am Classic (Lessons and Carols) : Rev Rob Williams

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6<sup>a</sup>; Philippians 4:4-7<sup>b</sup>; Luke 2:15-20<sup>c</sup>; Luke 3:1-6

Prayer Requests: [prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au)

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

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**Sunday 2nd December 2018**

**WELCOME**

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

**Fully Alive in Jesus – Hope gives life**



**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-2:00pm

**Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9am - noon**



***A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,***

***Passionately Engaged in Mission***

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

### A MESSAGE FROM TREVOR

#### Advent – How do we measure it?

Scientists and governments love to measure things. This week there was a new shock and horror campaign about ICE and its effects. The government agencies said it wasn't evidence based and the organisers cleverly asked back about the evidence base for the "Grim Reaper" ads about AIDS.

This got me thinking about people measuring Christmas. Do we measure it by the size of presents we are given? You know how it goes – an expensive present means he/she loves me more. Or perhaps it's the quality of the food – NO-ONE makes better mince pies than I do, or my turkey stuffing is the best, or the lights/decorations (our roof leaked one year after our daughters took down the many lights they put up in such a way that one of the tiles was half off) are the very best in the street. There of course many others we could add.

We could take a step in the right direction and measure how much we love others. Back in the eighties I remember getting a call about 3pm on Christmas Eve from a young man I had married in the spring. He was a courier driver and he and his fellow workers were sitting around celebrating and decided they needed to do something for others, so they passed the hat around and raised over \$500 – which was a lot for a bunch of courier drivers. He was the only one with any contact with someone who might be able to do something – so we did.

We could measure our own response and decide to do even more; maybe volunteer to serve Christmas lunch at a homeless shelter, or pack Christmas Hampers at Uniting Care Wesley Bowden or another agency, or invite a lonely person to share our family Christmas in a non-patronizing way.

But perhaps the best way is to think about the measure of God's love, who put at risk his only Son, who sent him to a situation where he would be misunderstood even by those close to him, face constant harassment from those opposed and then to see him betrayed and crucified, and the Father choosing not to intervene and save him. That is the best measure of Christmas and I encourage you this Advent to use this as your measure!!

#### BCUC Christmas Postcards

Today you have received a postcard with our schedule of Christmas services. We would like to encourage you to take home some additional cards to distribute to family, friends, and mailboxes in your neighbourhood. Extra cards are available in the foyer. Take as many as you need.

#### Wear Yellow Next Sunday

Next week we celebrate the joy that Jesus coming brings. Of all the bright happy colours we chose YELLOW to best express our joy at Jesus coming. Please wear some yellow next week, a shirt/blouse, a tie, or even a yellow ribbon!

#### Christmas Bowl 2018

Giving envelopes for the Christmas Bowl appeal will be available next Sunday.

#### Monday Day Fellowship

We are celebrating Christmas with a HIGH TEA on Monday **December 3** at 1.30pm. Members of the congregation are invited to join us for a pleasant afternoon.

#### Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday, **December 9**, 12noon. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter. Please see Anita Wheaton for more information.

#### Deb's Farewell

There will be an opportunity to say farewell to Deb this morning between services.

#### Christmas at the Pantry

Which friend or neighbour could you surprise with small gift? A choice of Strawberry, Apricot and Cumquat jams, 'dressed' with ribbons; Cherry Conserve, if rain and hail abate! Freshly made Tomato Relish and Chutneys now on sale.

#### Elected Church Council Members and Mission Trust Fund Managers

Elections were held at the AGM last Sunday. All nominees were elected. Thank you and congratulations to :

#### Church Council Members

Anne Wierenga  
Greg Zheng  
Clare Bleakley (re-elected)

#### Mission Trust Fund Managers

Deb May (four year term)  
Mike Croft (four year term)  
Trevor Olsson (four year term)  
Donald Sarre (two year term)  
Rex King (two year term)

Services of dedication of Councillors and Managers will be held in all three services on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2019.

#### Christmas Cards

Christmas cards in aid of U.C. missions are available today between services.

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