

TODAY @ BCUC—Communion

Sunday 14th December — Christmas Joy & Peace

9am Contemporary Linda Driver

10.30am Classic Rev Rob Williams—Lessons & Carols

10:30am Cafe: Rev Matthew Bond

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Tuesday 16th December

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

Wednesday 17th December

7:45am Weekly Prayer Meeting

7pm Young Adults

Thursday 18th December

10am Craft, Chat & Sew

12pm Friendship Group

7pm Choir Practice

Friday 19th December

5:30pm WAMM

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC—Communion

Sunday 21st December — Nothing is impossible for God

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic—Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Cafe: Linda Driver

Luke 1:26-38

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Burnside City

Uniting Church

Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday December 14th 2014

WELCOME

We have Connect Team members to welcome new people at each service who will introduce you to our church and assist you in any way they can. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee, so that we can get to know you better.

Congratulations to Narges & Alina who were baptised last Sunday



Narges—When I was in Iran I didn't have any background of the Christian faith. When I came to Adelaide I saw some Christian people and they were very lovely people, I was interested to know about their religion. I came to Burnside City Uniting Church and I felt Jesus in my heart. I discovered that Jesus accepts me. Straight away I chose to follow in the way of Jesus. I had meetings with Matthew and he helped me to understand the difference between Islam and Christianity and now here I am to be baptised. I am so happy I feel like I have been born again!

Alina—If I wasn't welcomed by Mary, Mick and Matthew smiles and hugs and caring the first time I stepped into our church, I wouldn't consider becoming a member of Burnside City Uniting Church. If I wasn't invited to attend Bible studies, and the Sunday fellowship lunch gathering I wouldn't find the sense of belonging. If I didn't sing the songs at Sunday Services I wouldn't be able to feel how much my soul was touched and moved, if I didn't read the Bible and pray I wouldn't try to seek the light from the darkness to lighten my heart. If I wasn't driven by mighty God's endless power, caring and blessing, I wouldn't be able to challenge the study successfully. If I wasn't encouraged, engaged and supported by my family, friends and all of you I wouldn't be able to understand the true meaning of forgiveness and stand here.

A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,



Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

7pm Family Service

11:30pm Carols & Candles

Christmas Day

9:30am Combined All Ages Service

The Christmas Bowl

Envelopes to support Christmas Bowl are available in the foyer. Donations will be received up to Sunday December 28th. Thank you for your generosity, Gwen Mackenzie and the Mission Support Group.

Dr Jon's Pantry

New season TOMATO RELISH is now available in Dr. Jon's pantry. Some jars are gift wrapped for Christmas gifts. Come and browse! Please see Anneke vande Loo for more information.

THANKYOU for your support for the teachers morning tea at Linden Park on Dec 2nd. The staff loved it! Anita Wheaton

Christmas Office Hours

The BCUC Office will be closed from 2:30pm December 24th and will reopen on Monday January 5th.

BCUC Cares for People

Today is the day to bring along the special Christmas items to place in the trolley to go to Uniting Communities to support those that need extra help this Christmas. Your generosity this year has been greatly appreciated by those who have received support.

Farewell to Liz McQuade

Members of the former Friendship Group are invited for afternoon tea at the church on Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 2pm.

This is an opportunity for us to meet together and farewell Liz McQuade before she moves to Brisbane.

Please bring a small plate of food. Everyone is welcome.

Matthew Bond will be on leave from Sunday January 11th until Monday February 2nd. All enquiries during that time should be directed to Linda Driver or Rob Williams.

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MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW

The Lord is coming. "Maranatha!" Come Lord Jesus!

The Hebrew people expected their Messiah to come. The scriptures are filled with these prophecies. The Messiah would come in power and might to deliver God's people from their enemies. These prophecies were fulfilled when Mary delivered God's Son Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. God is faithful always.

Jesus promised His disciples He would come again. It's in the Bible, John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled. You are trusting God, now trust in Me. There are many homes up there where my Father lives, and I am going to prepare them for your coming. When everything is ready, then I will come and get you, so that you can always be with Me where I am. If this weren't so, I would tell you plainly. And you know where I am going and how to get there."

The church of the first century expected Jesus to return very soon. They greeted each other with the statement of "Maranatha"; which translates to "make room for the Master" or "the Lord cometh". They lived believing that any day Jesus would return because they knew people who had walked with Jesus.

Today we may wonder about when Jesus may return. We may look at the state of our world and declare that our only hope is that Jesus will come soon. On Sunday we witnessed the coming of our Lord Jesus into the lives of 2 wonderful women as they were baptised. We have heard their testimonies. This is the way that Jesus comes into our world thousands of times every day. This is the way that our world continues to be transformed. The difference Jesus makes in your life will show and others will want to invite Jesus to come into their lives too.

Come Lord Jesus!

