

**TODAY @ BCUC—Communion**

***Sunday 7th December — The Lord is Coming***

9am Contemporary & 10.30am Classic Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Cafe: Linda Driver

Isaiah 40:1-11

**UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC**

***Monday 8th December***

10am mainly music

1:30pm Adult Day Fellowship

***Tuesday 9th December***

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

6pm Church Council

***Wednesday 10th December***

7:45am Weekly Prayer Meeting

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

7pm Young Adults

7pm Women's Fellowship

***Thursday 11th December***

10am Craft, Chat & Sew

12pm Friendship Group

7pm Band & Choir Practice

***Friday 12th December***

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

7pm Youth

***Saturday 13th December***

Carols @ Burnside City

**NEXT WEEK @ BCUC**

***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

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

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**Burnside City**  
Uniting Church  
*Community, Faith and Purpose*

*Sunday December 7th 2014*

**WEEKLY NEWS**

**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.*



**Carols @ Burnside City**

**Saturday December 13th**

**5pm Sausage Sizzle, Crafts and Games**

**6pm for Carols & Kids Christmas Drama**



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

***Passionately Engaged in Mission***

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

### Adult Baptisms—Today

At 9am on Sunday December 7 here at BCUC we are baptising Narges Asadi and Alina Lu.

### BCUC Listens to God—Today

Sunday December 7th, 4:30pm—5:30pm @ BCUC Chapel. Please join us as we pray and listen to God for guidance.

### Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

December 14th. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. 12 noon til 2:30pm. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter. Please remember to book.

### The Christmas Bowl

Please make sure you receive a 'Giving Envelope' along with the news-letter today. (Donations will be received up to Sunday December 28th.) Thank you for your generosity, Gwen Mackenzie and the Mission Support Group.

Thank you for your prayers for the Christmas Play in our local schools this week as a part of the Christian Options Program. The week has been a great success. Matthew Bond and the team.

### With Love to the World

If you would like to subscribe to the devotional With Love to the World, please contact Peter Kitching. Cost \$18 per year.

\$3,130 was banked from the InterChurch Council's Spring Fete.

Congratulations and thanks to the many people who helped make this a successful event. A very special thank you to Joan and Ron Moulton – they were real stall-warts!!

### Dr Jon's Pantry

Has Cherry Conserve & Pumpkin Chutney for sale. Ideal for small gifts. Please see Anneke vande Loo for more information.

### Riverland Produce

Delivery will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This delivery will include previously ordered Christmas cakes.

### Pop up Quiz night to support Experience Café/ CitySoul

Friday 12 December, 7-9pm at the Experience Cafe/CitySoul 13 Hutt street, \$10 per person. Book a table of 6 or come as an individual and be put on a table with other supporters. For more information contact Sue on 0438 878 570.

### MESSAGE FROM LINDA

*"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." (Isaiah 40:1)*

When I hear the word 'comfort' words and images come to mind that give me a feeling of physical and emotional comfort, care and safety. There's even something comforting about saying the word itself!

In our reading this week, the prophet proclaims God's comfort to the people of Israel. Words of forgiveness, hope and encouragement: Even though they didn't deserve it, God still promised to come.. in their sin and brokenness, God will come..

During this season of Advent we are preparing to celebrate the coming of God into the world – in the gift of the baby Jesus. We can be certain in the knowledge that God is with us: Emmanuel.

This week in a number of ways, I have been reminded of how fragile and broken many of us are today. These words of comfort need to be heard by those suffering grief, loss, trauma and addiction.

At the pastoral contacts afternoon tea last week, I was encouraged by the number of folk who are faithfully caring for those in our congregation. We also have people who work in the community with those who need professional help to regain their health, dignity, life, wholeness and joy. Thank you to each of you for the comfort you bring to God's people.

As the people of God, may we all respond to the cry for those who need comfort. Let us walk alongside the vulnerable. Let us be Jesus' hands and feet, like the Great Shepherd, gathering the lambs in our arms, carrying them close to our hearts, gently leading those that have young. (Isaiah 40:11)

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*

