This Sunday @ BCUC

9th December

Fully alive in Jesus – **Life may not be easy but joy makes us sing** ^{ab} 9:00am Contemporary (Children's Nativity), 10:30am Café : Rev Trevor Klar

Responding to the Good News^c 10:30am Classic (Lessons and Carols) : Rev Rob Williams Zephaniah 3:14-20; **Isaiah 12:2-6**^a; **Philippians 4:4-7**^b; **Luke 2:15-20**^c; Luke 3:1-6

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 10th December 10:00am mainly music

Tuesday 11th December 9:30am Ladies Table Tennis 9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 12th December 9:30am Prayer Meeting Thursday 13th December 9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew 12noon Friendship Club 6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry 7:30pm Choir practice

Sunday 16th December 12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

16th December - Communion

Fully alive in Jesus – at one with ourselves and Jesus ^{ab} 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Trevor Klar

Compare the Two^c 10:30am Café : Colette Williams

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79^a; Philippians 3:1-11^b; Luke 3:7-18^c

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

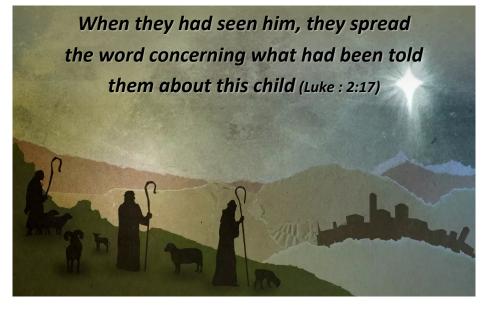
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Sunday 9th December 2018

WELCOME

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



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,

A MESSAGE FROM ROB

Heard any good news lately?

Once upon a time, before every home had telephones – yes, 'telephones' not mobile phones – a young, pregnant woman awaited the birth of her first child. Their neighbours, an elderly couple, insisted that when the time came, their telephone was to be used to call the hospital, no matter what the hour of the day or the night.

And so the time came for her to be delivered (sound familiar?). Stuck to the wall above the neighbour's telephone, in very large numerals, was the hospital's telephone number. Thus the process began, culminating in the birth of the couple's first-born son.

Over the next 48 hours, the new father visited many, many friends and relatives, each conversation beginning with the words "I've got some really good news for you!"

Luke 2:15-20 records the appearance of an angel of the Lord to a most unlikely group of men – shepherds, among the outcasts of their society – looking after their sheep on the hills above Bethlehem. "Don't be afraid – have I got some really good news for you!" could be a paraphrase of his greeting. Not only did they hear his greeting but also the good news that Messiah – the long awaited, anointed One from God – had been born. He was to be found in a stock feeder wrapped up nice and tight in the little town below them. Being curious by nature, the shepherds hurried down to Bethlehem to discover things were just as they had been told.

But the shepherds didn't stop there. They had heard some good news, they had seen for themselves it was true and they spread the word to amazed townsfolk and anyone who would listen to them – good news from most unlikely sources.

Now is a great a time for Christians to ask, "Have you heard $\underline{\textit{the}}$ Good News lately?"

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

KCO is Coming

Kids Camp Out (KCO) is on the way. 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.

BCUC Christmas Postcards

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

Christmas Bowl 2018

Giving envelopes for the Christmas Bowl appeal are inserted in this newsletter. Extras are available in the foyer. You may place completed envelopes in the bowl at the back of the sanctuary between now and December 30. Dr Jon's Pantry

Can you help? We are running out of small/medium size Jars. 230 - 300 gr. Think: Beerenberg, Master Foods or Bonne Maman. Thank you!

Wear Green Next Sunday

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul! Psalm 23:1-3

Help celebrate the peace of Christ next Sunday by wearing green to church.

Tuesday Morning House Group

We meet at 10am on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, upstairs in the church. In February we will begin "The Blessings Course", based on the books that came out of the Ffald y Brenin retreat centre in Wales, scriptural and inspiring. If you are looking for a daytime study group, we'd love to see you. See Colette Williams for more information.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Today at noon

Christmas Cards

This year's Christmas cards in aid of U.C. missions will be available for the last time today between and after services.

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