



Mountview Uniting Church, Mitcham

Nurturing our people in the Christian faith and reaching out
to the local community in the power of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 20th December 2020

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Advent: A season of preparation, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, in which the Church recalls its hope and expectation in the coming of Christ, past, present and future.

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday 20th December

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1: 46b-55 or Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38

Prayer Cycles

Rostered members for 'Prayers of The People' – please email your prayer (for your upcoming Sunday) to multi-media@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au before 6pm Thursday.

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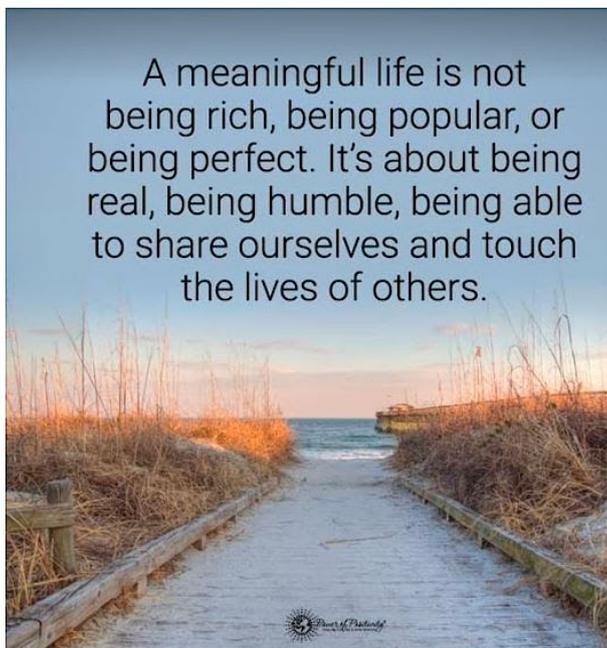
John Williams

World: Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

Ecumenical: New Hope Baptist Church, Blackburn North

UCA: Whittlesea;

St Hilda's College Chaplaincy



Notices

Christmas Blessings

MUGGSS & BUGGSS would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and many blessings in the new year. We have missed seeing you all and can't wait to show you how we have all grown. Jo, Daniel and Sue.

Greetings From Rev Tina

Merry Christmas everyone. For you and your loved ones, may you have a peaceful and joyful Christmas and New Year.

I hope if you're going to the Christmas Eve Service you enjoy it; and enjoy the Christmas Day service, with its carols music. The Whitehorse Christmas Special (Blessing) video will be available after Saturday. DVDs are available from Monday for those who don't have access to the internet. Please contact me if you'd like a DVD.

The full special has the Christmas Story, various carols, and a carol medley at the end with people singing from the churches across Whitehorse, including our Helen Jackson; and I'm doing a prayer in the middle of the carol Silent Night. Staff of Box Hill Hospital and Victoria Police also feature, some of whom are also singing carols. Links to the video and a YouTube version are in the worship materials and some parts will be played in the Christmas Day recording and Christmas Eve service.

Thank you for all those involved in producing our worship over the year and at Christmas, especially those on our readings and prayers of the people rosters: Lynne who has stepped in to assist when others are not available, for Aileen with setting up communion, Margot for setting up the banners, Lorraine for our notice board and flowers, Geoffrey for playing at our Blue Christmas service, and especially Rob and Helen for hours of preparation and recording. Many thanks to Darren and Daniel for their leadership of our Christmas Eve service; plus Rob, Eddie and the team for keeping our church COVID safe. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. It's been a huge effort by everyone producing worship during lockdown.

We're blessed this Christmas,
Rev Tina.

Whitehorse Cluster

Building on many combined worship services held in past years with the Blackburn North / Nunawading congregation and the Forest Hill congregation, representatives from our three congregations have continued to work together towards sharing resources and ministers. Rob Jackson and I represent Mountview on this working group and we have some good news.

The Uniting Church Presbytery of Yarra Yarra has approved the formation of the Whitehorse Cluster, enabling our three congregations to cooperate in the calling of ministers and we believe this is a very significant milestone in the life of our congregation. Of course it is early days, there is still much to be done and work is continuing to create a shared ministry team for the Cluster. We feel very positive and hopeful about reaching this stage and we hope you do too.

During this year it has been difficult to communicate with each other while not meeting as a congregation and having a chat over morning tea. We hope things will improve in 2021 so that we can meet again to listen, share and discuss our ideas and vision for the Cluster. Lynne Rosenthal.

Offering Envelopes For 2021

Thank you to all envelope-givers, who, one way or another have continued to make your contribution to the Church, through our challenging times.

It is now the time of the year for new envelopes for 2021 to be arranged. However, I don't know how many sets to prepare. Could you please think about this, as, over the next few weeks, I will contact each of you on my list and ask what your choice is. I will then work out how many sets are needed and I will deliver to your letter box early in the new year.

Best wishes to you all, David Rowe.

Centre 81 Christmas Hampers

Thank you all, for the very generous response we have had to both the Police Hampers, and more currently our own Centre 81 hampers.

Twenty-four hampers have now been prepared and collected or delivered to our Centre 81, and LINC clients, and to those known to us within the local community who are in needy situations. Blessings to you for a very happy Christmas, and a new year free, as much as is possible, from COVID 19. Jill, for all at Centre 81

Your Healing Prayers

Joyce Smith kindly asks for your healing prayers, please, for her 11-year-old great granddaughter, Ebony, who is very unwell in the Royal Children's Hospital. Your prayers will be appreciated, with thanks.

Christmas Bowl Appeal

This year we are unable to distribute appeal envelopes for the annual Christmas Bowl Appeal. So, we suggest that you consider donating online. Please pray for an end to the Syrian crisis, so that people can live in peace and refugees, if they wish, can return home. Please pray for unity and reconciliation in Zimbabwe to heal deep division and social fragmentation. May the people have resilience and strength in the face of crises, whether man-made or natural disasters.

A Mountview donation page is available where you may safely give online at:

<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/45123>

Last Notice Sheet For 2020

This will be the last notice sheet for the year. Margaret and I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a healthy new year. The notice sheet commences again when school begins. Lynne.

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