



Mountview Uniting Church, Mitcham

A congregation of the Whitehorse Uniting Cluster

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

Sunday 5 December, 2021

9.30am

Advent 2c



Advent Two: Laying the Foundations

Focal scriptures Luke 1:57-80 | Philippians 1:3-11 Theme connections In the miraculous birth of John the Baptist, we see the foundation of what is to come. We see how interwoven his story is with Jesus' origin story. When Zechariah regains his voice, his imagination is also

restored. He offers deep praise for God's tender mercy, and casts a hopeful vision for his own child. He sings blessings into John's being. This lays the foundation for John's life. In turn, John will go on to prepare the way for Jesus who will guide us all in the way of peace. In this week, we focus on making space—in our lives and our imaginations—for God's blessings to break through.

Notices

Pastoral Partners ... TODAY, 5 December

I apologise that this is short notice but we will meet in the Brown Room following the Worship Service this Sunday for a brief meeting. Looking forward to seeing you,
Heather Barnes, Pastoral Partners Co-ordinator.

Annual General Meeting 19th December

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this meeting of the congregation on Sunday 19 December following worship. Annual Report information will be available shortly and an update on the progress of the Whitehorse Cluster will be shared at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
Tim Menger and Lynne Rosenthal

Interactive Nativity Story with Carols

Sunday 19 December 9:30am service at Mountview

Children and anyone else interested in taking part needed. NO speaking parts, just acting out the different scenes while carols are being sung.

Sue Terrill WOULD LOVE TO hear from you asap

Minister's Tidbits

For the past 4 days I have been fortunate to help coach junior volleyball teams at the Volleyball Victoria Junior Open ... 4 days of volleyball, some good, some not so good. We took four teams and came away with 1 medal. However, that is not the important part. What our athletes noticed was that teams with high levels of communication and trust succeeded. They noticed that the best teams genuinely enjoyed each other's successes.

Essentially, what our athletes saw is a microcosm of healthy community. The ability to work through adversity, being secure enough to risk together, understanding how my strength can supplement your weaknesses and vice versa, are snapshots of what healthy living looks like. I am extremely fortunate to coach volleyball across a whole spectrum of our community. I coach across socio-economic lines, across gender and age group lines and everything comes down to some simple guiding principles:

1. Communication builds trust.
2. Team success is not an individual event.
3. Everyone has a role to play. (That includes off-court actions that build the culture and connection of the group)

This is why I love being involved in sport. I get to have an influence in maturing people into taking those same principles from our sporting environment and live them into the world.

Pete Rivett

Centre 81 Christmas Hampers

We will be preparing our Christmas hampers over two days, 16 & 17 December 2021.

If anyone has donations of Christmas fare for the hampers, please bring them to Church on Sundays, deliver to Centre 81 on Tuesdays & Fridays, between 10.00 a.m. & 12.00 noon, or if you would like them collected from your home, please call to arrange a suitable time.

Donations are needed at Centre 81 by 12 December.

The Committee at Centre 81 thanks you for all your support and encouragement, during a year that has been difficult for all of us.

Jill Kidd

Christmas Remembrance Service

Our Cluster wide Christmas Remembrance Service will be held on Thursday 16th December at 7:30pm at our Blackburn North Nunawading church campus. It is planned to put together a PowerPoint audio visual using the photos of people you want to remember who have passed away in the last 12 months.

If you would like a photo of your loved one to be included, please send it to Rev Peter via his email or contact him to arrange for him to scan a hard copy. Rev Peter will need the photos by Sunday 12 December.

It would be lovely to welcome to the service the family members of the people we are remembering. You are encouraged to pass on this notice and invitation to such family members. Give Rev Peter a call if you have any questions on 0434 310 862.

Visio Divina

A series of reflective readings and artworks to engage deeply in the Advent experience:

- Thursdays 9th, 16th, 23rd. December at 10:30am at BNNUC and on SWAY

Advent Quiet Reflective mornings

Forest Hill Uniting 8th December 10am - 12pm

Contact Corry Skilbeck and Rev Tina to register - must be double vaccinated

Tech Learn and Share

We met for the last time for 2021 last Tuesday evening, when we learned some basic video editing skills. Marie Bartlett from BNNUC put together a beautiful video presentation of a trip to the Kimberley – spectacular photos with accompanying music. Others of us weren't quite so professional in what we produced, but learned some new and useful skills.

The group will re-convene in February 2021, with a definite date provided closer to the time. If you haven't joined us before, you will be most welcome. It really is a time of sharing and learning from one another and is a good way to meet other people from around the cluster.

Cathryn Peppiatt

Annual Christmas Bowl Appeal

Once again you are invited by Act For Peace to join with churches across Australia to share God's love through the Christmas Bowl. While we have experienced the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, that is nothing compared with the impact on 82 million people around the world uprooted by conflict or disasters or caught up in humanitarian crises in Ethiopia, Myanmar, Gaza and the fall of Afghanistan. The Christmas Bowl is a vital channel for expressing our unity in Christ and sharing God's love.

The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. The Christmas Bowl's partner in the region is providing mental and other health care to people across Gaza. Donations to the Christmas Bowl will help the running of three health clinics to provide psychosocial support.

Donation envelopes are available on the foyer table for those wishing to post their donation.

For those who wish to donate online, there is a unique donation page at:

<https://www.mycb/45123> which will total Mountview's donations. Thank you for your generous support.

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Ministers on call 0403 225 257 Fridays and Saturdays

Worship Roster

This Sunday 5 December: Rev Pete Rivett

Jenny Balshaw (FC) Peter Cox (FC) Margot Kemke (FC) Denyse Ward (VFC)
Michael Plumridge (Lead Steward)

Next Sunday 12 December: Rev Peter Cannon

Heather Barnes (VF) Margaret Swain (F) David Rowe (Lead Steward)

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday 5 December: David Rowe

Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

Next Sunday 12 December: Margaret Swain

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philemon 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

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

This Sunday 5 December: Tim Joyce

World: Myanmar, Thailand

Ecumenical: Anglican Church of the Holy Name, Vermont South

UCA: Richmond; Synod's Communications Unit and "Crosslight"

Next Sunday 12 December: John Gerrand

World: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

Ecumenical: St John's Anglican, Blackburn

UCA: North Ringwood, Ringwood; Synod's equipping Leadership for Mission

Lawn Mowing

Early December: John Gerrand and Tim Menger

Mid December: Michael Plumridge and Eddie Short

Mountview Contacts

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Cluster Resources: <https://www.mountviewuca.org/cluster-worship-resources.html>

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