



# 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 19 December, 2021**

**9.30am**

### **Advent 4c**



#### **Advent Four: Seeking Sanctuary**

Focal scriptures Luke 1:39-55 | Luke 1:46b-55:16

Theme connections: After receiving the angel's extraordinary news, Mary retreats to Elizabeth and

Zechariah's home to digest her new calling. She seeks refuge—physical safety and emotional protection. She receives a safe haven, a home for her heart to soon sing praise. Sanctuary and safe space is so crucial for everyone, especially the mother of Christ while she prepares to become a home for God. Sanctuary is anywhere God's love dwells freely and abundantly.

### **Notices**

#### **Christmas Services**

- Sunday 19 December: 9.30am - Interactive Nativity Story with Carols (children +)
- Christmas Eve Service: 7.00pm - Combined at Mountview - Communion
- Christmas Day Service: 9.30am – Mountview

#### **Annual General Meeting after worship TODAY**

You are all very warmly invited to stay after worship today to attend the Annual General Meeting. A few copies of the 2020 Annual Report are available today from the bench in the foyer for those who have not received it via email. Please stay to keep up to date with Mountview's business items and also the progress of the Whitehorse Cluster.

Lynne Rosenthal and Tim Menger

#### **Visio Divina**

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

- Thursdays 23<sup>rd</sup>. December at 10:30am at BNNUC and on SWAY

#### **Temporary Accommodation Required**

A client of LinC Whitehorse (Love in the Name of Christ) is facing eviction from her current home. She and her eight year-old son will urgently need suitable accommodation either short or long-term. If you are able to help, please contact Graeme Young, Chairperson, LinC Whitehorse Inc., on 0417 544 360.

#### **Minister's Tidbit**

One of the things I really enjoy about the Christmas season is the compacted socialising that comes with it. Sure it is exhausting, but there is a great energy that comes from seeing everyone all in one burst. If I am honest, I am very grateful that it also means I can have all of

January without any pressure to be social.

However this year has been strange, stranger even than last year. There is, and rightfully so, an undercurrent of fear regarding the omicron variant. Our conversations include not only, who has been “double vaxxed” but who has been “boosted” and who may miss Christmas lunch because of a super-spreader event.

Somehow, in all this mess, we are asked to create a sense of home, a sense of belonging for all. This is no easy task. One thing to remember though, if you think about the first Christmas, childbirth, with no connection to community, unknown midwives, no support, no PPE or hygiene practises, then imagine that into that mess and confusion, Mary Joseph and Jesus received visitors.

The first Christmas was not a beautifully choreographed event, it was a mess of confusion and fear and joy and celebration. I hope that helps!

Rev Pete

## **Centre 81**

Thanks to all Mountview folk who again this year, have so very generously donated food and Christmas Fare, to be included in our Christmas Hampers, which will delivered/collected on Friday, December 17, 2021. Your ongoing support, year after year, is always very generous, and our clients who receive our brimming hampers are always delighted.

This year, we have also been supported by the Blackburn North Nunawading Cluster, and we thank them for their donations and involvement in this outreach.

This year, some 35 hampers will be prepared, as the need seems to be greater, not only from our own clients, but also with requests from other organisations with our local Community. Blessings, The Committee and Receptionists at Centre 81.

## **Fundraising Marathon for MSF**

On Sunday 12 December Daniel Jackson undertook his first full marathon (42km). He did this as a fundraiser for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders). If you would like to donate you can still go to <https://melbmara2021.grassrootz.com/medecins-sans-frontieres-australia/daniel-jackson>. (During the service on Sunday he'll give us a report on how it went!)

## **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.

It's been ten years since the civil war broke out in Syria, with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. Some families, where husbands have lost jobs due to the pandemic, are dependent on food rations to survive. Many cannot afford to visit a doctor. The Christmas Bowl's partner is providing support for such families, including food rations, hygiene kits, psychosocial care and livelihood training.

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.

## **December Crosslight**

Copies of the latest edition of the Synod's magazine “Crosslight” are available from the foyer table. Please take a copy.

## **Whitehorse Cluster services during December and January**

As we enter the holiday season we are providing the worship roster for your guidance. Our ministers are all taking leave during January, at various times, but we will have options to

attend services every Sunday, sometimes in our own church or with other congregations.  
Lynne Rosenthal.

Date	Blackburn Nth/Nun	Forest Hill	Mountview
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec, Advent 4	Rev Peter Cannon	Rev Pete Rivett	Rev Tina Lyndon
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec, Friday Christmas Eve	Closed	Closed	Combined 7.00 pm Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec, Saturday Christmas Day	Rev Tina	Rev Peter	Rev Pete
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec, Sunday	Closed	Closed	Closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2022	Rev Pete	Rev Tina	Rev Peter
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Lay Preacher	Rev Pete	Rev Tina
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Combined 10.00 am Rev Tina	Lay Preacher	Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Closed	Lay Preacher	Combined 10.00 am Rev Peter
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Closed	Combined 10.00 am Meal	Closed
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Combined 10.00 am Communion	Closed	Closed

#### Whitehorse Cluster Ministers Contact and Availability Details:

Rev Peter Cannon 0434 310 862 Sunday – Thursday  
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Rev Tina Lyndon Ng 0423 715 590 Sunday, Tuesday – Thursday (flexible days)  
Email: [tinaalyndon@gmail.com](mailto:tinaalyndon@gmail.com)

Rev Peter Rivett 0411 511 858 Sunday – Thursday (partial days)  
Email: [p.rivett@outlook.com](mailto:p.rivett@outlook.com)

Ministers on call 0403 225 257 Fridays and Saturdays

### Worship Roster

**This Sunday 19 December:** Rev Tina Lyndon Ng

Heather Barnes (VF) Jenny Balshaw (F) John Cosstick (Lead Steward)

**Christmas Day:** Rev Pete Rivett

Peter Cox (VF) Colleen Rowe (F) David Rowe (Lead Steward)

**Next Sunday 26 December: CLOSED**

### Lectionary Readings

**This Sunday 19 December:** Michael Plumridge

Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

**Christmas Day:** Daniel Jackson

Luke 2:1-20

**Next Sunday 26 December: CLOSED**

## Prayer Cycles

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

**Next Sunday 19 December:** Geoffrey Willis

World: China, Hong Kong, Macau

Ecumenical: St Alfred's Anglican, Blackburn North

UCA: Rowville; Tanderra (Uniting AgeWell)

**Next Sunday 26 December: CLOSED**

## Lawn Mowing

Mid December: Michael Plumridge and Eddie Short

## Mountview Contacts

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Mountview's Website: <https://www.mountviewuca.org>

Mountview's Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MountviewUCA/>

Mountview's YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC95I3LWuFptWld392FOIEIq>

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

Cluster YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeSl8WfNEMOZilynnjxW9wg>

