



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 26 December 2021

N.B: This is expected to be the last Noticesheet until February 2022

Christmas 1c

First Sunday after Christmas: Chosen Home



Focal scriptures Luke 2:41-52 | Colossians 3:12-17

Theme connections: Home is not necessarily a place, but where we find authentic belonging. In this story, we find Jesus pursuing his theological education, increasing in his wisdom even as a young man. After the Passover festival, he strays from his birth family to dwell in the Temple, listening to the Rabbis and asking questions.

Jesus claims and takes up space, choosing to dwell where God has chosen him to be.

Similarly, we all need homes of our choosing — people and places that welcome us just as we are.

Notices

Christmas Services

- Christmas Eve Service: 7.00pm - Combined at Mountview – Communion
WANTED: People for the singing group and the band (See Daniel's notice below)
- Christmas Day Service: 9.30am – Mountview
- Sunday 26 December – All churches in our Cluster CLOSED
Sway Link: <https://sway.office.com/YDHUADPZFzSLnD4r?ref=Link>

For those unable to participate with in-person worship, Rob has provided the links for our last Livestreams for 2021; and Rev Pete has sent the Sway Worship link.

Note: If you miss watching live, it can be watched later using the same link.

- Cluster Christmas Eve 7:00 PM 24 December (with communion)
<https://youtu.be/NRWJaI07L-4>
- Christmas Day 9:30 AM 25 December
Livestream from Mountview: <https://youtu.be/U9wnWqrtS1A>
Sway: <https://sway.office.com/YW9dTfhL3C9SGpCC?ref=Link>

Wanted for Christmas Eve Service

Please contact: Daniel Jackson

- People to sing in singing group
 - Practice 6:30pm Mountview
 - Two songs O Holy Night and The North Wind.
- Musicians to play in band

A Thought for Christmas

Some time ago, I was walking with a few young students, about 13 years of age and one of them said to me, "Mr Cannon, we hate it when teachers yell at another student. We worry that they will start yelling at us, even if we haven't done anything wrong." What an insightful comment from and a good thing for us adults to reflect upon.

At Christmas, we can have so much happening and so much may not go smoothly. It is easy to get stressed and have a short fuse.

A psychology lecturer commented as well that anger often comes out of fear, especially when we feel out of control. It is a measure we use to try and regain control.

A thought then for this Christmas: if you notice you are getting stressed, short tempered, raising your voice, tense, or expressing anger (in the way you express it!), take a moment to pause and breathe deeply for a minute or so. Maybe go outside and walk in the garden for a moment. Ask yourself, what is going on in me? If you find yourself blaming someone else, ask yourself what is it you need to step back from the moment?

Yes there is a time to confront bad behaviour but also much more need to express grace, patience, gentleness (with ourselves as well as others) and goodwill.

May Christmas be a time of blessing of joy, hope, peace, love and goodwill. Rev Peter C

Regional Council Survey in January 2022

As mentioned in the December Cluster News bulletin, we will all be asked to complete a survey in January. Regional Council members are working with Phil McCredden, the consultant we have engaged to help us, to work through the process of forming the cluster. This survey is part of our process and it will help us to understand the feelings and views of all congregation members. We strongly encourage you to complete the survey to help us gather information which will contribute greatly to our understanding of how each congregation feels about our shared future. This is your opportunity to let us know your thoughts and ideas to guide our next steps. It will help us to prepare for the workshops with each congregation which will follow. The best outcomes will be achieved if we hear your voice, if we address your questions and explore ideas. This is your chance to speak up.

A link to the survey will be distributed via email on 30th January and our hope is that you will complete it online within 2 weeks, i.e. by 15th February. We ask that as many people as possible complete it online, however, the survey will also be available in paper form for those who do not receive communication via email. We will arrange for a small group of people to reach out to those who wish to complete the paper survey so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute.

We will be in touch with everyone in January.
Kind regards, Lynne Rosenthal, Secretary, Whitehorse Regional Council.

Visio Divina Sway Series

by Rev Pete

Visio Divina One

<https://sway.office.com/nE44JCHBMJMHxb0y?ref=Link>

Visio Divina Two

<https://sway.office.com/aW5lwYqH0cHOBAEk?ref=Link>

Visio Divina Three

<https://sway.office.com/gFS53dBwNXpMyK6r?ref=Link>

Visio Divina Four

<https://sway.office.com/tF2wflv8NJ4dNAXu?ref=Link>

Visio Divina Christmas Eve

<https://sway.office.com/2UHYnyxlqtybUkRO?ref=Link>

Invitation to Morning Tea – Sunday 9th January

After worship on Sunday 9th January, there is an invitation to all from around the cluster to morning tea in the garden at Julie and Daryl Hawkey's home at 187 Canterbury Road, Blackburn. There is a drive through driveway for easy access passenger drop-off; however, please park your car either in Canterbury Road or the medical centres' car parks opposite.

Please contact Julie or Daryl with any questions.

Annual General Meeting last Sunday

Thank you to Tim Menger and Rob Jackson for overcoming my poor preparation with the paperwork for the AGM last Sunday and to everyone for your patience in waiting for the meeting to commence.

The 2020 Annual Report and projected budget for 2022 were accepted, elections were held and updates were provided on a couple of items. When minutes are available they will be sent via email or available as a printed copy at church in February.

I wish to record my very special thanks to Margaret Cosstick for valiantly producing our notice sheet for the whole year, quite often under very trying conditions, instead of our usual 6-monthly swap arrangement. I could not have completed the secretarial role for the Regional Council without her help! Thank you, Margaret.

Best wishes to all, Lynne Rosenthal.

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.

Many women and their children are just some of the thousands of refugees arriving in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia). Some have walked for three days and nights seeking safety. But conditions in the refugee camp are dire and illness is rife. The Christmas Bowl's partner supports the most marginalized refugees, caring for women and girls who have survived gender-based violence and those who need medical care.

Donation envelopes are available on the foyer table for those wishing to post their donation. Thank you for your generous support.

For those who wish to donate online, there is a unique donation page which will total Mountview's donations at: <https://www.mycb/45123>

December Crosslight

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

Worship Resources during January

There are currently no livestreams or videos planned for January 2021. Other worship resources (Sway & PDFs) will continue to be available on our [website](#).

Whitehorse Cluster worship services during December and January

As we enter the holiday season we are providing the worship roster below 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 th Dec, Advent 4	Rev Peter Cannon	Rev Pete Rivett	Rev Tina Lyndon
24 th Dec, Friday Christmas Eve	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	Combined 7.00 pm Communion
25 th Dec, Saturday Christmas Day	Rev Tina	Rev Peter	Rev Pete
26 th Dec, Sunday	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>
2 nd Jan 2022	Rev Pete	Rev Tina	Rev Peter
9 th Jan	Lay Preacher	Rev Pete	Rev Tina
16 th Jan	Combined 10.00 am Rev Tina	Lay Preacher	<i>Closed</i>
23 rd Jan	<i>Closed</i>	Lay Preacher	Combined 10.00 am Rev Peter
30 th Jan	<i>Closed</i>	Combined 10.00 am Meal	<i>Closed</i>
6 th Feb	Combined 10.00 am Communion	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Closed</i>

Whitehorse Cluster Ministers Contact and Availability Details:

Rev Peter Cannon 0434 310 862
Email: revpeterc@gmail.com

Sunday – Thursday

Rev Tina Lyndon Ng 0423 715 590
Email: tinaalyndon@gmail.com

Sunday, Tuesday – Thursday (flexible days)

Rev Peter Rivett 0411 511 858
Email: p.rivett@outlook.com

Sunday – Thursday (partial days)

Ministers on call 0403 225 257

Fridays and Saturdays

Worship Roster

Christmas Eve: Combined at Mountview 7pm – Communion Service
Colleen Rowe (VF) Margaret Swain (F) Peter Cox (Lead Steward)

Christmas Day: Rev Pete Rivett
Peter Cox (VF) Denyse Ward (F) David Rowe (Lead Steward)

Next Sunday 26 December: CLOSED

Lectionary Readings

Christmas Day: Daniel Jackson
Luke 2: 21-40

Sunday 26 December: CLOSED
1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52

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

Sunday 26 December: CLOSED

World: Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

Ecumenical: Crossways Baptist, Burwood East

UCA: Sophia's Spring at CERES; Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

Lawn Mowing

Mid December: Michael Plumridge and Eddie Short

January: Peter Cox and Kelvin Ward

Mountview Contacts

On-Call Minister:	M: 0403 225 257
Centre 81 Outreach Ministry: Jill	Call & Collect. Ph: 9873 1726
Multi-media: Rob	multi-media@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au
Property Bookings: Eddie	M: 0447 312 996 or bookings@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au
Weekly Notice Sheet: Margaret	Contributions by 6pm Thursday please: notices@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au
Other Contact Details:	As listed on our 'Contact Us' website page: https://www.mountviewuca.org/contact-us--mountview.html

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/UCeSI8WfNEMOZilynnixW9wg>

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