

WORSHIP SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2011

ADVENT

"A New Message" (2 Cor 5:20)

9.00am Contemporary Worship
10.30am Café Worship (in Hall)
10.30am Classic Worship

WHO'S WHO

- Rev Scott Button (Senior Pastor) *Day off Friday*
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- Rev Matthew Bond *Days off Tuesday +Thursday*
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- Rev Ruthmary Bond *Days off Thursday + Saturday*
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- Sarah Baldwin (Youth Coordinator) *10 hours per week*
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SMALL GROUPS

We offer a range of small groups which cater for all ages. Most are based in people's homes and meet either during the day or in the evening. For further information, please contact Matthew Bond (0400 777410)

PASTORAL CARE

If you have any Pastoral Care needs please contact Matthew Bond by phone (0400 777410) or email (matthewb@bcuc.com.au)

Prayer requests can be forwarded to the Prayer Chain by sending an email to timandrew@optusnet.com.au

WELCOME

If you are new to Burnside City Uniting Church please look out for one of our Connect Team members. They would like to help you find a seat in one of our worship services, introduce you to a friendly person, get your contact details and treat you to a cup of tea or coffee.

If you require more information
please contact the church office
or visit our website.

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BURNSIDE CITY UNITING CHURCH

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SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2011

"A New Perspective"

***"A vibrant community,
Committed to Jesus,
Passionately engaged in mission."***



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT BCUC

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER

10.00am Mainly Music (final session, with lunch)
Contact: Marlene R

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER

9.30am Ladies' Table Tennis
Contact: Trix B

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

7.45am Prayer Group - all welcome
10.00am Falls Prevention Class (5)
Contact: Ann B

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

10.00am Sew 'n' Chat Christmas Celebration with lunch
Contact: Maureen W
12.00pm Friendship Club (lunch and activities)
Contact: Anita W
7.30pm Christmas Singing Group Practice



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A time to invite a friend or neighbour and welcome those who come

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

7.00pm Children's Nativity, Carol and Candlelight Service - join our children as they experience the Nativity and journey through the Christmas story from the Bible. This is a chance to bring your grandchildren and friends and let them dress up as their favourite Christmas character. Together we can help to make Christmas 'real' for all the children who come. For information speak to Valerie Aloa today.

FRIDAY 23rd DECEMBER

6.00pm Christmas for Everyone! Come dressed as any character in the nativity. All ages event. Worship, BBQ, decoration making and more!

CHRISTMAS EVE

7.00pm Carol Service. An uplifting time of singing the carols we love.
Midnight Candlelight Service of Hope. A more Reflective Service.
Come and light a candle and celebrate New Life.

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for our ministers and others as they prepare to lead in a time of preparation for, and celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.
- Thank God for the dedication, success and outreach of our recent production, Lights, Christmas, Action, and for the skills and generosity of all involved.
- Pray for the Children's nativity,

NEWS AND NOTICES

CHRISTMAS SINGING GROUP - SINGERS OF ALL AGES REQUIRED

We are putting together a group to sing at the 7pm service on Christmas Eve. Practices will be held on Thursday 15th and 22nd December, 7.30-8.15pm. To assist with song choice, it would be helpful if you could contact the Church Office by **Sunday 11th December (today)** if you would like to be involved.

Final 2011 Riverland orders - delivered to BCUC **Wednesday 14th** at approx. 10am.

The Waikerie Fruit project growers thank you. Your support is helping save lives, and families living in remote communities on Numfor Island Papua. Our partner church in Papua, the GKI, and the Riverland community welcome your prayerful support.

For more information about this project contact Jocelyn N or Helen W

GREETERS TEAM—Christmas Eve midnight service.

If you are able to be a part of the Greeters Team for the **midnight** service, please phone Ray N

FRIENDSHIP CLUB - finished its year with a luncheon at the Feathers Hotel.

21 attended. We will recommence on Thursday January 19th. Anita W

LINDEN PARK SCHOOLS Thank you to all those who donated plates of food. The staff were delighted with the generous and varied spread.

CHRISTMAS BOWL BADGE DAY COLLECTION

This year our team of collectors were not allowed to collect in Burnside Village Shopping Centre, so our BCUC team collected in Greenhill Rd outside the Post Office. There were not so many people passing there, so our total collection was \$302.95c, a much smaller sum than we collected last year, However it was still worth the effort and I say a big **thank you** to all those who gave their time and energy to this venture last Friday. Our main donation to the Christmas Bowl, as a church, is through the special envelopes which have been distributed. They may be returned, with your donation, in the collection bag any Sunday up to Christmas day. (All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.) Gwen M (Mission Support Group)

REPORT FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday Nov 29th at our congregational meeting we:

1. **approved our budget for 2012**, which included increased spending on ministry and staffing. Ann P will be employed 30 hours a week as Administrator / Office Manager and Sarah B will be increased to 20 hours a week as our Youth Coordinator (A large part of Sarah's wage will come from a Synod grant over the next 2 years)
2. **agreed to join 3Dnet Mission Network**. (Each UCA Congregation in SA must join a Mission Network and this decision had been deferred for the last 2 years.)
3. **agreed to renew our Church Council under a new set of guidelines**. In short the New Church Council, when elected, will have 9 lay people plus the current ordained ministers. The number of ministers on the Council will reduce to 2 in the future when there is a change in the ministry team. Nominations will open soon and elections will happen in early March 2012.