

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Friday 23rd December, 6pm** - Christmas for Everyone!

**Christmas Eve, 7pm** - Carol Service

**Christmas Eve, midnight** - Candlelight Service of Hope.

**Christmas Day, 9.30am**

### WHO'S WHO

- Rev Scott Button (Senior Pastor) *Day off Friday*  
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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 [jdmjudson@bigpond.com](mailto:jdmjudson@bigpond.com)

### 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

*Community, Faith and Purpose*

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

**Sunday 18th December  
"A New Mission"**

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AT BCUC

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER

7.45am Prayer Group - all welcome

### THURSDAY 22nd DECEMBER

7.30pm Christmas Singing Group Practice

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

### 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. Come and light a candle and celebrate New Life.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### BCUC LOGO

Our new logo encapsulates our vision to be a vibrant community, committed to Jesus, passionately engaged in mission. The purple triangle with the cross represents the one we are committed to - Jesus Christ our Lord; purple is a regal colour. The triangle can represent our church building or the things we do as a church family. The triangle is not too neat because our church, as an expression of God's kingdom on earth, is dynamic, changing, growing, never fully defined. The stylised people (in green, blue and yellow) represent our vibrant community in worship, enjoying each other's company, reaching out to new people. They are not nice, neat figures because our vision is to be a church made up of a diverse range of people: people from all kinds of families, ethnicities, backgrounds and ages. The fonts for the words are modern, conveying a sense of being a modern and relevant church. The tag line, 'Community, Faith and Purpose', summarises our vision and are words of encouragement for those seeking these fundamental of life.



### PRAYING FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

This Christmas offers us a rare opportunity to impact our community with the Good News of Jesus. To make the most of this opportunity, people are invited to surround the Christmas services with prayer. There will be groups of people praying in the chapel before each of the services over the Christmas weekend, starting with Friday night, and you are invited to come 30 minutes early to whichever services you were planning to attend. We trust that the Holy Spirit will nudge enough people that all the services will be covered! We need to be praying *now*, that new people will be encouraged to come and celebrate with us, and we need to be inviting our friends and neighbours. Don't let fear hold you back! If you can't come to pray in the chapel before the services, any prayer at any time will be valuable. Thank you. PRAYER MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE. *Colette W*

### PRAYER NETWORK

As Jeff and Jan H have returned from their travels, they will once again be coordinating the prayer network (details overleaf). We are very grateful to Angela A for doing such a tremendous job of coordinating the network in their absence.

### CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

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).

### 3DNET MISSION NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS 2012

Scholarships up to a value of \$1,000 are open to leaders, lay and ordained, in congregations within the 3Dnet Mission Network. The scope of the scholarship includes mentor training, participation in a course of study, attending a seminar, or other processes of leadership development, the purpose being to encourage and support leaders in the building of relevant, evangelistically effective and fruitful congregations. Applications are required by 24th February 2012. For further information, please contact the Church Office.

### LIGHTS! CHRISTMAS! ACTION!

Thanks to everyone who came and supported Lights! Christmas! Action! Thank you also to everyone who helped promote it, who sold tickets, cooked the BBQ, sold sausages/cans of drink and served refreshments. Over 300 people attended the three performances and we made a profit of over \$3000, which will be used to further develop the creative arts ministry at BCUC. *Sally F*

### CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

Please note that next week's newsletter (available from Friday 23rd) will cover the following *two* Sundays (ie Christmas Day and New Year's Day).