

Christmas 1

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21



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24th January, 2016

If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here. A Welcome to Adelaide West information sheet is available in the foyer or from the stewards.

Last week we focussed on the wedding at Cana. This is the first public sign of who Jesus is in John's gospel. This week it is Luke 4.14-21 which is the first public sign of who Jesus is in Luke's gospel. The gospels are written for different audiences so it is not surprising that the focus is different. Luke has a great concern for the outsider, for the poor, for women and the Holy Spirit is always present. Both of these first two public events occur in Galilee. This is gentile territory so already there is a signal that Jesus comes for all people not just for those who were traditionally regarded as the people of God.

This Sunday gives the opportunity to look at how we live and what our church does. How do our life priorities match those of Jesus in this reading? How do the activities of our church match this reading? Holy Spirit come and empower us to be the disciples of Jesus pointing to the presence of the Kingdom of God amongst us.

Rod Dyson
Lead Minister

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



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Welcome to Worship,
Our Kids' Space program is still enjoying the School Holidays and will re-commence for 2016 on February 7th.

If you have a passion for children's ministry, and are willing to obtain a Uniting Church Police check (no charge to individuals), please come and talk to me as there may be an opportunity for you to join our team.

Today in the 10.45am service there will be an activity and it will either be at the back of the church or in the Hall (at the time of printing it is still a work in progress).

I thank those who have already returned their children's information form. This helps us care for your children. If you haven't returned your form I would love to have it by the 7th February. (The day we start back at Kids' Space). Please don't assume that because you did this last year we have your information. We destroy all previous year's forms to ensure only current details are kept securely on file in accordance to the Privacy Act.

Blessings, Lorraine
Children and Family Pastor.

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Proposed Ramp for Disabled Maneuvering Space

A ramp is proposed to be installed in the maneuvering space to make a smooth path up to the pathway adjacent the eastern wall of the church building.

A picture of what is proposed is on the blue noticeboard.

More info see David Bailey 0408 207 675

Engage Youth News

Engage youth is enjoying the holiday break and will return on [Friday 5th February](#), 2016.

Next week our leaders are on retreat to plan and prepare for the year ahead. Please keep them in your prayers.

John Harris
Youth & Young Adults Pastor



The **Men's choir** have been enjoying a well earned break and will resume their regular Monday night practices on the 1st February at 7:30pm. If you have been thinking about joining, the new year is a great time and new members are most welcome - as long as you can sing! Meredith Dowdy would love to hear from you.

Before the rigors of practice commence, the first get-together is at Maddern's house - 2 Jamaica Ave. Fulham Gardens this Mon. Jan.25th at 6.30pm. This will just be a social occasion and all partners/wives etc. are very welcome. Please bring a savoury dish to share - the chosen ones will bring dessert. BYO drinks and a couple of chairs. Looking forward to another year of camaraderie!

What is this **BIG WEEK OUT** thing I keep hearing about?????



The church has been a hive of activity as 50 youth and young adults from AWUC and other local churches have been out serving the community. Backyard blitzes have been helping people with pruning and weeding, clowns have been entertaining people at Glenelg, nursing homes have been visited and a room has been tidied for Orcas. If you drove past church you may have

also seen a free car wash (the office staff certainly did!). It was a great week of service as we showed God's love to our community through practical acts of service.

Feel free to ask Irene Willcocks all about it!



What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	5:00pm	John Harris

All of our regular gatherings are now on hold for the Christmas break.

Monday 25th	6:30pm Men's choir tea
Tuesday 26th	7:00pm prayer & fasting AWUC chapel

Next Sunday 31st January

9:15am	Esmond Dowdy
10:45am	Esmond Dowdy
5:00pm	Simon Story

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