

# Christmas 1

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52



# Adelaide West Uniting Church

Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

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**news  
of  
the  
church**

**27th December, 2015**

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.

In today's gospel reading (Luke 2.41-52) we have a glimpse of the early life of Jesus. We see the normality of his early years as a Jewish boy – circumcision and yearly attendance at the feast of the Passover. We also see it in the way that he was raised by the village. It is not surprising that Jesus could go missing for a while. We see the normality of Jesus' early years in the way he grows. Verse 40 says that he grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon him. In verse 52 we read that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and people. This was a genuine incarnation.

As we near the end of 2015 and begin 2016 let's be open to the Holy Spirit that we might grow in wisdom and be aware that the grace of God is upon us. Let us grow in stature as disciples of Christ and let us treasure these things.

Rod Dyson  
Lead Minister

### Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship.

Our Kids' Space program is in recess for the School Holidays and will resume on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. Today and next week there will be activity sheets at the back of the church for children.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> January we will have a fun activity in the hall.

Blessings Lorraine

Children and Families Pastor.

A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus

Our weekly [prayer and fasting group](#) are having a break over Christmas. There are no more Tuesday night gatherings until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

[Offering Envelopes](#) for 2016 are now available from the foyer table. If you require offering envelopes and you can't find your named packet please see John Burton or contact the AWUC office from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

[PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY SERVICES](#) will again be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 7.00 pm in the chapel, recommencing on [Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January](#).

Please contact John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy, if you require any further information.

[Engage Youth News](#)

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

**Don't forget.....**

Big Week Out registrations are now open. BWO is a week (18-22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2016) of youth discipleship and serving opportunities, putting young people's faith into action by serving the community.

More info at [bigweekout.org.au](http://bigweekout.org.au)

[John Harris](#)

[Youth & Young Adults Pastor](#)





**Soon...**

## **Dinner at your place**

### **Dinners of Eight...**

Register your interest. Your dinner date can be arranged to suit your preferences. Please email or phone to indicate your interest and leave your contact details.



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Please pray for Sandy and Richard Altmann, Louise Fielke, and Ashleigh Matthews, who will be part of the Port Vincent Scripture Union Family Mission Team from Jan. 4th - 10th. 2016. They will be building relationships with, and running programs for local and holidaying families and young people, to share the gospel with them. If you would like to pray more specifically for them, please see a team member for a list of prayer points.

## Small group **dinners...(or lunch.)**

Would you like to get to know others at AWUC?

Your dinner party could include youth, young adults, people from the 9.15, 10.45, 5pm services, those new to the Church or visitors.

(Up to about 8 people)

AWUC: 8234 1199

[dinnerof8@awuc.org.au](mailto:dinnerof8@awuc.org.au)

## What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Trevor Story
	10:45am	Trevor Story
	5:00pm	John Harris

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

### Next Sunday 3rd January - Communion all services

9:15am	Phil Carr
10:45am	Phil Carr
5:00pm	John Harris

### Following Sunday 10th January

9:15am	Brett Gresham
10:45am	Brett Gresham
5:00pm	John Harris

### Holiday Office hours

The AWUC office is closed until Monday 11th January.

Phil Carr, Esmond Dowdy & Norm Scrimshaw are available for Pastoral Care during the office closure.

The **2016 Uniting Church Calendar's** are now available from the foyer table. We have had to pay for these, so to cover our costs we ask if everyone can please pay a gold coin if taking a copy.

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AWUC personal name tags can be ordered from the office.

Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip \$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.