



Adelaide West Uniting Church

Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

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Mon - Thurs 9am - 3pm

Friday - closed

**news
of
the
church**

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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.

Rod's Space

Christmas Bowl

The third Christmas Bowl project is based in South Sudan. Decades of conflict have left South Sudan littered with land mines and other unexploded weapons. Christmas Bowl is working with the Mines Advisory Group (MAG). They are training people in mine and unexploded weapon recognition. Once the ordinance is identified the MAG clearance team remove and destroy unexploded ordinance. This releases the land for safe and productive use.

The fourth Christmas Bowl project is focused on Tamil refugees. 100,000 Tamil people fled Sri Lanka's brutal civil war and now live in refugee camps Tamil Nadu state in India. While the war ended in 2009 it is still not safe enough for many to return home. Christmas Bowl is providing health care in the refugee camps. This includes nutrition supplements, counselling, prosthetic limbs and hospital scans for adolescent girls, vulnerable children and pregnant women.

In this support we see the heart of God.

Rod Dyson

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

Shining Light - Riding by Bike.

Walking & cycling
have made it to
Albany.



SHININGLIGHT

Public transport and carpooling have had a huge couple of weeks and have just passed Rockhampton. There was no hanging around in either Sydney nor Brisbane.

That puts public transport and car pooling once again in front!
Get those cycling and walking results in!



[The Sound desk key has once again gone missing.](#) Could anyone who uses this key please have a look through your pockets and see if you have accidentally taken it home and bring it back.

Thanks,
Suzi

[Disabled car parks at AWUC.](#)

There seems to be a lot of discussion and confusion recently regarding possible fines for parking in the church disabled car parks without a disabled parking permit.

We had requested the actual answer from the West Torrens Council who have ensured us they do not have the authority to come onto our property and fine people for parking in our disabled car parks.

We would of course prefer that people show respect for those with genuine disabilities and leave disabled parking available for those who really need it.

That little extra walk is good for you.

AWUC Christmas Service times

24th December 6pm Children's Christmas
 9pm Christmas Eve Service
25th December 9am Celebration Service

Sunday 21st December services will focus on LOVE and we encourage you to invite visitors to any of these services.

Any interested singers wanting to sing 2 songs with a [combined choir on Christmas morning](#) (kids and adults all welcome) please let Susan Ferguson know. Contact via email susieisonline@gmail.com or the church office.

There will be a rehearsal after the 10:45 service on December 21st and a second rehearsal time tbc.

A date for your diaries. [KCO 2015](#) is on 21st and 22nd March, at Nuriootpa Tourist Park, with the theme A-OK! Please mark this date now!



[Evening Fellowship](#) will be on [TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER](#) (date changed because of Carols at Mellor Park on Wednesday)

This is our Christmas Meeting when our Secret Friend is revealed.

All are welcome to join us from 7:30pm in the AWUC hall.
Please note current membership is all female.

[Have you ever travelled to the Bahamas?](#) If so we need your help. The World Day of prayer will be held at AWUC in March 2015 and we need items from the Bahamas to use in the service.

If anyone has any artifacts or souvenirs from this region that you are willing to lend can you speak to Pauline Lock, Glenys Edwards, Pam Roberts or leave a message at the church office please.

Today's
Lectionary

2nd Sunday of
Advent

Isiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

CHRISTMAS GIVING



What's your wish this Christmas?
Our wish is simple.

We want to share the joy of Christmas with families and children who are living in poverty in our local community.

But we need your help.

You can be the difference for someone this Christmas. Your gift counts.

DONATION GIFT IDEAS

GIFTS: Children's toys, sporting equipment, books, board games, backpacks, towels or jewellery.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS: Tinned food, pasta & sauce, breakfast spread, long-life juice, milk, custard, tea, coffee, pancake mix, breakfast cereal, biscuits, lollies or chips.

CHRISTMAS TREATS: Bon-bons, tinsel, wrapping paper, Christmas pudding, tablecloth or a stocking.



Today is the last day for donated goods, and the collection box is still in the foyer. Donations can still be accepted in the office tomorrow if you intended to donate and forgot. All goods are being collected on Tuesday morning.

Please ensure all gift items are new and that all food items are in date.



Welcome to Worship,

Today is our Kids' Space Celebration service and things will be a bit different. Please be patient with us. I do hope that the children feel extremely comfortable to get involved, dance, sing and generally enjoy our celebration. Thank you to all our leaders for a fantastic year!

Next week there will be activities in the hall and we will celebrate in a different way (party springs to mind). Please come along and bring your friends. There will be some form of activity provided for the children every Sunday as we work through Advent and January. The formal Kids' Space will return in February.

Blessings Lorraine.

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

Engage Youth News

Join us this coming Friday (12th December) for the last youth of term!

It's our Operation Santa Fundraiser, raising money to bless teenagers who would otherwise go without at Christmas, so tickets are \$20 and include a t-shirt.



Please wear clothes than can get messy/wet to the event, wear safe footwear (not thongs) and bring a towel.

It's 6:00pm - 9:30pm (usual time), and still includes dinner!

Following Friday 12th Engage Youth will be on a break over Christmas but stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates and possible holiday events!

John Harris

Youth & Young Adults Pastor

What's on this week...

Today Communion all services

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

Tuesday 9th 7:00 - 8:00pm prayer & fasting AWUC chapel

7:30pm Evening fellowship AWUC hall

Wednesday 10th from 6pm Mellor Park carols

Thursday 11th 9:30 - 11:00am mainly music play group AWUC hall

Friday 12th 6:00 - 9:30pm Engage Youth AWUC

Next Sunday 14th December

9:15am	Susan Doughty
10:45am	Susan Doughty
5:00pm	John Harris

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.

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