

Advent 1

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalms 25.1-10

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-36



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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.

Advent *with* Attitude

The theme for this first week in Advent is confident hope and quite appropriately the readings (Jeremiah 33.14-16 and Luke 21.25-36) set this in the reality of everyday life. Hope is most powerful when life is tough. People searched for hope in Old Testament times when their country was overrun. Persecuted Christians in New Testament times, as well as now, hope for changed circumstances. People search for hope in Paris and Syria and in domestic violence situations. We search for hope as our physical abilities change and our eyesight fades.

No matter what our circumstances are the source of our hope does not change. Hope lies in the presence and nature of God and the promises God has made. I pray that we have eyes to see the coming of God into our life's circumstances. As Desmond Tutu said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness."

Rod Dyson
Lead Minister

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

[Adelaide West U.C. Friendship Club](#) will meet in the Hall at 1.30 p.m this [Wednesday the 2nd December](#). This will be the Christmas Meeting when a concert given by Encounter Ensemble Group will be enjoyed.

At 12 noon The Experience Café of City Soul Uniting Church will provide a two course Christmas Lunch of Roast Turkey and Christmas Pudding at a cost of \$15.00. This lunch helps to support that Church's outreach programme. It is gluten free and "take-aways will be available.

People wanting to attend the lunch and/or to purchase a take-away are asked to advise John Burton by paying him today.

All are welcome to attend the lunch and/or the Meeting.

John's phone No. is 84438746.

Enquiries to Joan Kelley – 81795639

[Ring in Christmas with Adelaide Harmony Choir](#)

8pm Wednesday 16th December

Elder Hall, North Tce, Adelaide

[Engage Youth News](#)

Join us for Engage Youth this Friday night!

6pm for dinner (\$5), followed by games, worship, small groups and more!



[Advanced notice](#)

Big Week Out registrations are opening soon.

BWO is a week (18-22nd 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

[John Harris](#)

[Youth & Young Adults Pastor](#)



Welcome to Worship.

This week is slightly different as we have our Celebration Service so I hope you have remembered to wear Red! Please be sure to join in and learn from the Children of Kids' Space.

Next week we will have a “normal” Kids' Space as part of the 10.45am service where we will learn more about Advent and Christmas.

On the 13th December we will be coming out of church as usual but then heading to the grass area by the college and having some outdoor games and fun and then coming back to the hall at the end of the service where we will share a light lunch with the whole church. The theme for the 13th is Yellow – Constant Joy, so we think that this is quite fitting.

Blessings Lorraine
Children and Families Pastor.

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

Tonight we will be having a movie night with pizza following the 5pm service. Bring \$5 and a friend for an awesome time of food, entertainment and community. Anyone who is new or visiting is welcome to eat for free. See you then!

10.45 a.m. Communion Roster

We are seeking people who are willing to serve this congregation by preparing communion and washing up afterwards. If you can help even one communion Sunday of the year please contact Rod Dyson.

Christmas Service Times

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

[UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide Christmas Appeal](#): For the last two years Adelaide West has supported this campaign and made a significant difference to families who struggle. We invite you to give again this year on Sunday the 29th of November and December the 6th. UnitingCare are seeking non-perishable food, wrapping paper, decorations and toys.

[Christmas Bowl](#): During Advent details of the Christmas Bowl projects will be in the newsletter. Christmas Bowl envelopes will be available from December 13th and can be placed in the offering any time after that. The offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will all go to the

Christmas Bowl. Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible.

[Port Vincent Scripture Union Family Mission 2016.](#)

Sandy and Richard Altmann, Ashleigh Matthews and Louise Fielke are all joining the team in January at Port Vincent, sharing the good news of Jesus with local and holidaying families in Port Vincent in January, and preparations are well underway.

They will be holding a 'Cake with your Cuppa' fundraiser during morning tea on [Sunday 6th December](#). So come along and for a small price you can enjoy a piece of cake or slice with your hot beverage. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Tropical Cyclone Pam was the worst natural disaster to hit [Vanuatu](#) in decades. As well as destroying homes, there was little food and water left. Nearly all crops were destroyed. The essential work of rebuilding after the devastation and getting prepared for future disasters is more challenging than ever.



SURVIVAL TRAINING

\$1,200 can help train people in Vanuatu in how to prepare for and survive a natural disaster.

Right now, families in [Zimbabwe](#) are malnourished and face extreme hunger. Around 70 per cent of Zimbabwe's rural population rely on agriculture for their food and income, and have been severely affected in recent years by drought, political violence and economic crises.

FARMING

\$90 can help teach conservation farming techniques to a group of farmers in Zimbabwe so they can grow enough to feed their families.

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Rod Dyson
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	Including Kids Space Celebration Service Share lunch after 10:45 Service	
	5:00pm	John Harris
Movie & pizza night following service		
Monday 30th	6:30 - 8:00pm Girl's Brigade AWUC hall	
Tuesday 1st	7:00 - 8:00pm Prayer & fasting AWUC chapel	
Wednesday 2nd	12:00 Friendship group and lunch AWUC hall	
Thursday 3rd	9:00 - 11:30am mainly music AWUC hall	
	7:30 Church Council AWUC chapel	
Friday 4th	6:00 - 9:30 Engage Youth	

Next Sunday 6th December - Communion all services

Remember to wear blue for Advent 2.

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

13th December kids space break-up party

16th December Carols by Candlelight Mellor Park

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
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Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip
\$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.