

**Advent 2  
Love**

**Philippians 2: 1-2**

**Mark 1:3:28-37**



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Uniting Church**

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**news**

**of**

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**church**

**10th December, 2017**

**If you are new or visiting  
Adelaide West Uniting  
Church we are pleased  
you are here.**

**We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.**

Today is our second week of the Simple Gospel Simple Christmas series and our focus theme is Simple Love. The Philippians reading (2.1-2) calls the church there to have the same mind, the same love and to be in full accord. It is asking the church to have the same love as God expressed in Jesus. It is calling us at Adelaide West to have the same love that was expressed in Jesus. God expressed love so simply in sending a baby to ordinary people in a small town.

Love is simple but profound. It comes down to attitudes and actions that nourish and transform lives and that care for the creation. It is after all the summation of the whole law. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." We pray, loving God, show what this means and how to live it.

**Rod Dyson | Lead Minister**

**Sunday Worship times:**

<b>creative traditional</b>	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>family worship</b>	<b>10.45am</b>
<b>youth &amp; young adults</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



## Welcome to Worship,

Today at the 10.45am service the Children and Leaders of Kids' Space are leading the service! It will have a different feel and I hope that you have come ready and willing to get involved. We have chosen music that we hope will make you want to move and perhaps even 'dance'. Our main hope is that you will learn how to

"love" as we celebrate the second week in Advent.

It is also the last Sunday of our Kids' Space Program for 2017. There will be some activities in the school holidays and I would love some volunteers to help with this!! **Kids' Space resumes on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**

**Blessings Lorraine,  
Children and Families Pastor.**

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

### **Engage Youth | 15th December.**

Engage Youth welcomes all youth in years 7-12 to come, hang out, relax, eat, make new friends, meet awesome leaders and most importantly *Engage* with God!

This week we conclude our series #Blessed!  
Looking at Matthew 5 verses 10–12

*Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires: the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!*

**As this is our last engage youth for 2017 we are celebrating with a carnival theme.**

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5.

Any questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or [youth@awuc.org.au](mailto:youth@awuc.org.au)

**Jack Harington | Adelaide West Uniting Church**

### **UnitingSA Christmas Appeal**

Once again this year we will support UnitingSA. From today **10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of December** please bring toys, gifts and non-perishable foods to make Christmas more enjoyable for those in need.



# SIMPLE GOSPEL. SIMPLE CHRISTMAS.

In a world that has made Christmas to be about extravagance, busyness and materialism, we're taking the opportunity at Adelaide West this Christmas, to be reminded of the *simplicity* of the birth of our King and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He came, not wrapped in fancy paper at the top of the present pile, but wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger. The story of the gospel is simple, "for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life", and we celebrate his coming through our response of simple love, humility, obedience and lifestyle.

## Christmas at Adelaide West

**You are invited** to join us for Christmas this year. Our service times are

### Christmas Eve

10am Combined service

2:30pm Children and Families

9pm Carols

### Christmas Day

9am Combined service



**Progressive Christianity Services** will continue in 2018 on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Chapel commencing on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January and you are very welcome to attend. For further information on Progressive Christianity, you are invited to contact John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy,

or visit <https://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>

*Please note there is no December Service*

## Adelaide Harmony Choir presents....Christmas Harmony

Featuring highlights from Handel's Messiah and a program of Christmas carols.

Wednesday 13th December @ 7:30pm | Elder Hall, North Tce

Ticket prices and more details on blue notice board.

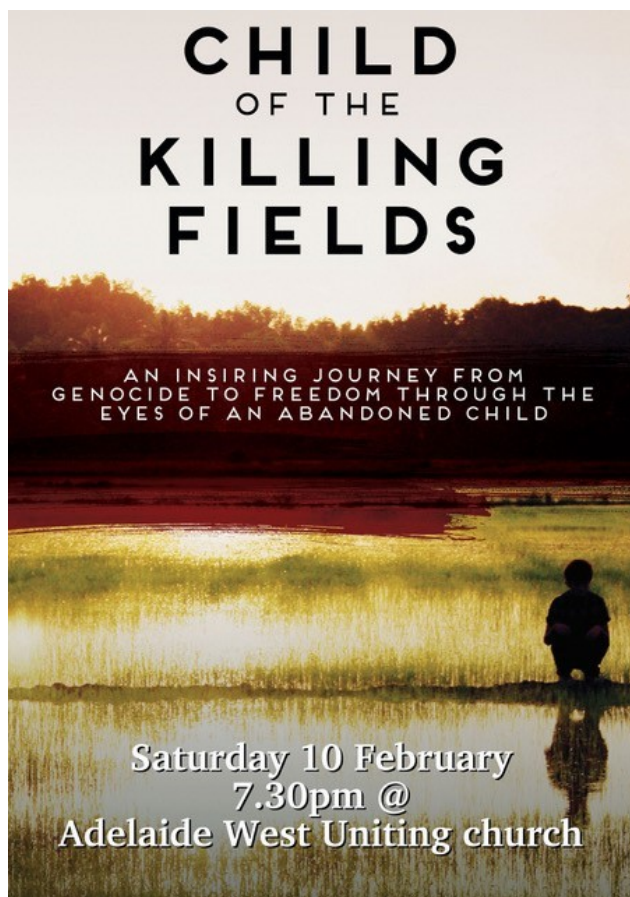
## Save the Date:

**Sat Feb 10, 2018. Film night @ AWUC.**

A screening of the documentary "Child of the Killing Fields".

Q&A with the filmmaker, Mark-John Winter, will follow the screening.

A fund-raising event for sustainable aquaculture projects in Cambodia. Stay tuned for more info.



[www.facebook.com/childofthekillingfieldsfilm](http://www.facebook.com/childofthekillingfieldsfilm)

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Wednesday December 13 is the Christmas Meeting of the **Evening Fellowship**. We will meet at 7.30 in the AWUC hall.

Please bring a non-perishable item for Uniting SA and don't forget the gift for your Secret Friend. This meeting our Secret Friends will be revealed. Enquiries Pam Roberts 8443 8339.

### **9.15 worship coordinator**

John Andrewartha is stepping down as the 9.15 worship coordinator after more than a decade of service. Thank you John for all that you have done! John will continue to organise the music for the singers but having a coordinator for the other tasks will be really helpful. Please speak to Rod if you would like to volunteer.

### **2018 Giving envelopes**

The office volunteers are once again preparing the giving envelopes that will be available for 2018. If you would like to be added to the list or would like to be removed from the list, please contact either Peter Whiting or the AWUC office.



## Over 65 years of the Christmas Bowl

Every year AWUC have an offering at all of our Christmas services that is donated to the Christmas Bowl and envelopes are available in late December.

### **Making the return home.**

After more than 25 years of violence, the civil war in Sri Lanka ended in May 2009. The country now faces huge challenges in resettlement, rehabilitation and reconciliation between ethnic communities. Your support is helping to provide protection to newly returned refugees in Sri Lanka to support them through the difficult reintegration process. **\$1,600 can cover the costs of materials such as tin sheets, cement and bricks to build transitional shelters for refugees as they rebuild their lives in Sri Lanka.**

### **When did I see you hungry?**

Zimbabwe was once known as the "breadbasket" of Africa. Since 2000, it has struggled to feed its own people due to a series of droughts and the effects of an unsuccessful land reform program, which led to sharp falls in production and food availability across the nation. **\$20 can provide a Zimbabwean farmer with a maize starter pack.**

### **Adelaide West office**

Adelaide West will be in a period of transition early next year as we begin to work more closely with the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology and as we continue to explore the possibility of being a resourcing congregation.

To assist with this we are looking for volunteers to assist in the early part of 2018 with some administrative functions, as well as advertising for a 0.2 administrative support role commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. We encourage both internal and external applications for this 0.2 role.

If you are interested in applying for the 0.2 role, please contact Matt Cragg on 0407 616 510.

## What's on this week...

### Today

### Advent 2

9:15am Rod Dyson  
10:45am Rod Dyson  
5:00pm Tayah Anstey

### Monday 11th

6:30pm Girls Brigade AWUC hall  
7:00pm Men's choir - carol singing

### Tuesday 12th

7:00pm Prayer & fasting - AWUC auditorium

### Wednesday 13th

7:30pm Evening Fellowship AWUC hall

### Thursday 14th

9:30 - 11:00am mainly music playgroup AWUC hall

### Friday 15th

6:00pm Engage Youth AWUC hall

### 17th December

### Advent 3

9:15am Rod Dyson  
10:45am Rod Dyson  
5:00pm Simon Story

### Diary dates:

20th December

Lockleys Carols

**An audio copy of every sermon is available on our web site if you want to hear it again or you miss attending any week. You can also catch up with newsletters or join a mailing list to receive them every week.**

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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.**