



# Payneham Road Uniting Church

## 20 December 2020



### ADVENT 4

Welcome to our multicultural church at 10 am

The Minister is Rev. Doug Hosking



**Bible readings: 27 December 2020 - Christmas 1**

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

**Psalm 148**

**Galatians 4:4-7**

**Luke 2:22-40**

#### ***The liturgical Colour for Christmas is White***

White symbolises purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the Church Year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter as well as for baptism, marriage, dedications, and in some traditions for the ordination of ministers. In Some church traditions it is also used for funerals as a symbol of the resurrection.

**PRUC Website address:- [paynehamroaduc.org.au](http://paynehamroaduc.org.au)**

## Church Family News



Please remember in your prayers, members & friends struggling with ill health: Betty N., Marj G., Andrew R., Ray W., Judy M., Doug Faulkner, Bill & Grace, Bob & Beth, Roger W., Dennis H, Cate W, Lyle S., Judy R, John & Heather, Rev. Do Young Kim and Jennie Hosking.

**December Birthdays:** Sebastian S. 8 yrs (1st), Arjun (12th) Sadra 9 yrs (15th), Beverley J. (16th) Bill F. (28), Jan C. (30th)

**December Anniversary:** David & Rhonda H. (11th),

### **Judy R. sends her best wishes to all at Payneham Road UC.**

Judy is settling into Allity Aged Care at Walkerville and would really enjoy a phone call from you but, please, **NO VISITS**, at this stage.  
Judy can be contacted on 0401 214 881.

The Funeral of Rosemary Ernst is to be held on Friday, 18 December, 2020, 10.30 am at Blackwell Funerals, 71 Prospect Road, Prospect. Rosemary was a member of Argent Uniting Church.

### **LOST & FOUND—KEYS**

Firebox Key— If you know the whereabouts of the firebox (safe) key please return it to the vestry. It maybe on a green key tag.



If you think you have lost any keys at the church in the past few weeks/months please contact the office.

Sharon (Admin) will be on leave from Christmas Day and returning to the office 21st January.

Please send all 2020 annual reports to Sharon at [dministrator@paynehamroaduc.org.au](mailto:dministrator@paynehamroaduc.org.au) by 21st January 2021.

## **DECEMBER DIARY DATES**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Blue Christmas at Morialta UC</b>	<b>MUC, Magill</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service at Payneham Rd</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Final 2020 Worship Service</b>	<b>Church</b>

**Please note: There will not be a Blue Christmas Service at Payneham Road this year. You are welcome to join the service at Morialta UC.**

## Organ Concert 2020



Thank you to all those who attended, whether you were organising, ushering, being a COVID Marshal, performing and/or part of the audience. Considering the restrictions, we had a very successful, enjoyable evening. With ticket sales and donations over \$1000 was raised to go towards the organ scholarship fund.



Photo: Jessica Ryoo



## Blue Christmas at Morialta Uniting Church

**Date:** Tomorrow, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020  
**Time** 7.30 pm

26 Chapel Street, Magill SA 5072

*'A service to remember loved ones, and give expression to the "blue" feelings we might Have at Christmas time',*

## Young Adults on Christmas Day:

**You are invited to Christmas lunch at the manse!**

**Time: After Christmas Worship Service 2020**



20 December Advent 4 - Luke 1:47-55

Although Mary the mother of Jesus has often been elevated to a lofty place, remote from the struggles of life, the Mary depicted here in Luke had a lowly position in her community. Yet, from within this context, she imagined and painted a picture of a God who enters fully into the struggles of life: "He , has lifted up the lowly, he has filled the hungry with good things" (w.52-53) While not wanting to romanticize lowly places, we do Mary a disservice if we elevate her above it. How did the lowly Mary come to such a radical vision of God? Was it perhaps by hearing and reflecting on Hannah's song (1 Samuel 2:1-10) and daring to make it present ("incarnate it") in her own time and place? Was this, perhaps, a story that she then told her son, Jesus? Stories shape us. Let us seek more stories from lowly places, for they have much to teach us. Recently, I read a poem penned by a prisoner in gaol: "I want to be free from pain, free from loneliness. I want to be free to run, free to love. I want to be free to cry, free to live." Here is another Magnificat.

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# WORSHIP ROSTER

ROSTERED	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>27 December</b>
MINISTER / SPEAKER	<b>Rev. Doug Hosking</b>	<b>Rev. Doug Hosking</b>
ORGAN	<b>Roger/Sue</b>	<b>Peter</b>
WORSHIP LEADER	<b>Rev. Doug</b>	<b>Russell</b>
READER	<b>Jan C.</b>	<b>Felicia</b>
WELCOME, OFFERING	<b>Rhonda Sarah</b>	<b>Lois Rose</b>
FLOWERS	<b>Cynthia</b>	<b>Cynthia</b>
SOUND SYSTEM	<b>David</b>	<b>David</b>
OFFERING COUNT	<b>Christmas Bowl—David</b>	<b>Cynthia / Wee Han</b>
C-19 MARSHAL– Church/Hall	<b>Heather</b>	<b>Heather</b>
MORNING TEA	<b>No morning tea on Christmas Day</b>	<b>Sue, Daniel, Sam, Sue Youn</b>



## Finding strength in love after fleeing Syria





Bert Littlejohn/Act for Peace

Life was already tough for Syrian refugees living in Jordan. And now, the economic crisis unfolding as a result of the coronavirus has made the situation even worse. This Christmas your gifts will help refugees in Jordan to stay safe through the pandemic. Your kindness will translate into lifesaving food rations, hygiene kits and medical care. What a wonderful way to share God's love. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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