

# Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Welcome to our Worship Service. If you're visiting, please join us in the hall afterwards for tea/coffee and a chat!

## Christmas Services at St. Andrew's (except \*)

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| ★ Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm | Lessons and Carols                |
| ★ Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 7pm | *Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's |
| ★ Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9am | Christmas Day celebration         |



**A Special Congregational meeting** will be held after the Service next **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** to vote on the following positions – Congregational Chairperson, Congregational Secretary and Presbytery Representative. If you'd like to nominate someone to any of these positions, you have until **12pm today!** to ask the nominee, fill in the form and hand it in.

## The newly-elected Church Council members are -

Jackie Cowan, Tim Hay, Geoff Hitch, Peter Mitchell, Dianne Moon, Nancy Prewer, Chris Prosser, Robin Simpson, Calum Woods, Geoff Woods.

**Salvation Army Farewell Service** Capt. Kimberly Featherston and Lt. Shaun Featherston of the Salvation Army have been posted to Mildura in 2025. Their last service in Sunbury will be at 10am on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

**Thank you** to Choices Flooring (71 Vineyard Road) for their kind donation of two blinds for our Chapel, installation and cost free by Matt who installed them after he finished work one day. A big shout-out to this company, for all their blinds, floor coverings and carpets. You can call 9744 2364 and ask for Matt, or visit their show room in Vineyard Road.

**Poinsettia fundraiser** If you'd like to purchase one @ \$15 for display at the front of the church during the Christmas season, and then to be taken home before or on Christmas Day, please contact Nancy on 0421 885 179 or Jackie on 0478 777 044.



A **BIG** thank-you to Bunnings who donated 20 poinsettias for this fundraiser!!

## 2025 commencement dates of regular groups

UCAF	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 25
KYB	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 25
Prayer Group	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 25
Drop-in Centre	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 25
Men's Group	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 25
2pm Service	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 25

# 2025

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## December Birthdays



- 7 Fa'amata'u Leota  
14 Margaret Mitchell 17 Betty Dodd  
18 Joyce Wheeler, Graeme Fenton



### Minister

Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota 0401 592 359  
[minister@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:minister@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au)

The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
- every 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun when it occurs

### Church Council Chairperson

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## Christmas Bowl - Share God's love this Christmas

When Victorian Methodist Minister, Rev. Frank Byatt, sat down to his Christmas dinner **75 years ago** in 1949, he knew millions of people were starving in war-ravaged Europe. He was compelled to offer help. He put a Bowl of Remembrance on his Christmas dinner table and asked his loved ones to place a gift in it to "share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands."



Frank couldn't have foreseen how his simple act of compassion that evening would grow into the powerful Christmas Bowl tradition that we now know is celebrated in thousands of churches across Australia. And he couldn't have known how much it would be needed in our world today. As you celebrate Christmas with loved ones this year, remember our sisters and brothers who have been forced from their homes by conflict or disaster.

Envelopes are available on the bench in either foyer. You can place cash in this envelope and put in the offering bag **OR** fill in credit card details and mail it. If you'd like a receipt in either case, please fill in your name and address.



\$75 can help buy 2 goats for a person living with a disability in Zimbabwe

## Rosters Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Door:** P. Baulch, C. Ely      **Morning Tea:** R. Flett, D. Parrey

## Readings Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Advent 4 - Love

**Micah** 5: 2-5a      **Luke** 1: 46b-55    **or**    **Psalms** 80: 1-7  
**Philippians** 4: 4-7    **Hebrews** 10: 5-10    **Luke** 1: 39-45 (46-55)



## News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates ... Community Events

**Quiet Day** Our first one next year will be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February** from 10am to 3pm at 'The White Goose' (old Uniting Church – 3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek). *Enquiries to Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.*

### CareWorks SunRanges Inc. Position Vacant – Service Delivery Manager

The Board is seeking a person with great people skills who can co-ordinate a team of volunteers, and work in close collaboration with the Operations Manager. This is a paid, permanent part-time position (15 hrs/week). Applications close 30<sup>th</sup> Dec for interviews in late January 2025. To obtain the job description and application requirements, please email the Operations Manager at [opsmanager@careworks.com.au](mailto:opsmanager@careworks.com.au) or call Kate on 0412 923 924.

**Latest Scamwatch warning** Criminals are calling people pretending to be from your bank, internet or phone company. They will say your bank account or computer isn't secure and your money isn't safe, ask for your PIN and tell you to leave your bank card in your letterbox so it can be cancelled and replaced. They may ask you to withdraw cash and leave that in the letterbox instead, or want to pick it up from you directly. **HANG UP!** If still in doubt, visit or call the relevant company yourself. Remember, your bank or phone company will **never** ask you to: ⇒ disclose your PIN ⇒ leave your card out to be collected ⇒ withdraw cash from your account ⇒ transfer money to another account. **Speak up and report!!** ....if you are ever asked to do any of the above. Visit the Scamwatch website to find out more. [Home](#) | [Scamwatch](#) .

## Recycling Corner

**Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:**

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle lids
- x-ray transparencies
- bread bag tags – plastic only (no tea bag tags or ring pulls please)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (and plastic cases)
- all coffee/Slurpee cups, plastic straws and lids – *or take to 7-Eleven in Gap Road*
- used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg collect for Sammy Stamp
- toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices
- mobile phones and chargers, to support Melbourne Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' program in East Africa



**Use the big plastic container for:**

- 10c containers such as:



– see flyers on the recycling trolley.

**The other side of the story is to BUY recycled:**

The other side of recycling is to try to buy products made from recycled materials, in order to create a relevant market. Without a market, the recycled material has to go to landfill.

**Check out these websites:**

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>  
[www.onyalife.com/products](http://www.onyalife.com/products)  
[www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled](http://www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled)

