

# Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 1<sup>st</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!

**UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship)** Our final meeting for the year will be at 1.30pm next **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at the church. Please bring a small plate of Christmas food to share. All welcome!  
Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

**Blue Christmas Service** will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at our church. This is a time for remembering loved ones who are no longer with us and honouring the changing circumstances of our lives. All welcome.

**Christmas at Rupertswood** ... organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury, will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, from 5 to 8.30pm. The day will feature free activities and a nativity stable, concluding with Christmas Carols. On the day there will be limited parking at the venue, but shuttle buses will operate from the Hume Council carpark, and from Bay 7 at the bus station. **Thank you** to all the volunteers who attended the briefing session.  
**Prayer request #8** Pray that all goes well with the food stalls.

## **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.

## **Uniting Church for Climate Action t-shirts**

One t-shirt is left @ \$30, size L. See Nancy or Helen if you wish to buy it.

## **December Birthdays**



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



JESUS LOVES YOU

### **Minister**

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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

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



**Last 2024 and first 2025 dates of regular groups**

<b>UCAF</b>	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 24	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 25
<b>KYB</b>	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 24	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 25
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 24	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 25
<b>Drop-in Centre</b>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 24	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 25
<b>Men's Group</b>	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 24	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 25

**Rosters Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Door:** C. Simpson, G. Warne      **Communion:** L. McLaren, C. Prosser  
**Morning Tea:** C. Simpson, C. Grant

**Readings Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 - Peace**

**Baruch 5: 1-9 or Malachi 3: 1-4**      **Luke 1: 68-79**  
**Philippians 1: 3-11**      **Luke 3: 1-6**



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



**Congratulations!** to Michael and Georgie Prewer on the arrival of their baby daughter, Theodora Georgina, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November (3.75kg, 53cm). Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, Nancy and David!

**Community Carols** will be held by the Lions Club of Diggers Rest & Diggers Rest Primary School on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** from 4.30pm on the school oval (Plumpton Road). BYO picnic rug or chairs. This is an alcohol and pet free event. A CareWorks bin will be available at the venue for non-perishable donations if you wish to contribute.

**Hume Clean Days** The next one is 8am-4pm next **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. You can take the following items to the Sunbury Resource Recovery Centre (515 Riddell Road) free of charge:

- mattresses and couches, tyres
- whitegoods (fridges, washing machines, dryers etc.)
- e-waste (TVs, computers, printers, DVDs, CDs, speakers, sound equipment, DVD players, VCRs, mobile phones, appliances, electric blankets).

Further details at <https://hume.vic.gov.au/wasteoptions>. Alternatively you can book a hard waste collection – from your home.

**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.*

**Data Projector Roster** We are still looking for a volunteer or two! Only basic computer skills are required. Please see Rob Marlow if you're interested in finding out more about this vital role in our Services.



**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)

