



Sunday Bulletin

Winchelsea Uniting Church
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Sunday Worship 9.30 am

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*Our Mission is: To share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people;
showing love and enthusiasm
and by being an open and accepting congregation,
working towards life in all its fullness.*

2015

Sunday,

December 20: 9.30am

Guest speaker

Zak Hanyn

(Act for Peace)

Friday,

December 25: 9.30am

Christmas Day Service

*A warm welcome
to all worshipping
with us today,
please join us
in the hall after
the service
for morning tea
and a chat.*

What's On

with John Bumford

Inter-Church Prayer Meeting

The prayer meeting will be in recess over the Christmas break. If you have special requests for prayer, pass them on to John.

Singing Group Practise

Singing Group practise will take a break over the holiday period.

Prayer Focus

This Sunday December 20th let us all pray for Morven Warner

Next Sunday December 13th, shall we pray for Roly & Joan Livingstone

Not Just Nocturnes

John Bumford will play a piano recital entitled "Not Just Nocturnes" on Friday, January 1st at 7pm in the church. Music by Beethoven, Bach, Brahms, and several Chopin Nocturnes. Proceeds to the church. Cost \$20. Book with Joan MacKenzie. Supper.

Uniting Care

A meeting will take place with the Uniting Care Geelong CEO and others with the Elders and those that wish to take part in the hall on Wednesday January 13th. Talk to John if you are interested.

Worship

Friday, Christmas Day, December 25, at 9.30am – John Bumford

Sunday, December 27th, at 9.30am – John Bumford

Sunday, January 3rd 2016, at 9.30am – John Bumford

Greetings from Lyn Wicks

Lyn Wicks has sent wishes to all her friends in Winchelsea to have a Blessed and Happy Christmas, and is looking eagerly to her return early next year.

Church Website & Facebook Page

The church's website is up and running with some brief information about the church, and a copy of the church bulletin. Look up Winchelsea Uniting Church in Facebook, or on the web at

www.winchelseaunitingchurch.org.au

John and Olive have a new email address– olivejohndsl@dodo.com.au

Lectionary Readings

December 20: Psalm 80,	Micah 5,	Hebrews 5-1	Luke 1:39-55
December 25: Psalm 96,	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
December 27: Psalm 148,	1 Sam. 18-20, 26,	Col. 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52
January 3: Psalm 147	Jer.31:7-14	Eph.1:3-14	John 1-18

A Christmas Reflection

Wow! What a year in the life of the church. Olive and I are grateful for the continuing love and support shown over this past 12 months.

To think that one year will follow another with little change – wrong again. The wonderful experience of the Blessing of the Animals, the resounding affirmation at the celebration of the All Saints Day, the incredible expansion in quantity and quality with helpers, patrons, and Art works at the Art Show, the immanent return of Uniting Care, and despite many taking extended trips in Australia and abroad, our attendance at worship has not dwindled. The continuing support at the Nursing Home, Paradise Club, inter-church events, the Combined Choir presentations have been an encouragement to many. It is wonderful to welcome new and returning faces to the fellowship this year, and to have confidence in our close relationship for the kinder.

It is with deep sadness we recall the passing of Ray McConachy, John Lambeth, Ken Parsons, and Gordon Bubb during the year, which has touched many lives. The Elders have shown strong leadership in worship and pastoral settings, and thanks to John Bader for stepping up as chair of Church Council. It is heartening to see that despite the implication to the contrary in the Presbytery lead review, funds are available to replace all the windows in the Hall.

Considering all of these, how did it happen? Because of the faithfulness of the people who are Winchelsea Uniting Church, and God giving blessing when that happens. Jesus teaching and encouragement to **Love**, to experience **Joy** in Him, to accept the **Peace** that only God can give, and look to 2016 with **Hope** in God's promise to be with us as the babe in Bethlehem, Jesus who teaches us how to live, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us to live God's way each day.

Blessings this Christmas to you and your family.

John Bumford - Co-ordinator

Ladies Enjoy Christmas Lunch

Thanks to the Social Committee for organizing a time of fellowship last Wednesday when nine U.C. ladies met for lunch at the Shire Hall Tea Rooms – this was enjoyed by all who attended.

Jesus is the reason for the Season

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Dates to Remember

2015

December

Sunday 20: 9.30am Guest Speaker –Zak Hanyn (Act for Peace)
: 7.00pm Inter-church Carols at Uniting Church

Friday 25: 9.30am Christmas Day Service – John Bumford

Sunday 27: 9.30am John Bumford

: 7pm Piano Recital by John Bumford – in Uniting Church

January 2016

Sunday 3: 9.30am John Bumford

---- *Rosters* ----

Morning Tea

December 20: L Rochow

27: N Lambeth

January 3: J Johns

10: J McConachy

17: L Rochow

24: Y Orchard

Flowers

December 27: N Lambeth

January 3: Joan Johns

10: Jeanette McConachy

17: Lyn Rochow

24: Y Orchard

Elder – December – L Redding

January – D Chappell

Stewards:

December: J Caldow, M Bubb

January: N Lambeth, R. Payne

This is the last Sunday Bulletin for the year and I would like to thank those who have contributed regularly to keep the congregation informed of activities and church news. Thanks to John Bumford, Yvonne, Jeanette, and Hilde. *Joan Caldow*

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Friday, January 1st

7.00 pm

in the Uniting Church

Winchelsea

Supper

Proceeds to the church \$20.

Book with Joan MacKenzie

*“For unto us
a child is born,
unto us
a son is given . . . ”*
Isaiah 9:6