



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.*

2016

Sunday, December 18: 9.30am Zak Hanyn – Act for Peace representative
: 7pm Inter-church Carol Service at Uniting Church

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day – John Bumford

2017

Sunday, January 1: 9.30am John Bumford

Sunday, January 8: 9.30am John Bumford (Holy Communion)

Sunday, January 15: 9.30am John Bumford (Combined with St. Thomas's)

Sunday, January 22: 9.30am Lyn Redding

Sunday, January 29: **10am** Combined service at St. Thomas's Anglican

Winchelsea Inter-Church

Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

7pm - Tonight

in Uniting Church

Guest Speaker: Zak Hanyn

All welcome

Marion McGeorge

It was with surprise and deep sadness that we learned of Marion's death last week, and shared with the family in a Celebration of her life. She died peacefully surrounded by family in Geelong Hospital. Thanks to all those who assisted with flowers, and food and setting up for the funeral last Thursday (15th Dec.) In honour of Marion's years of faithful service at morning tea, the servery will be known as "Marion's Servery".

WOW

A banner has been produced with photos of the WOW program kids dressed in a series of tableaux outlining a progression of Nativity scenes. This is displayed on the Winch Trading fence for all to see over the Christmas season. A great way to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Inter-Church Prayer Meeting

The weekly prayer meeting will be in recess until February 2017.

Singing Group Practise

The Singing Group will be in recess over the holiday period and reconvene in February.

Bethlehem, O Bethlehem

A big thank you to all who helped with the presentation of Bethlehem, O Bethlehem last Sunday night at the Globe. The addition of the string players, and the special inclusion of Kate Bright the Melbourne soloist with our own Max Bubb doing the narration lifted the quality of the work, and made for a memorable event in bringing the Christmas message. The choir were wonderful, and continuing thanks for a beautifully presented meal and supper.

Uniting Care

Uniting Care will take a break in Winchelsea until January 12, 2017. If you are aware of an emergency situation locally, let John know, and assistance can be made available.

Nursing Home Service

The final worship service at the Nursing Home for 2016 is on Friday, December 23rd at 11am. Thank you to the church folk who have assisted during the year – particularly Hilde Schroeter who faithfully prepares a poem, story, and a song each time to encourage the residents. It is a special ministry of our church.

Inter-Church Carol Service . . . TONIGHT

This year's inter-church Carol Service will be hosted by the Uniting Church on Sunday December 18th at 7pm. Guest speaker is Zak Hanyn from Act For Peace. Representatives from the 3 churches will share in presenting the readings and prayers and choosing the carols. The Singing Group will sing a couple of special Christmas songs

John Bumford

Evening Fellowship Christmas Celebration

by a *Roving Reporter*

The Evening Fellowship ladies celebrated the end of year activities last Wednesday evening with a Christmas Progressive Dinner. The three hostesses Carol, Norma and Lyn and their helpers are to be commended on their presentation of a delicious, nutritious and satisfying meal. Each home was decorated with Christmas tree and lights creating the festive spirit. Best wishes for another year of fellowship!

Christmas Greetings from Lyn Wicks

"May the light of Jesus shine brightly in your hearts and lives this Christmas as you remember what Christmas is all about, God's love for each one of us in sending Jesus to be our Saviour from sin. Jesus loves you dearly and gives you hope for a bright future so that you can radiate out His love to others too.

God bless, Love from Lyn Wicks."

Remembering Marion McGeorge

A True Blue Scott,
Lived her own life in a simple cheerful, caring way
with her chooks and ducks and all her plants and her ornaments.
The fire going, the kettle on the boil good for a cuppa anytime.
Called people Darling.

She enjoyed an outing and became known
in some of the Western Rural congregations.
Remembered with affection and admiration
for the way she lived for so long on her own.

Don and Meryl Cracknell

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 quality of entries at the Art Show reached a new high, and despite a limited number of helpers, the Annual Auction was a major fund raiser and significant event in the life of the town. It is with a huge sigh of relief that Uniting Care Geelong have fulfilled their promise to re-establish and maintain a presence here regularly assisting the most needy in our community. The continuing support at the Nursing Home, the new Monthly children's WOW program, the expanded KYB group meeting in the hall, the irregular bible studies, inter-church events, and the Combined Choir presentations, the regulars in the Singing Group, and the impassioned preaching of our new church mentor, Rev. Len Sherratt have been an encouragement to many. The close connections with the Kinder are also to be applauded.

It is with deep sadness we recall the passing of Coral Munro, Annie Grant, Marj. McDonald, Hughie Johnson, Rev. Joe Fraser and Marion McGeorge during the year, which has touched many lives. The departure of John & Ruth Payne, and the permanent move of Joan MacKenzie left a hole in our ranks. Despite these and the extended holidays enjoyed by a number of our members both at home and overseas, there is a buoyancy in our congregational worship and other events. Once again, our mid-year Casserole lunch was a highlight. The Elders have continued to show strong leadership in worship and pastoral settings, and it is with joy we embrace John Bader's calling into training to be a lay preacher. It is heartening to see the new look of the hall windows and blinds, and having the major electrical upgrade to the church and the hall completed this year – and still money in reserve!

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 2017 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

Lectionary Readings

Dec. 18: Psalm 80	Isa. 7,	Rom. 1	Matt. 1
Dec. 25: Psalm 96,	Isa. 9:2-7,	Titus 2:11-14,	Luke 2:1-14
<u>2017</u>			
Jan. 1: Psalm 148,	Isa.63:7-9	Heb. 2:10-18	Matt. 2:13-23
Jan. 8: Psalm 29,	Isa. 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matt. 3:13-17
Jan. 15: Psalm 40,	Isa 49:1-7,	1 Cor. 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan. 22: Psalm 27	Isa. 9:1-4	1 Cor.1:10-18	Matt. 4:12-23
Jan. 29: Psalm 15,	Micah 6:1-8,	1 Cor. 1:18-31	Matt. 5:1-12

Jesus is the reason for the Season

Church Website & Facebook Page

The church's website contains some brief information about the church, and a copy of the current church bulletin. Also check out additional information and photos on the Facebook page.

Look at www.winchelseaunitingchurch.org.au.

Bible Verse:

Luke 2:14

*"Glory to God
in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace
among those whom
he favours!"*

*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a Son is given . . .
Isaiah 9:6-7*

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*--- Rosters ---*Flowers

December 25: N Lambeth
January 2017 1: J Johns
8: J McConachy
15: L Rochow
22: Y Orchard
29: Not required

Morning Tea

December 18: L Rochow
25: N Lambeth
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Elder

December : L Redding
January: D Chappell

Stewards:

December: M Bubb, P Redding
January: N Lambeth

Peace on Earth

