



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.*

2017

Sunday December 17: 9.30am Worship - John Bumford

Sunday December 24: 9.30am Worship - John Bader

Monday December 25: 9.30am Christmas Day Service – John Bumford

Sunday December 31: 9.30am Worship – John Bumford (Combined
with St. Thomas's at U.C.)

See January 2018 Worship Services in "What's On" page . . .

Peace

on

Earth

Jesus

is the reason

for the season

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

Kinder Concert

The Kinder end of year concert will take place in the hall tomorrow, Monday December 18th at 6.00pm.

Inter-Church Prayer Meeting

The final for this year will be on Wednesday December 20th at 1.00pm in the Uniting Church Hall. All welcome. If you have situations to bring to the meeting, please let John know.

Focus for Prayer

On December 17th remember John Bader and family as you pray.

On December 24th uphold Max & Leanne Bubb in your prayers.

On December 31st bring John & Olive Bumford to mind as you pray.

Uniting Care

Uniting Care has taken on the new name of "Uniting" with the same services each Thursday from 10am-1pm. The service has a break over Christmas and will resume normal operation from Thursday January 11th next year.

Singing Group Practise

The Singing Group practise will continue at the **5pm** time slot each fortnight. We will have our final practise this year on Thursday December 21st.

Nursing Home Service

The final Nursing Home service will be held on this Friday, December 22nd at 11am. This will take the form of a Carols and readings time. Those who wish to attend are invited to join in.

Worship Services

Sunday January 7: 9.30am Worship – John Bumford

Sunday January 14: 9.30am Worship – John Bumford (Holy Communion)

Sunday January 21: 10.00am Rev. Wendy Gravalin (Combined service at St. Thomas's)

Inter-Church Carols

The Inter-Church Carol service is being hosted by St.Thomas's this year, on Sunday December 24th at 7pm. Representatives from 3 churches will participate in this the most joyous aspect of the Christian year. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

What's On ... cont.

Church Website and Facebook

The church's website contains some brief information about the church, and a copy of the current church bulletin.

Look at www.winchelseaunitingchurch.org.au.

Also check out additional information and photos on the Facebook page.

John Bumford

Lectionary Readings

2017

December 17: Psalm 126 Isa. 61:1-11 1 Thess.5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24: Psalm 89, 2 Sam.7:1-11,16 Rom. 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

December 25: Psalm 96 Isa. 9:2-7 Tit. 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20

December 31: Psalm 148 Isa.61:10-62:3 Gal.4:4-7 Mark 1:4-11

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January 14: Psalm 139 1 Sam. 3:1-20 1 Cor. 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

January 21: Psalm 62 Jonah 3:1-10 1 Cor.7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

January 28: Psalm 111 Deut. 18:15-20 1 Cor.8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

Christmas Lunch

The Evening Fellowship group hosted a festive lunch on Wednesday, attended by 16 people.

The hot day did not deter the people from coming out to share in a time of fellowship as we wind up another year. Thank you to all attended, may you have a happy, holy Christmas with families and friends. Enjoy the January break, before we start up again in February.

Jeanette McConachy

Bible Verse: Isa. 32:17

*The work of righteous will be peace,
and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*

2017

Dates to Remember

2017

December

Sunday 17: 9.30am Worship – John Bumford

Monday 18: 6pm Kinder Concert

Wednes. 20: 1pm Inter-church Prayer meeting

Thursday 21: 5pm Singing Group practise

Friday 22: 11am Nursing Home Service

Sunday 24: 9.30am Worship – John Bader

: 7.00pm Inter Church Carols at St.Thomas's Anglican

Monday 25: 9.30am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 31: 9.30am John Bumford (Combined with St.Thomas's at UC)

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Flowers

2017 December 24: N Lambeth

31: J Caldow

2018 January 7: J Caldow

14: J McConachy

21: Not required

28: Y Orchard

Stewards:

December: M Bubb, P Redding

January: N Lambeth, J McConach

Morning Tea

2017 December 17: L Rochow

24: N Lambeth

31: J Caldow

2018 January 7: J Johns

14: J McConachy

21: Not required

28: Y Orchard

Elder

December: D Chappell

January

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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

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 to us over this past 12 months. The new heating system installed in the Manse is most appreciated!

To think that one year will follow with little change - wrong again. The invitation for the singing group to sing at the Colac Bible Society rally and at a special Western Heights concert showed bigger towns what we are capable of. The quality of entries, number of patrons, and number of sales at the Art Show reached a new high, with helpers willingly came forward. The Annual Auction again continues to surprise with a healthy profit and helpers to make it work. The continuing support at the Nursing Home worship services by a number, the monthly children's WOW program, the expanded KYB group meeting in the hall, the extra bible studies this year in people's homes, inter-church events, the Combined Choir presentations, the regulars in the Singing Group, and the impassioned preaching of church mentor, Rev. Len Sherratt have been an encouragement to many. The close connections with the Kinder are also to be applauded. The 2 Men's Breakfasts were a hit, and already another is booked for February next year. After many years, we have finally had Presbytery reps visit, and affirm the church's current method of operation, and my position here for 2 more years. Praise God! There is a growing co-operation with the Colac church over the year with training days for Elders, and Lyn and John preaching in the Colac cluster of small Western Rural churches.

It is with deep sadness we recall the passing of Ian Steel, Kenneth MacKenzie, Gordon Cason, and Peter McCann during the year, which has touched many lives. 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 as new people have joined us and added to our fellowship. The change this year to a Spring lunch seems to have been well accepted, as was the innovation of a winter progressive lunch which would be good to follow up next year. The supply of hymn books and bibles donated from other churches has been a bonus for options in worship, as has the further development of our data projection material with Peter, Sol & Jennie.

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The Elders have continued to show strong leadership in worship and pastoral settings, and it is with sadness but understanding we recognize the valuable service of Norma and Morven as they conclude their ministry in this format. It is with Joy we embrace John Bader's training to be a lay preacher, having successfully completed his first year. A move into the hall during the winter months made life in worship more comfortable and compact and easier to manage. Too often we take for granted that which always happens without fuss – thanks Joan for your treasured service as bulletin editor for so long.

Considering all of these, how did it happen? Because of 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 at 2018 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