



# Crows Nest Uniting Church

A welcoming, spirited community for today'

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## 17th December 2017

### Christmas is Coming!

Our Christmas celebrations continue and we welcome you to our Service of Readings and Carols. We especially thank the following friends for their contribution in making this a very special service.

- Claire Burdon (solo verse of 'Once in Royal David's City')
- Chris Butt ('The Kings')
- Harry, Finn and Liam Dundon (brass instruments)
- Our readers, for their contributions to today's service

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December ~ 10am – Readings and Carols**

We'll be singing all the favourites, and reading some of the season's beautiful poetry.

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December ~ 10am – Christmas Eve Service**

Normal Sunday morning service with the emphasis on the Christmas Story

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December ~ 9am – Christmas Day Service**

Bring your family, visitors and friends. Everyone's very welcome!

### Christmas Carols

The Waverton Hub Choir, under the direction of Maestro Peter Butt, will be singing Christmas Carols at Waverton Station. If you didn't make the performance on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> there is still opportunity on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December between 5 and 6 pm. Come along and join the singing.

# Christmas Bowl Appeal

This week the theme is, The Joy of the Harvest. Projects such as conservation farming have assisted farmers in Zimbabwe struggling with drought and poor government policy to make their land productive in difficult circumstances. Bringing hope for sustainable crops as they sow seed to feed themselves and their family. Christmas Bowl gifts of \$1,600 help with life renewing projects such as these.

Please remember when making a gift to include our church supporter ID number 47232. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. If you have any questions please speak to Karen G.

## Stamps

With Christmas fast approaching and the greeting cards rolling in, just a reminder to save all those postage stamps. The stamps are sold and small donations made to various needy organisations.

## Trading Tables

The trading tables have now closed for business. We have made \$733 a further \$17 (from the Friday Night Youth Group) will be added to this to bring the total up to \$750. Proceeds have now been banked and will be donated to Asylum Seekers & Refugees. Thank you to all who supported this project.

## Friday Night Youth Group

Under the leadership of Deb Lee, the Friday Night Youth Group have donated \$250, \$17 of which will be added to the Trading Table proceeds with the remaining \$233 being added to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Thank you Deb for your work and dedication.

# Christmas Flyers

To spread the word about our Christmas Services there are still a few flyers in the church foyer, if you are able, please collect a supply and drop one in all the letter boxes in your street.

Christmas is almost here!



You've seen them, lurking in the supermarkets, taunting you from shop windows...

Star-shaped ginger biscuits. Tree-shaped ornaments. Red and white everything!

Our Christmas cards are ready to go and so are our life-changing gifts from [honey bees](#) to [happy hands](#).

**Got your Christmas cards sorted?** Send your message of love, peace and joy with our [\\$5 Dove and Nativity Cards](#) (mixed pack of six)

Find all the gifts right here at [www.everythingincommon.com.au](http://www.everythingincommon.com.au)

## Offertory Envelopes

The 2018 offertory envelopes have arrived and are now available in the foyer.

## Rev Michael Thomas

The Rev Michael Thomas and family have moved into the Manse and will commence his ministry here at Crows Nest from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**Thank you** to all who have contributed to our worship this morning **Lorna, Lin, Gill, Peter B, Peter A & Jack** (readers), **Simon** (prayer leader), **Peter** (organist), **Claire** (soloist), **Chris** (the Kings), **Harry, Finn & Liam** (brass instruments), **Barbara & Warwick** (welcomers), **Joy & Judy** (morning tea), **Bruce & Bev** (counters), and **Lorna** (flowers)

**For next Sunday – 24 Dec**

**Readings:**

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Romans 16:25-27

St Luke 1:26-38



**Rosters:**

PREACHER:	Rev David Gill
READER:	Bev C
PRAYER LEADER:	Lin G
ORGANIST:	Peter B
WELCOMERS:	Bev C +1
MORNING TEA:	Emi K +1
COUNTING OFFERING:	+2
KIDS ALIVE:	In recess
FLOWERS:	Lorna

*Please send items for this news sheet  
to Lorna ([lbassett@tpg.com.au](mailto:lbassett@tpg.com.au)) before Thursday*

We worship on land that is sacred to, and has been cared for by people of the Cammeraygal and Wallumedegal clans, part of the Kuringgai tribe.  
We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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