

## Christmas Services 2019 - Good News for Hopeless People

	Christmas Eve 6.30 pm	Christmas Day 9.00 am
Service Leader	Ian Weeks	Ian Weeks
Preacher	Ian Weeks	Ian Weeks
Bible Reader Matthew 1:18 - 25	Insert your name here	Nicola Pengilly
Music	Erryn McLatchie & Team	Allan Leslie

The offering collected on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be designated to our December Mission of the Month Projects: **Wesley Dalmar Childrens Services** and **The Christmas Bowl**.

### Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### Matthew 2:1 – 12 Good News for Searching People

##### 9.00 am Morning Service

Service Leader: Ian Weeks      Preacher: Ian Weeks  
 Reader: Mel Mottau      Music: Gwen Gatford  
 Welcoming: Tova Swadling & Ken Attwooll      Flowers: Tova Swadling  
 Morning Tea: David & Ann Keiller

##### 10.30 am Contemporary Family Service

Service Leader: Ian Weeks      Music: Ian Weeks      Preacher: Ian Weeks

##### 5.30 pm Contemporary Evening Service

Service Leader: Jackson Pengilly      Music: Ian Weeks      Preacher: Ian Weeks

### Congratulations to Belrose Public School students:

**Marcus Vozzo** – Year 6 recipient of the *BUC Award for Citizenship & Community Spirit*, presented by Rev Ian at the recent BPS Presentation Night;  
**James Keiller** received an award and was inducted as a Year 6 Prefect for 2020;  
**Ben Jewell** picked up a few gongs including .... Dux of Year 6!!

### January 2020 Services & Newsweek

In January we will have **one morning service at 10.00 am** each Sunday. The evening services will be on as usual unless otherwise advised.

There will be **one copy** of the notice sheet *Newsweek* for the whole of the month, so please plan ahead if you want anything included in *Newsweek*.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS STALL Last Sunday

The Ladies Fellowship wish to give a big thank you to all those who made, and those who bought, items from our Christmas Stall. It was a great effort and we made \$284 to be divided between two mission charities.

## Belrose Uniting Church

Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose  
*TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN*

# GOOD NEWSWEEK 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

## Advent 4



*Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from Frenchs Forest to Merrey Mills; from the beaches to the bush, since 1916.*

**We are all about following Jesus.** We seek to worship God in a welcoming and supportive environment that fosters teaching and growth, modelling and sharing Jesus' love in word and action within our church and the wider community.

**We are part of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations** of the UCA Confessing the Lord Jesus Christ, Proclaiming the Truth and Renewing the Church.

**We are "evangelical" Christians**, which means that **Jesus** shapes the heart of our worship, the **Bible** shapes the heart of our life, and the **Gospel** (the Good News about Jesus) shapes our heart for a broken world.

## Welcome to Church Today

If you are visitor with us today, thank you for being with us.

Please fill in the Visitor Information form that can be found in the Church Pew rack and place it in the offering bag or hand to Rev Ian Weeks.

### 9.00 am Morning Service - *Classic Lessons and Carols*

Service Leader: Ross Swadling      Preacher: Ross Swadling  
 Reader: Various      Music: Allan Leslie  
 Welcoming: Mel & Charmaine Mottau      Flowers: Tova Swadling  
 Morning Tea: Denis & Lisle Wall

### 10.30 am Contemporary Family Service – *Carols for Kids*

Service Leader: Sharon Jewell

### 5.30 pm Contemporary Evening Service - *Carols Old & New*

Service Leader: Jackson Pengilly      Music: Erryn McLatchie

**Pastor:** Rev Ian Weeks  
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**Prayer Requests:** [prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au)

**Sunday Services**  
 9am - 10:30am - 5.30pm\*  
 (\*Community meal on the last Sunday of each month)



**Contributions to Newsweek** are very welcome and should be emailed to [mail@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:mail@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au) by **12 noon Thursdays** or given to Rev. Ian.

## Sermon Notes

### Church Council News December 2019

The Church Council met on Thursday 5th December and welcomed its newest member, Jen Dinning, to her first Church Council meeting.

Jen's election to Church Council makes a welcome addition to our meeting, especially as we will lose both Jackson Pengilly and Erryn McLatchie from the Council when they move to Canberra mid 2020. Nominations for appointment to the Church Council can be made at any time using the nomination forms in the display unit in the Church Foyer.

#### Youth and Children's Ministry Worker

The Council received four applications for the Ministry position which the Council were keen to interview. However, when seeking to arrange the interviews, three of the four applicants withdrew their applications for various reasons, and the fourth applicant has been uncontactable! This was a source of great disappointment for the Council. The Council will be reviewing the Job Description and re-advertise the position.

**The Council would urge us to earnestly and urgently pray** for this situation and for this position. If a suitable person is not found in the near future, there is some doubt as to whether we will be able to offer a Youth Group program in 2020; and our KidzChurch program on Sunday mornings will also struggle. **Please pray!!**

Ian Weeks – Acting CC Secretary

**People, Participation and Prayer:** a church isn't a building of bricks and wood. It's a group of people gathered by God who are building their lives around Jesus. That's why belonging to church means more than just Sunday services. In this **Newsweek** are some of the things we are doing, events and activities we think are worthwhile, and people and things to pray for. Pray regularly for your Church family.

**Our Congregation prayer gatherings are held weekly – alternating Thursdays at 11.00 am & 7.30 pm. Resuming Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:-**

**Healing, Strength & Comfort for:**

Bill & Marcia Schnabel	Jenny Dinning
Robert & Leila Cradock	David Keiller
Brian Roper	Jeanette Mortley
Gordon & Jan Allan	Joan Colmer
Helen Meillon	

**Have a prayer request?** email:

[prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au)

\* Give to Rev. Ian OR

\* Place in prayer box near Church front door.

**All prayer requests should only be shared publicly with permission.**



**Pray for our Christmas Services:**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec  
6.30 pm Christmas Eve Service**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
9.00 am Christmas Day Service**

**Mission of the Month – December Supporting Struggling Families with Wesley Dalmar and the UAICC**

Wesley Dalmar began its life as the Central Mission Home for neglected children at Waverley House in Woolloomooloo in 1893. Today Dalmar provides homes for more than 620 children and young people in foster care.

Dalmar provides homes for children and young people who cannot live with their families, by recruiting, training, and supporting foster carers.

Dalmar also provide aftercare support for young people (until they are 25 years old) who have previously been in care, and supplement our foster care programs with wrap around services so that each team also has direct access to education and clinical specialists.

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Uniting Aboriginal & Islander  
Christian Congress

**Pastor Jack Harradine  
leads the UAICC  
Congregation at  
Broken Hill.**

Jack writes: *"We have poor families in our church. I am having a Christmas party for some special children whose families will struggle this Christmas. I am trying to raise money to buy each child a present or two. People can either buy gifts or contribute money and we will buy the presents for the kids. What's left over, they can use to buy food for Christmas day."*

**THANK YOU to all who contributed to this mission of grace and care. \$520.00 was raised for the struggling families in Broken Hill.**