

Next Sunday 5th January 2020

Happy New Year!!

Covenant Service with the Lord's Supper

10.00 am Combined Morning Service Bible Reading: **John 15:1 - 17**

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Reader: Ross Swadling

Welcoming: Michael Evans & Julia Murphy

Morning Tea: Rob & Sandra Murphy

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Music: Allan Leslie

Flowers: Ann Keiller

5.30 pm Contemporary Evening Service

Service Leader:

Music:

Preacher: Ian Weeks

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*.

WHAT'S ON @ BUC – CHECK YOUR DIARIES

Property/room bookings to Denis Wall: deniswall30@gmail.com

Using the Church premises? Don't forget to turn off lights & lock doors.

Mark Your Diary for January 2020:

Sat 4th – Fri 10th Jan CMS Summer School in Katoomba – studies in 1 Timothy

Sat 25th Jan Combined Churches Prayer Breakfast Venue TBA 7.30 am

Sun 26th Jan Australia Day Service @ BUC 10.00am

Thurs 30th Jan Congregation Prayer meeting resumes 7.30 pm

PM Sermon Notes *The Details of the Christmas Story – Are they necessary?*

Questions Explored: The virgin birth?

A guiding star?

Angels?

Magi – Kings, wise men, or conjuring con men?

Belrose Uniting Church

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

GOOD NEWSWEEK
29th December 2019



**Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from Frenchs Forest to Terrey Hills;
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.

Matthew 2:1 – 12 Good News for Searching People

9.00 am Morning Service

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Reader: Mel Mottau

Welcoming: Tova Swadling & Ken Attwooll

Morning Tea: David & Ann Keiller

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Music: Gwen Gatford

Flowers: Tova Swadling

10.30 am Contemporary Family Service

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Music: Ian Weeks

Preacher: Ian Weeks

5.30 pm Contemporary Evening Service

The Christmas Details – Are they Necessary? Questions Explored!

Service Leader: Jackson Pengilly

Music: Ian Weeks

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Pastor:

Rev Ian Weeks

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Wednesday – Monday (Tuesday off)

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Church Web Site: <http://www.belrose.unitingchurch.org.au>

Prayer Requests: 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 by 12 noon Thursdays or given to Rev. Ian.

Sermon Notes Matthew 2:1 – 12 Good News for Searching People

1. Christmas is Good News

For people lost in darkness (Isaiah 7 & 9)

For patient people waiting for God's action (Luke 1)

For humble people trusting in God's Word (Luke 2)

The signs:

1. A Tale of Two Types of Seekers – Matthew Ch 2 The Magi King Herod

What they sought:

Where they sought:

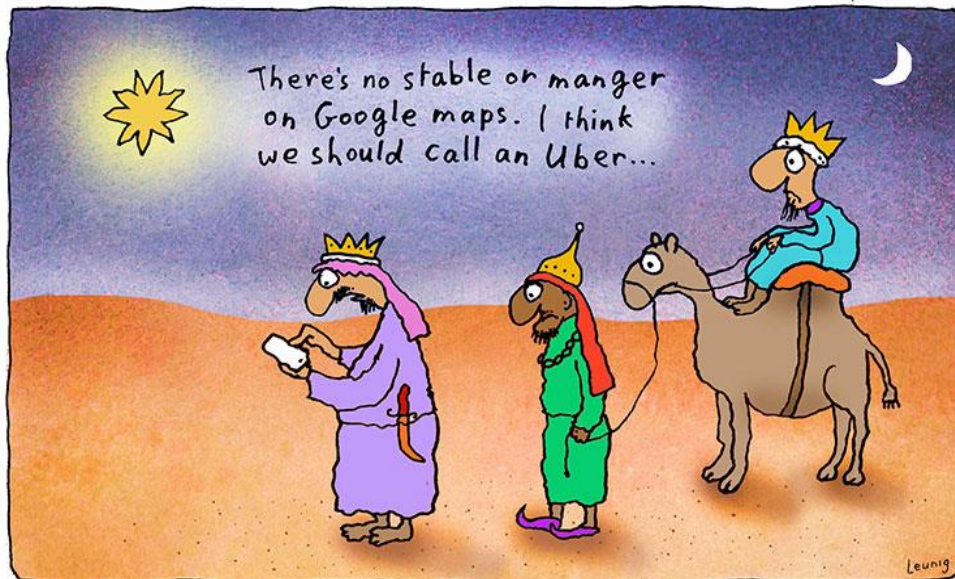
How they responded:

2. God Has Revealed the Mystery of the Universe

To those who are searching, God has revealed His plans:

Eph 1:9,10

John 6:67 – 69



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. Resumes Thurs 30th Jan. 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

* Give to Rev. Ian OR

* Place in prayer box near Church front door.

All prayer requests should only be shared publicly with permission.

*O little town of Bethlehem ...
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.*

O Lord, we lift up our hopes and our fears to you, our loving God:

Our hopes for rain, for healthy family relationships & bodies, for faith and growth, for endurance, for happiness & security, for peace, for eternal life!

Our fears about the unknown, the climate and environment, health of ourselves and others, the care of our families, broken relationships, insecurity, loss of faith, and death.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6,7

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.



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.