

People, Participation and Prayer: a church isn't a building of brick 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 our Church family.

Please pray for our world, our community, and each other

"...we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..." (Col 1:9, 10)

Congregation Prayer Meetings will resume in mid January

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

Healing, Strength & Comfort for:

* Heather Broadbent has moved back to Frenchs Forest, 58 Iris St. Heather sends her appreciation for all the thoughts & prayers following Len's death

* Gordon Allan recovering from pacemaker implant surgery

* Gordon Richardson

* Dianna Amos

* Denis Wall recovering from knee surgery

* Family of **Rev Bob Coleman** who passed away last recently. Bob was a minister at BUC many years ago. Bob's funeral will be held at West Epping UC on Tuesday 22nd Dec at 11.00 am.

Church Directory Update

Are your contact details up to date? Please advise David Keiller of any changes

**December Mission of the Month
Our Christmas Giving:**



Pastor Jack Harradine & the UAICC Church in Broken Hill

Thank you to all who contributed towards the Christmas Gifts for the families of the *Living Waters* Congregation in Broken Hill. We were able to send them \$430!!

Jack writes: "The money that has been donated to us this year, half will be given to families who have very little or nothing. We gave some money to a single father who has five children. He cried when we handed him the money and said that the money would pay for food for Christmas. Please let your people know how grateful we are. Thank them for their generosity. God bless you all."

Wesley Dalmar

Wesley Dalmar began its life in 1893 as the Central Mission Home for neglected children in Woolloomooloo. 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.

You can give to Dalmar through the Mission of the Month section of the offering envelopes.

Christmas Bowl Envelopes will be made available the Sunday prior to Christmas and at the Christmas Services. You can return the Christmas Bowl Envelopes in the offering bowls, or send directly to Christmas Bowl.

Belrose Uniting Church
Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose
TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN
GOOD NEWSWEEK



Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from Frenchs Forest to Terrey Hills; from the beaches to the bush, since 1916.

Who are we? We are all about following Jesus.

We are part of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations of the UCA, joining with other UCA Congregations in contending for the Biblical faith: *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.

20th December 2020 – Advent 4

Countdown to Christmas: Lessons and Carols

9.30 am Morning Church

Service Leader: Ross Swadling

Music: Allan Leslie

Welcoming: Tova Swadling & Joan Sena

Preacher: Ross Swadling

Reader: Various

Flowers: Tova Swadling

Morning Tea will be served – please observe Covid-19 Safety protocols and the directions of the Morning Tea Servers.

5.30 pm Evening Church *The Kingdom of God in Mark's Gospel*

The Kingdom's Glory Mark Ch 9

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Preacher: Ian Weeks

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "**This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!**" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. (Mark 9:2 – 4, 7, 8)

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We want to be a Covid-19 Safe Place

We will continue to observe Covid-19 Safety protocols:

- * please make use of the hand sanitiser at the welcome desk
- * make sure you are signed in at the welcome desk
- * physical distancing 1.5 metres apart

*** We can sing!! But only if you wear a mask – we have a supply of masks at the welcome desk**

- * please use the wipes provided to sanitise your pew after the service

Thank you to all who participated in the recent Clean-up Working Bee – we got a lot done and the grounds look much tidier. The Toys in the Morning Tea Room are much cleaner now too!!

Christmas Week @ BUC

But the angel said to them, *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. “* Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”* Luke 2:10 - 14

Praying you have a safe and blessed Christmas.

Thursday 24th Dec Christmas Eve Service 6.30pm

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Bible Reading: Matthew 1:18 – 25

Music: Allan Leslie & Ian Weeks

Friday 25th Dec Christmas Day Service 9.00 am

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Bible Reading: Matthew 1:18 - 25

Music: Gwen Gatford

Rev Ian & Anne Weeks will be on annual leave from Sunday 27th December through to Monday 11th January 2021. Subsequently, there will be one *Newsweek* produced to cover those Sundays when Ian is away, so any inclusions in the *Newsweek* for those weeks need to be with Ian by Thursday 24th December.

Next Sunday 27th December 2020

9.30 am Morning Church

Service Leader: Ross Swadling

Preacher: Ross Swadling

Music: Allan Leslie

Reader:

Welcoming: Don & Chris Black

Flowers: Tova Swadling

AM Sermon Notes *Lessons and Carols*

PM Sermon Notes Theme: *The Kingdom of God in Mark's Gospel* *The Kingdom's Glory* Mark Ch 9:2 - 13

1. The Kingdom of God – It's All About Jesus

Who is this man?

“The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the son of God.” (Mark 1:1)

Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: *“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”* (Mark 1:10,11)

2. The Kingdom's Glory Foreshadowed vv 2 - 8

* A glory surpassing the Law and the Prophets

* A glory overwhelming

* A glory confirmed

3. The Kingdom's Glory Revealed vv 7 - 13

The Kingdom's glory is revealed in the glory of the Kingdom's King:

* By the “Coronation” of the King

* By the suffering of the King (Mark 15:39; John 3:13 – 15)

* By the resurrection of the King (John 8:28 – 30)

4. Our Response?