

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

For I, Yahweh your God, hold your right hand and say to you: 'Do not fear, I will help you.' Isaiah 41 v 13

The next Congregation Prayer Meeting will be on Thursday 10th Dec at 11.00 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

- * **SRE Classes at Belrose Public School** every Wednesday morning.
- * **FACE High School SRE** at Forest (Thursdays) and Davidson High (Mondays) with Henri & the Team

Healing, Strength & Comfort for:

- * Heather Broadbent & Family on the recent death of Len.
- * Gordon Allan recovering from pacemaker implant surgery
- * Gordon Richardson
- * Dianna Amos
- * Denis Wall recovering from knee surgery

Our Mission Partners:

- * Wayne & Mandy with CMS at Nungalinga College Darwin, preparing for their retirement at the end of this year.
- * Bruce & Kathy currently spending time with family but hoping to return to Africa in January with *Wycliffe Bible Translators*
- * The Edwardes Family in Ireland working with *Pioneers*

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:**



Uniting Aboriginal & Islander
Christian Congress

**Pastor Jack
Harradine & the
UAICC Church
in 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. Can you help?"

Please take an envelope from our Christmas tree in the Foyer and place your donation in the envelope in the Bowl on the table in the foyer.

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.

**Church Ground Working Bee & Tidy Up.
Saturday 12th December from 8.00 am**

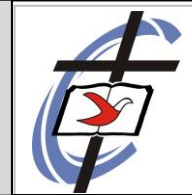
Mowing, raking, rubbish removal (a trailer would be handy), dusting, cob-webbing, general tidy up ready for Christmas.

All hands great & small appreciated.

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.

**Sunday 6th December 2020
Advent 2**

Countdown to Christmas: Christmas in a crisis?

Bible Reading: Malachi 2:17 – 3:1 & 4:1 - 5

9.30 am Morning Church

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Music: Allan Leslie

Welcoming: Venessa Crane & Allison Pitt

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Reader: Tova Swadling

Flowers: Ann Keiller

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" - "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:1 – 4

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

The Kingdom's Power Mark Ch 5

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Pastor: Rev Ian Weeks

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Wednesday – Monday (Tuesday off)

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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
- * please wear a mask – we have a supply of masks at the welcome desk
- * we will still refrain from singing for the time being
- * **please use the wipes provided to sanitise your pew after the service**

Next Sunday 13th December 2020 – Advent 3
Celebrating The Lord's Supper
Countdown to Christmas: Good news in a crisis
Bible Reading: Matthew 1:18 -24

9.30 am Morning Church

Service Leader: Ian Weeks
Music: Gwen Gatford
Welcoming:

Preacher: Ian Weeks
Reader: Seni Piukala
Flowers: Helen Meillon

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

The Kingdom's Costs Mark Ch 6

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WHAT'S ON @ BUC – Mark Your Diary for DECEMBER 2020

(Please note that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, some activities may not yet be able to be held on the Church premises.)

Creations on the Corner – Sewing Crafts etc - every Monday 10am – noon during School Term. Contact Beck Keiller or Anne Weeks for more info

Tues 8 th	Men's <i>Fishers Lunch</i> – RSVP to Allan Leslie	12 noon
Thurs 10 th	Congregation Prayer Meeting	11.00 am
Sat 12 th	Working Bee at Church	8.00 am
Thurs 17 th	Congregation Prayer Meeting	7.30 pm
Thurs 24 th	Christmas Eve Service	6.30 pm
Fri 25 th	Christmas Day Service	9.00 am

The UCA Synod of NSW/ACT is meeting in 2021 by Zoom.

The Presbytery is looking for people to represent us in the Synod meeting. The **virtual meeting** will be held in segments of 2 – 3 hours spread over a number of months starting from Saturday 13th Feb and until Sat 7th Aug – all the details are on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Rev Ian if you are interested to be nominated.

AM Sermon Notes Advent Series: *Christmas in a crisis*

A People in Crisis Malachi 2:17 – 4:5

1. Crisis? What Crisis? Malachi 2:17

Is Christmas in a crisis?

Malachi: * Approx 450 BC, means “messenger”
* the last of the prophets before the “Silence”

The people: * disillusioned, complaining

2. God's Response Malachi 3: 1 – 18

- i) A Messenger is coming v 1 - 4
- ii) Be careful what you ask for! v 5
- iii) Patient grace v 6
- iv) Turn or burn! vv 7 – 15
- v) Grace abounds vv 16 – 18

3. Thy Kingdom Come! Malachi 4:1 – 5

The Day IS coming! A long wait

4. Christmas 2020

We are still waiting, but

PM Sermon Notes Theme: *The Kingdom of God in Mark's Gospel*

The Kingdom's Power Mark Ch 5

1. Jesus – announcing the Kingdom of God

2. The Kingdom's Power at Work Mark Ch 5

- Release of the captives;
- i) Jesus' power over evil vv 1 - 20
 - ii) Jesus' power over death & disease vv 21 - 43

3. How Big is Your God?