

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 17th Dec at 7.30 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

* **SRE Classes at Belrose Public School** has finished for the year, but please pray for Ian's Year 6 Class as they go to High School in 2021

* **FACE High School SRE** at Forest (Thursdays) and Davidson High (Mondays) with Henri & the Team

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, and the many treasured memories of friendship at BUC
- * 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 Tuesday. 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.

**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 Directory Update

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

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 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: David & Nicola Pengilly

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Reader: Seni Piukala

Flowers: Helen Meillon

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"
(which means "God with us"). (Matthew 1:22, 23)

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

The Kingdom Costs Mark Ch 6

Service Leader: Ian Weeks

Preacher: Ian Weeks

Pastor: Rev Ian Weeks
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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

Next Sunday 20th December 2020 – Advent 4 Countdown to Christmas: Lessons and Carols

From 9.00 am – Come early to hear (& sing?) some newer and perhaps alternative Christmas Carols – give your requests to Allan Leslie

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

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

Thurs 17th Congregation Prayer Meeting – last one for 2020!! **7.30 pm**

Thurs 24th **Christmas Eve Service - note the time!!!** **6.30 pm**

Fri 25th **Christmas Day Service - note the time!!!** **9.00 am**

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.

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

***Good News in a Crisis* Matthew 1:18 - 25**

1. A People Longing for Good News

A glimmer of hope

Not quite “normal”

The promise of the Old Testament:

2. Good News!

Matt 1:18 - 25

Patience rewarded:

i) A promise fulfilled

v 18

ii) God is here for the “guilty” and the victim

vv 19 - 21

iii) The God who is not distant

vv 22, 23

3. Good News in a Crisis

God has not forgotten His promise

God is not socially distant

God is with us

God is for us

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

***The Kingdom Costs* Mark Ch 6**

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

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

The Kingly rule of God in Jesus Christ – a rule which will bring untold blessings to those who are ready to receive it.

So far

2. The Kingdom Costs

Mark Ch 6

Belonging to the Kingdom will be costly

The Kingdom costs:

i) Our

ii) Our

iii) Our

iv) Our

v) Our

3. But A Treasure is Worth the Price!

i) God will use us!

ii) People will respond!

iii) There is eternal life!

iv) We see God at work!