

**AM Sermon Notes Series: 2021 Resolutions**  
**#1 "This Year I WON'T be Religious!" 2 Peter 1:1 - 11**

**1. New Year's Resolutions**

A New Year – new challenges, new opportunities, new resolve?

Try this one: "This year, I won't be religious!"

**2. How to be a Christian without being Religious 2 Peter 1:1 - 4**

Peter's joy - praising God for God's gifts:

Through God's goodness we have ....

And by Faith we can .....

Through knowing God we have:

Being a Christian is by exercising this gift of faith!

**3. The Benefits of Exercising Our Faith 2 Peter 1:5 – 11**

Participating in the "divine nature" – becoming more like Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, by:

\* growing.....

\* being .....

\* being .....

**4. Religion Vs Relationship**

Our Godliness comes through .....

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**PM Sermon Notes Series: Meeting the Real Jesus**

**#1 The Baby Beyond the Manger Luke 2: 21 – 35**

**1. The Christmas Myths**

Gentle Jesus meek & mild .... "no crying he makes .."

Discovering the "real" Jesus

**2. The Baby Beyond the Manger**

**Luke 2:21 - 35**

The baby of promise.

The baby of salvation.

The baby of judgement.

The baby of death.



**Belrose Uniting Church**

*in the Assembly of Confessing Congregations  
of the Uniting Church in Australia*

Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose

**We aim TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN**

**GOOD NEWSWEEK**

*Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world 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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

9.30 am Morning Church **Series: 2021 Resolutions:**

**#1 "This Year I WON'T Be Religious!"** Bible Reading: 2 Peter 1:1 - 11

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks

**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

**Music:** Allan Leslie

**Reader:** Helen Meillon

**Welcoming:** Venessa C & Allison P

**Flowers:** Jan McGuire

**Morning Tea:** Piukala Family

**Today we celebrate with Timote & Lily Piukala on the occasion of the Baptism of Paula (Paul).** *The Piukala Family invite us to stay for Morning Tea after the service – Enjoy! But observe Covid protocols.*

5.30 pm Evening Church **Series: Meeting the Real Jesus**

**#1 The Baby Beyond the Manger** Luke 2: 21 - 35

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**Normal Sunday Services**  
9:30am & 5.30pm



## Good Newsweek is the weekly news sheet of BUC.

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.

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### Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at both Services.

9.30 am Morning Church

**Theme: 2021 Resolutions: #2 "No Fake News!"**

Bible Reading: 2 Peter 1:12 – 2:3

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks

**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

**Music:** Gwen Gatford

**Reader:** Anne Weeks

**Welcoming:** D & N Pengilly

**Flowers:** Margaret McDonald

5.30 pm Evening Church

**Series: Meeting the Real Jesus**

**#2 The Jesus Who is Like Us – And Yet Not!** Luke 3: 21 - 37

**Service Leader:** Anne Weeks

**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

### WHAT'S ON @ BUC – Update your 2021 diaries

Property/room bookings to Denis Wall: [deniswall30@gmail.com](mailto:deniswall30@gmail.com)

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

**Thurs 28th Jan**

Congregation Prayer meeting

**11.00 am**

**On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January** we will welcome **Wayne Oldfield and Mandy Jones** – our mission partners working with CMS at Nungalinya College, Darwin. They will be at both services on that Sunday, and will be available during the following week for any invitations to share with groups.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Church Council Meeting** – Any Agenda Items to Rev Ian

### January Mission of the Month:

*Sydney Central Coast Presbytery Levy:*

*A Catalyst for Growing Generous, Inclusive, and Courageous Churches*

The Presbytery is the regional council of the UCA which has the responsibility for the pastoral care of the Congregations and Ministers within its bounds, and to facilitate mission and ministry.

The Sydney Central Coast Presbytery extends from north of Sydney Harbour, out to Beecroft, Ryde, and Cherrybrook, and up to the northern end of the Central Coast.

Through our Presbytery Levy we seek to encourage other Congregations in ministry within our Presbytery.



**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. The monthly **Prayer Diary** has people and events listed each day to pray for.

**Our Congregation prayer gatherings are held weekly – alternating Thursdays at 11.00 am & 7.30 pm – Next Prayer Meeting: Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at 11.00 am.**

#### James 5:16

*Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

##### Healing, Strength & Comfort for:

- \* Those recovering from surgery/illnesses: Gordon Allan; Denis Wall; Dianna Amos
- \* Those grieving the loss of loved ones: Charles Cox & Family; Heather Broadbent & Family; Family of Rev Bob Coleman
- \* Those who are struggling with Covid-19 lockdown restriction; disappointment over holiday plans, and missing contact with family and friends

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- \* The war against Covid19
- \* Refreshing and healthy holidays
- \* Evangelistic opportunities to share the Gospel
- \* Our Church leaders as we prepare for new things in 2021

**Good News:  
The Church landline  
Phone is on again  
at last!!  
Ph 9451 3916**

**Have a prayer request?**\*Email: [prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au)

\*Give to Rev. Ian or \*Place a note in the prayer box near Church front door.

#### When you come to Church

- \* **Wear a mask**
  - \* **Bring your phone to scan the NSW Health QR Code to register your attendance**
- OR make sure you register manually with Anne Weeks**
- \* **Use the hand sanitiser**
  - \* **Observe physical distancing**

**Good News Quarterly** will be coming out again soon.  
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