



Welcome to Burwood Uniting Church

Grounded in Faith/Engaged in the World, BUC is called
To know God personally and God's mission for the world
To be an adventurous Christ-Centred Community
To relate through God's reconciling love, to all people
To respond faithfully to the urging of the Spirit

Sunday 19th December 2021

**A special welcome to first time worshippers.
May you be blessed through your time with us.**

This service is being livestreamed so please join us in **LIVE** worship at 10.00am AEDT at this link [BUC service live 19th December](#)

If you miss the start or wish to view it later, just open YouTube on your TV or IT device and search for "Burwood Uniting Church Melbourne".

Worship led by Rev. John Mann and Glenys Borland.

SONG OF WELCOME **TIS 272** *Come, thou long expected Jesus.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE

WE SING *Light a candle bright and tall (v4 only).*

WELCOME & NOTICES

WE SING **TIS 161** *Tell out my soul.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

BELONGING

SCRIPTURE READINGS Micah 5:2-5(a)
Hewbrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-55

WE SING **TIS 287** *No wind at the window.*

THE JOURNEY

MUSIC REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF OFFERING **TIS 292** *Infant Holy.*

SENDING OUT & BLESSING

SONG OF BLESSING **TIS 779** *May the feet of God walk with you.*

PEW SHEET : Please forward all notices to **RICHARD** richard.hedding@gmail.com by Wednesday 5.00pm. Please state for which date/s you need your notice to be listed. Neither the church email, nor the Office will be accessed for this process, so do not leave any messages in the Office.

PRAYER NETWORK: If you require prayers at any time until the end of December, please send your emails to Jenny Stone as the Perrys will be away on holidays. grajenstone@bigpond.com Additional prayers will be circulated as needed.



BUC Prayer Focus:

- Give thanks for God's coming amongst us in Jesus
- May his presence bring new life and hope to our lives and ministries.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE: 7.30pm **Worship Leader:** Rev John Mann

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: 9.30am **Worship Leader:** Rev John Mann

SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER: 10.00am COMMUNION. **Worship Leaders:** Rev John Mann, Jane Jamison. Lectionary Readings: 1 Sm 2:18-20, 26; Ps 148 ;Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

BUC CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS: These cards are found in the foyer. Please take a bundle and share this message with your neighbours and friends. Thank you to those who assisted in the distribution.

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES AT BUC DURING DECEMBER. We are celebrating the opportunity to worship and gather in groups again. Please respect people's space. Proof of full vaccination or medical exemption will be required for any one over the age of 12 as you check in; without this you will be unable to attend on that day.

The vaccination proof can be presented as one of the following:

1. Vaccination certificate connected into the Services Victoria Check-in App.
2. Vaccination certificate in your smartphone wallet
3. Digital or printed vaccination certificate issued by Aus.Govt along with photo ID
4. Digital or printed medical certificate or letter of exemption from an authorized medical professional along with photo ID

10.00am SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: Those who have proof of vaccination status can join us in person. Please contact John if this is a problem for you. On line worship continues and all are welcome to join us there.

ACTIVITIES: Watch the notices and emails for details of other gatherings.

CHRISTMAS BOWL: Donations can be made on line or contact Alan Bailey to make another arrangement. Those attending Sunday worship can bring their donation in a labeled envelope and it will be forwarded. <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/>

BURWOOD HEIGHTS UC invite you to their Carols Service at 7.00pm on Sunday December 19th. This will feature a very special male quartet: "The Couriers". We will all get to sing our favourite carols along with them. Come and enjoy!

DONATIONS of long life food, toiletries and cleaning products continue to be passed on to Neighbourhood House (BNH), Uniting East Burwood and Camcare. A certificate of appreciation from BNH is displayed in the foyer.

COLLECTION OF MILK TOPS AND BREAD TAGS: Please note collection for recycling will finish on Sunday 2nd January. Likewise after this date, our Daily Bible Reading booklet 'With Love to the World' will be taken to the BUC Mission Liaison Group for them to send overseas. Please be aware that used stamps are still being collected for Sammy Stamp. Thank you all for your continued participation in these projects. Any queries please contact Jenny Godden.

DUTY ROSTER: Thanks to all who reviewed the draft 2022 duty roster, the final roster has now been distributed. Please have a look and note the relevant dates in your diary. Many thanks, Jane

IMPORTANT DATE FOR 2022: Sunday 16 January Rev Dr Sunny Chen will join us after worship to share thoughts on differing possibilities open to congregations as we look to our ministry in 2022 and beyond. Morning tea will be available. More details later.

BUC CALENDAR NOVEMBER - JANUARY 2022: The calendar of events for November to January 2022 is now posted on the website (Communications page). There are hardcopies available in the foyer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES – December 2021. (Synod).

23rd. 1996: Wik Decision (Native Title).

CONTACTS

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday Worship: 10.00 am: Face to face in the Worship Centre

Communion: 10.00am 4th Sunday

Messy Church: 5.00pm 4th Saturday of the month (Feb-Nov)