



Congratulations to Bracken Brinkworth
10 on the 20th!

Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.

4th Sunday



of Advent.

Lectionary Readings next week

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26, Psalm 148,
Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52.

Caloundra Uniting Church

9.30am Worship.

Messy Church 4th Saturday of the month Feb – November.

Christmas services: Christmas Eve 7 p.m. Christmas Day 8 a.m.

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For Pastoral care contact Rev. Gwen Fisher
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Prayer requests:

Wednesday Prayer group contact May G. 5491 3764.

Email prayer chain contact Brenda S. 0408 467 072.

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9-1 p.m.

For those who wish to make an offering by direct debit:

Name: UCA - Caloundra Congregation

BSB: 334 040 Account Number: 5538 665 68



Caloundra Uniting

Weekly Notices 19th December 2021



The Way of Love

From the choice of the lowly, unmarried Mary to the birth in an animal barn, God comes to our human existence in an unexpected way.

The story of the nativity reminds us that God humbly enters into our existence through sacrifice and love.

It is the ultimate act of solidarity and compassion.

It is the beginning of the deep and real work of God being true at-one-ment with us in Christ.

This God being with us starts in a manger and reaches fulfilment in crucifixion, with a powerful epilogue of resurrection.

The way to the manger needs to remember and foreshadow the way of the cross.

All of this is the story of how deeply God loves us and how this love is literally embodied in Jesus, and this is all part of teaching us what it means to be a part of God's family.

As the Bible states, we are God's family and God is here with us.

Rev. Gwen

WHERE FAITH MEETS LIFE

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Gubbi Gubbi people, and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future.

This Week's Activities

Monday 20th 7 p.m. Bible study at the Harding residence Julie-Anne 0401 333 774. "The Advent Conspiracy". Then in recess until February. Details late January.

Wednesday: Prayer Group In recess until January 13th. May G . 5491 3764.

OWLS will resume on **Saturday 8th January** at the Power Boat club for morning tea at 10 a.m. Lorraine 5493 7470.

EVERYTHING IN COMMON GIFT CARDS – Still a few left! Last chance today! Extra Christmas Greeting Cards arrived this week if you have run out - \$15 per pack of 8 cards.

COVID VACCINATION A message from Synod

Synod is urging us all to be vaccinated and is requiring all Ministry Agents, Synod Office Staff and Staff of Synod Office Enterprises to be vaccinated. Church Council asks us all to consider the wellbeing of all members of the congregation and of visitors to our worship over the holiday season by seeking vaccinations. Let us care for each other.

If you are not comfortable with completely open face-to-face worship, there are options available: there will be masks available at the door, or there are several on-line services available as an alternative, (details via the Synod website). Our own church is working towards being able to stream our Sunday services.



"Celebrating Gwenda Paddle's 91st birthday at One Table Café at Meridian Plains with some of the Craft Coffee and Chat Group. With Gwenda is Margaret G, Margaret T, Trish, Noela and Ivy. So good to celebrate this birthday as we missed her 90th birthday last year" with COVID". Happy Birthday Gwenda for 17th December.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have generously supported the Salvation Army Hamper collection! A great way of supporting those in need at Christmas time.

Thank you –May Thomas

My sincere thanks to all who sent me cards and messages on the occasion of my 80th. Very much appreciated and I value your love and friendship. Thanks to God for health

REMEMBER!

With Love to the World subscriptions are due now. \$24 for 4 copies throughout the year. A thoughtful way of readings and comments in line with weekly lectionary readings.

The office will close on the 23rd December and re-open on the 13th January '22.

The 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month need to be filled on the PA system. It is all set up and does not require much. Please help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Orange Sky Breakfasts

Both men & women eligible! In fact, many of the clients are men & would welcome a male to talk to!



Can you make tea and toast?

Can you lend a listening ear to those in need?

Can you spare a Friday morning every month or so?

If so – this is for you! Orange Sky Breakfasts next year! Fridays 9 – 11am. Interested? Contact Judy 0458 997876

CHRISTMAS BOWL – Envelopes available at the door.

Return either directly to them or in the Offering at church.

The Christmas Bowl is one of the longest standing Christmas appeals in Australia. It was established in 1949 by **Rev Frank Byatt** to raise money for refugees post WW2. On Christmas Day that year, Frank put a Bowl of Remembrance on the dinner table and asked his family to place a gift inside to help those less fortunate than themselves.

We still do this today! Collect your envelope in readiness!

Finance Update.

BELLS Faith Community have agreed to enter into a new rental agreement for 2022 on the Bangalore Close Manse @ \$420.00 per week. Our Budget for 2022 is still very tight. A way to improve the situation is by 50 members of our congregation giving \$1.40 or \$1.50 extra each per week. (Less than half the cost of a cup of coffee). Please give this your consideration. Thanks. Ron Robinson Treasurer

Services: 24th and 25th Rev. Gwen Fisher
26th December Rev. Dr. Alan Morrison