



### **Lectionary Readings next week**

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14,  
John 1:1-18.

### **Caloundra Uniting Church**

9.30am Worship.

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

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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 26th December 2021

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The Child who has come.

Of our four Gospels only Luke, in our Gospel reading to-day, has anything to say about the period between the birth of Jesus and the beginning of the ministry.

What Luke says contrasts sharply with the apocryphal Gospels, where for example we find Jesus and his friends fashioning birds from clay, but then Jesus waves his hands and the birds he has fashioned fly away.

The emphasis there is on the difference between Jesus and other people. The Gospels, on the other hand emphasise the oneness of Jesus with other people, so even at this early stage we see Jesus as someone approaching manhood who sees the need to find out more about God and the relationship that exists between them.

While there are some aspects of this story that make us stop and question, the emphasis on the relationship with God as primary, and the need to continue asking questions about how we relate to and respond to the call of God on our lives remains something that we all must take on as a life-long project.

**Rev. Dr. Alan**

**WHERE FAITH MEETS LIFE**

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### **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.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Morrison preaching today.

### **POWER INTERRUPTION –**

There will be no power at the church complex on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The Church electricians will be installing a new sub board in the hall. George Thomas Chair – Property Committee)

### **January services:**

2nd : Rev. Gwen, 9th : Rev. Gwen , 16th : Rev. Robin, 23rd: Rev. Gwen.

### **Lectionary Readings:**

Jan 9th '22 : Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17,21-22.

Jan 16th: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11.

### **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.

### **REMEMBER!**

***With Love to the World subscriptions are due now. There are 7 unanswered spots still. Please let the office know if you do not want to continue receiving copies. Thanks.***

**The office** will close from the 24th December and re-open on the 18th 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!***

### **CHRISTMAS BOWL**

Your gift will go towards providing help for those in need. Established in 1949, this appeal challenged people to put a bowl on their table and invite donations, remembering others as they shared the meal. It continues today! Envelopes available at the door and can be returned directly or via our offering basket today or over the next week or two.

### **EVERYTHING IN COMMON - THANK YOU SO MUCH**

Total sales this year, including cash sales, cheques, and on-line sales processed here have totalled more than \$2500 – and a number of people have also purchased direct from Uniting World. Those in countries where these projects are in operation, and Uniting World which runs the projects, thank you!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Orange Sky Breakfasts**

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



### **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