

# Adare Uniting Church — Update 50, 14th December 2023



Granite Island south

Photo courtesy Pip Burfield

## SERVICE & PREACHING PLAN:

Sun Dec 17th – Rev'd J McWhinney \*

Sun Dec 24th **Christmas Eve**

9.30 am – Rev'd J McWhinney

7.00 pm – Rev'd J McWhinney

Mon Dec 25th **Christmas Day**

9.30 am – Rev'd J McWhinney

Sun Dec 31st – Rev'd J McWhinney \*

Sun Jan 1st – Rev'd J McWhinney HC

*\* Indicates morning tea after the service.*

## LECTIONARY READINGS:

**Sunday 17th December**

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

Psalm 126 or

Luke 1:46b–55

1 Thess 5:16–124

John 1:6–8, 19–28

## PEOPLE:

This month Peter Smithson is preaching at Strathalbyn and Yilki and Jim Hayward is preaching at Macclesfield.

## JANICE's day off

next week will be Thursday 21st December.

## CHRISTMAS EVE:



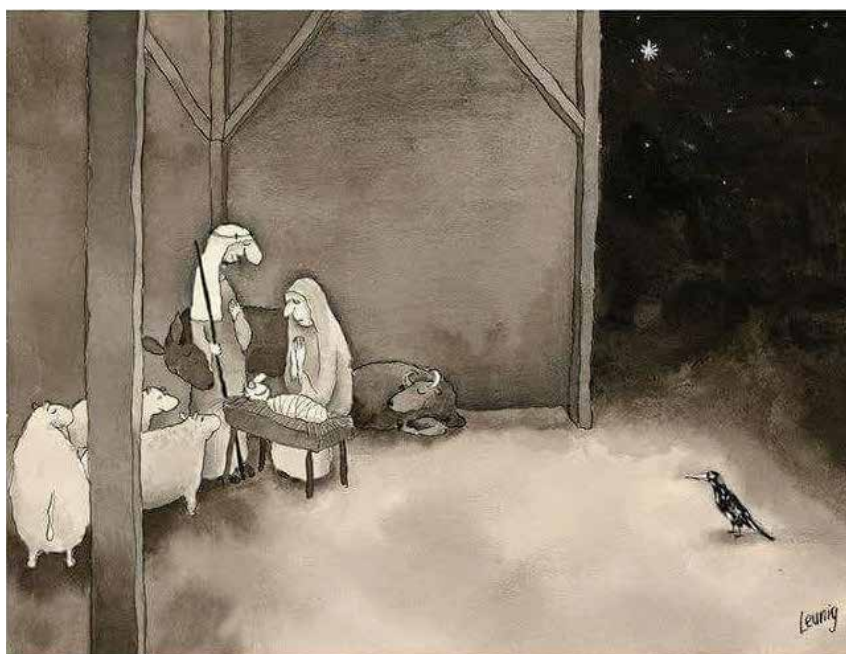
**Morning Service, 9.30 am**

Nativity Sets - Share the JOY!

On the Christmas Eve there will be a small display of 'Nativity sets' owned by members of the congregation. If you have a one you're invited to bring it to Church and place it on the table in the foyer before the morning service begins.

**Evening Service 7 pm**

Readers are wanted for the evening service on Christmas Eve. Please contact Janice on 0416 106 518 or email [jmcwhinney@bigpond.com](mailto:jmcwhinney@bigpond.com).



*The adoration of the magpie*

## BIRTHDAYS:

Carol Hubbard	14/12
Helen Pratt	17/12
Carolyn Oors	17/12
Joyce Baxter	18/12
Marlene Winkler	21/12
Maxine Davies	23/12
Lesley Mableson	27/12
Joyce Baxter	18/12
Marlene Winkler	21/12

\* A Big 'O' Birthday.

### BIRTHDAY SURPRISES:

When your birthday is listed, please check your pigeon-hole and receive your birthday surprise!

## Notices from the Church Office:

We have started a review of congregation members' details for the Church Directory for 2024. To assist with this, the current directory details will be placed on the table in the Church Foyer each Sunday during December.

Please review your details and update if any changes are required. Even if no changes are needed, please tick and initial against your name(s).

The office will be closed during the Christmas to New Year week and there will NOT be an Update produced.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Pat & Janet

# Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

## FINDING JOY IN RESILIENCE



**Twelve long years have passed since Rima\*, her husband Kateb\*, and their five children fled their beloved home in Syria as the devastating civil war unfolded. Their once-happy life, built around a flourishing farm cultivating pistachios, olives and potatoes, was abruptly shattered by the conflict.**

Forced to leave everything behind, they sought refuge in Jordan, carrying with them only the essentials. Since then, the family have been living as refugees in Jordan. With no way to work and earn an income, life is a struggle just to get by. The little money they have goes to paying for water and gas, and to meet the basic needs of their family.

With global attention now moved on to other crises, families like Rima's worry that the world has forgotten their plight.

Thankfully, Act for Peace's partner in Jordan, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), has been supporting Syrian refugees since the war began, providing vital food packages and hygiene kits, as well as the long-term support they need to rebuild their lives.



Rima\* makes kubba in the makeshift kitchen of their tent home. Rima cooks and sells kubba to neighbours and friends to earn a small income to provide for her family.



\*Name changed for safety reasons

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Ken & Lesley Mableson  
18/12/1971

Pip & Sue Burfield  
19/12/1964

Mark & Thelma Zma  
22/12/1962

Dennis & Trish Williams  
23/12/1969

**The Oldest Computer  
Was Owned By Adam  
And Eve. It Was An  
Apple With Very Limited  
Memory. Just 1 Byte  
And Everything  
Crashed!**



## The Act for Peace - Christmas Bowl Appeal

you can make your donation via Adare's unique donation page link: [mycb.link/47679](https://mycb.link/47679).





At our congregational AGM, our financial position was made very clear. Lindsay, our treasurer, suggested that it would be very helpful if more people would use eGive as a way of weekly giving. The way to set this up online is as follows:

Type in 'Uniting Church SA UC Invest egive'. You will find a 2 page application form to fill out and you have the option of a direct debit from your bank account or a monthly payment from your credit card.

I hope this is helpful.

*Lesley Mablesen,*  
Church Council chairperson

### Victor Harbor Beach Mission

held in the NRMA beachfront holiday park, is looking for a few more volunteers to help with the outreach and activities over the New Year and into January.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute, either in part or all, please contact the SU Team Leader, David Folland, at [thebigtent@suteams.org.au](mailto:thebigtent@suteams.org.au).

**LIVE ARTS AT NEWLAND**  
PRESENTS  
**The Sounds of Christmas at Newland.**  
With great Christmas music by top entertainer **Paul Mesecke** and with performances by the 4 highly talented **Gomez Family** called **4tune8**.

Come along and join in the community singing of some great Christmas music.

**SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER 7:30pm**

20 Victoria St, Victor Harbor  
NEWLAND UNITING CHURCH

### What does Christmas mean to you?

I invite you to write a short sentence or two on your thoughts: "What Christmas means to me."

Please email Janice at  
[jmcwhinney@bigpond.com](mailto:jmcwhinney@bigpond.com)

I'll read out a few during the  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
Services.



# Join the Choir of **ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL**

For an inspiring night of candles, carols and readings  
celebrating the Story of Christmas.

**Your Invitation to a  
Very Special and  
Exciting Community  
Event.**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Newland Church  
Victoria Street, Victor Harbor.**



Led by Cathedral Director of Music, Anthony Hunt  
and Cathedral Organist, David Heah

The combined churches of Victor Harbor and the South Coast cordially invite you and your guest to attend a special presentation of Christmas Music by the Choir of St Peter's Anglican Cathedral (Adelaide), in the historic Newland Church in Victor Harbor on Thursday evening, the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7:00pm.

The beautiful and iconic Victor Harbor Newland Church will be transformed by candles, music and voices for this special community event in which the Choir, under the direction of Cathedral Musical Director and with the Cathedral Organist, will perform in the much-loved King's College (England) style, the music of Christmas.

Sure to be a highlight of the festive season, this special event will include audience participation as well as the involvement of various leaders & members of the local churches and community groups.

This is a free non-ticketed community event and there will be an opportunity for donations in support of the work of Pastoral Support Workers (school chaplains) to provide vital services to our children in local schools.

We look forward to having you join us for this special community occasion.

**Chair: Newland-Pt.Elliot UC**

**RSVP:** Geoff Penhall at [geoff.penhall@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.penhall@gmail.com) / phone 0428 652 221 by **11 Dec. 2023**

Rev Anne Butler and members of the Newland-Port Elliot Uniting Church are proud to host this event.