

December
4, 2022

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SUNDAYS

- All age Worship Service @ 9:30AM
- KUCA* (Sunday School) during school terms
- CONNECT families ministry 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 5:00PM

*Kids of Uniting Church in Australia

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

**"Repent for the Kingdom of God is near",
"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him":**

These were the words that John the Baptist speaks out and people are drawn to him. Those who come to him are from "Jerusalem and all Judea and all the country around the Jordan." Those baptised by John dreamed of a new life; a new way and made a commitment to prepare for the new things God was doing. Baptism denoted repentance and a desire to live in a new way.

We too are called to prepare the way of the Lord. We are being called to live our lives in a Godly way. Advent is a period of taking stock of our lives and re adjusting aspects of our life where we should .

It is good to reflect from time to time of the changes that you can make, whether it be in your attitudes or in your behaviours, that might be in the way of people seeing Christ in your life.

This week's focus is on peace. May you find yourself being at peace with God as you become open to the small changes that might need to happen in your life for others to see Jesus in you.

Rev Russell

Lectionary Readings for December 4, 2022 ADVENT 2

Isaiah	11:1-10
Psalms	72:1-7, 18-19
Romans	15:4-13
Matthew	3:1-12

Lectionary Readings for December 11, 2022 ADVENT 3

Isaiah	35:1-10
Psalms	146:5-10
Luke	1:46b-55
James	5:7-10
Matthew	11:2-11



2nd Hand Book Stall, December 5-10

Volunteers needed for to help sell second hand books (gold coin donation) at the Forest Lake shopping centre. Please talk to Lorraine C.

Blessing Day, December 17th

Volunteers needed for to help set up on Friday, December 16th and to distribute gifts on Saturday, December 17th. Further details in notice.

Gift Wrapping @ Forest Lake Village, December 15

Can you volunteer a couple of hours to wrap gifts prior to Christmas at the shopping centre? Sign up sheet on WELCOMING TABLE. Any question please contact Leanne on 040 386 0074.

PEACE

Blessing Day - Dec 17th

Would you like to be a part of a ministry that blesses families who struggle at this time of the year? Then we need YOU!

What do we need to make this a reality?

Friday, Dec 16th: Helping hands to assist with setting up

Saturday Dec 17th: Folk who are willing to be a friendly face and to assist with stocking and distributing of gifts.

Donations 1: \$50 to go towards a food hamper for each family

Donations 2: New gifts (or money in lieu) needed for both boys and girls -
Ages 0-2 years
Ages 9-12 years,
Ages 13-17 years

If you can help, please contact Tara on 0429 936 964.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE
ONLINE PLEASE USE OUR
DETAILS BELOW.

NAME: FOREST LAKE
UNITING CHURCH

BSB: 638 060

ACCOUNT NO:
13233238

Community Life Uniting Church Offering July - Oct 2022



COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:

- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta Sauce (not Pasta)

Please drop items off in the church collection tub or deliver to Leanne in the church office.



COME ALONG AND JOIN A GROUP

TIME	GROUP	LOCATION	CONTACT
MONDAY 9:30 - 11:00AM DURING SCHOOL TERMS	CHAT 'N PLAY playgroup	CHATZ playground	Tara R 0429 936 964
MONDAY 6:45 - 8:45PM	LADIES BIBLESTUDY	OP SHOP sorting room	Leanne C 0403 860 074
MONDAY 7:00 - 8:45PM	MENS BIBLESTUDY	CHATZ	Rev Russell 0429 472 567
WEDNESDAY (9:30AM COFFEE & CHAT) 10:00 - 11:30AM	LADIES BIBLESTUDY	KUCA Room Leichhardt Building (Church Hall)	Pam K 0413 316 737
THURSDAY 6:30 - 7:00PM	PRAYER GROUP	ZOOM meeting	Rev Russell 0429 472 567
SUNDAY 9:30 - 10:45AM DURING SCHOOL TERMS	KUCA Kids of Uniting Church in Australia (Sunday School)	KUCA Room (Prep - Yr6)	Melloney B 0412 024 458

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Please email contributions by Wednesday midday
for Friday emailing day.

Calendar Dates to note:

Saturday, December 3	Forest Lake Community Carols @ Forest Lake State School Christmas markets & carnival rides 2:00 - 6:00pm Christmas Carols 6:00 - 8:00pm
Sunday, December 4	Advent 2
Monday - Saturday, December 5 - 10	2nd Hand Book Stall @ Forest Lake Village Shopping Centre Volunteers needed. See Lorraine C.
Sunday, December 11	Advent 3
Sunday, December 11	Rev Russell's last service at Forest Lake UC, KUCA Christmas Play & special Morning Tea after service
Thursday, December 15	Gift wrapping @ Forest Lake Shopping Centre
Saturday, December 17	Christmas Blessing Day (giving gifts to those in need)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Chairperson: Mr Greg Braithwaite ☎ 0438 182 639

Secretary: Mrs Leanne Crick

Treasurer: Mrs Debbie Giebel

Church Council congregation reps:

Darren Crick, Richard Davis, Vicki Taylor

Elders:

Greg Braithwaite, Lorraine Christian, Leanne Crick, Gail Edoni,
Pam Kerr, Olive Phillips



OUR STAFF

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WEEKLY ROSTERS

DATE	TYPE OF SERVICE	BIBLE READER	MEET & GREET	COUNT OFFERING	FLOWERS	MORNING TEA	KUCA
4TH DECEMBER	ALL-AGE WORSHIP COMMUNION	IAN SMALLBONE	CAROL & DENNIS	OLIVE & IVAN	TASI	LEICHHARDT BUILDING	PRACTICE NATIVITY PLAY
11TH DECEMBER (REV RUSSELL'S LAST SERVICE)	REGULAR	LORRAINE	IVAN & URSULA	SAM & RICHARD D	SALOTE	TUINONA FAMILY	NATIVITY PLAY

Second Sunday of Advent



Peace through food rations

It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Now may the
LORD
of
Peace
himself
give you Peace
at
ALL
TIMES
in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

There will be a special Morning Tea following the service on 11th December 2022 to mark Reverend Russell's last Sunday as Forest Lake Uniting Church's minister.

Everyone is invited to stay and share in a special time after service. Please bring along a plate to share for morning tea.

