

Regular Activities

Sunday Worship Service

Prayer time 9am-9.30am each week in the Crossman room.
Worship service Sunday 10am // 81 High St, Preston

Bundoora

Thursday 10am (monthly) // A church service for residents at Bundoora Retirement Village

Connect

Thursday 12.30pm // 81 High St, Preston
Community lunch and food for thought

Harbour

Tuesday 1pm // 81 High St, Preston // Discussion group and communion after the community lunch

Thirst

Tuesday 7.30pm // small worship group featuring discussion, social interaction, prayer, meditation and supper – contact Roger on 9462 6260 for details

Items for the Circle

The deadline for items to be included in the Circle is Thursday 5pm. Please leave printed submissions at the church office and send electronic submissions to circle@nccc.org.au. Comments and suggestions are also welcome.

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Online Giving and Direct Deposits

Account Name: Northern Community Church of Christ

BSB: 703-810 | **Account Number:** 05300313

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To receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the financial year, please include your name and 'TD' in the reference field and your gift will be directed through our Tax Deductible Trust Fund.

Life Groups

Tuesday 6pm (fortnightly) // Matt & Ros's House // A group for learning more about the Christian faith. Runs to about 8pm and includes dinner. See Matt for details.

Come Pray With Me

2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month
10.30am // The Nicholls Chapel // A time of prayer

Furniture & Clothing Op Shop

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday 9.30am – 4pm

Community Lunches

Monday – Thursday 12.30pm // 81 High St, Preston // \$4 for a two course meal

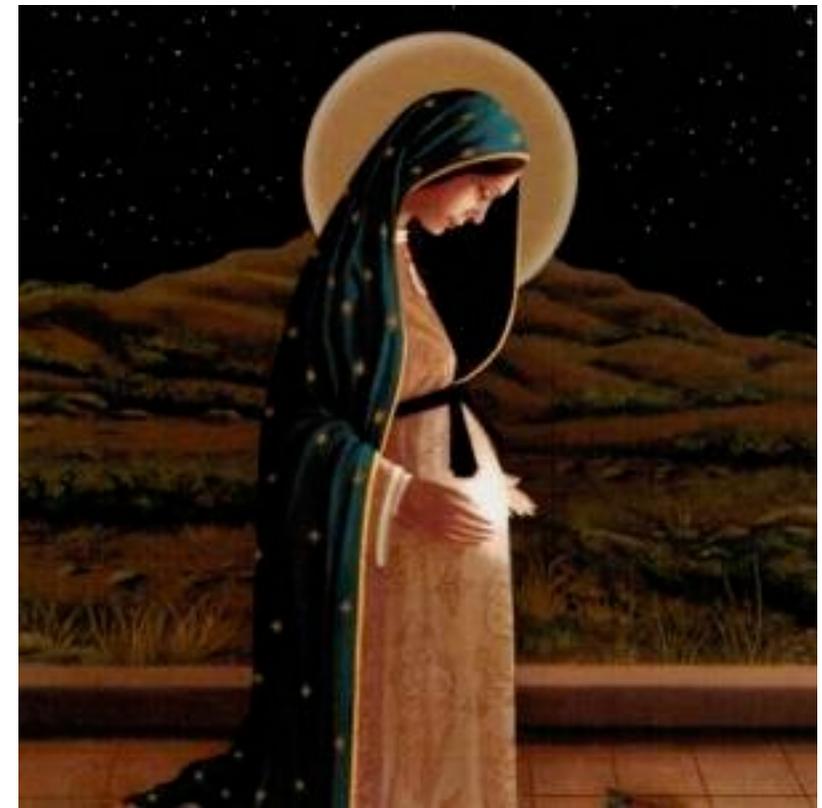
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The Circle



December 3, 2017



We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Theme

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent means 'coming' and is a time of waiting, expecting and preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. As Christians, we are also reminded that we are waiting for the return of Jesus, and that we need to be prepared for it. The themes for the 4 Sundays in Advent are: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. **David** will preach today on Hope. A different person or family will light an Advent candle each week.

Church Lunch

Next Sunday 10th December, lunch will be served after the service. Please bring a plate of food to share so that there is enough for everyone.

Ministry Team Positions

The positions for Minister for Children to Young Families, and the Minister for Compassion and Care have been advertised widely. Pray that God will provide the right people for these roles and that the Leadership Group will discern God's heart.

Christmas Eve Service

There will be one service on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Starting with a BBQ, there will be games and activities, a family friendly carol celebration service, and a reflective time. Please sign your name on the list if you are attending, indicate how many people you will be bringing, and whether you can help.

CWF Break-Up Lunch

Our CWF Christmas lunch is to be held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 12.00pm at the Junction Hotel.

Prayer Gatherings

The new format for corporate prayer in the life of Northern is already underway. The Tuesday morning group will meet again on Tuesday 12th December, 10.30-11.30am. The Sunday morning group met this morning, 9-9.30am, and will meet every week at 9am in the Crossman room. All are welcome to attend when you can.

Prayer Reminders

Rhonda Bone had major surgery on Thursday and is recovering. **Roger** reports that the surgery was long but successful. At the time of printing, she was in intensive care, doing ok, but in a lot of discomfort. Surround Rhonda with prayer for recovery, and the whole family, **Roger, Alma, Rebecca and David**, in their concern and care.

Alma Hart is waiting to have another nerve block procedure to deal with pain. It is planned for Tuesday 12th December.

Pray for all who will attend the Christmas Feasts, particularly those who are on their own, or who are struggling with life and health issues.

Pray for the preparations for the Christmas Eve service and that all who come will be able to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and into our lives.

Pray for your own preparation through Advent so that you will find reason to live in hope.

Testimonial From Stirling

This message was sent to Northern from Stirling Theological College regarding Northern's hosting of the Valedictory Service.

"We were rapt to have the services of the Northern Community catering team for our Valedictory Service. The team worked tirelessly to cater for afternoon tea for our guests. The food was fresh and delicious, and the serving tables looked lovely with big platters of sandwiches, cakes/slices, fruit, toffees, dips and warm savouries. There was plenty of food as well as tea and coffee, juice and jugs of water. Despite the crowd, the catering team even managed to keep the tables clear of dirty plates and glasses throughout the afternoon. We especially loved the attention to detail, even down to the serviettes arranged in alternating colours on the tables! I would certainly recommend this team for event catering, and if the opportunity arose, would definitely use them again myself!" (**Belinda Waterhouse**, Director of Operations)

Did You Know?

Darebin Interfaith Council will have their end of year celebration at NCCC at lunch on Wednesday 6th December. The Bundoora Village service will be held on Thursday 7th December at 10am.

Pastoral Care Team

The team will meet on Thursday 14th December at 1.30pm in the Crossman room. This will be the final meeting for the year.

New Table Runners

Some of you may remember that **Ros Jones** visited some missionary friends in Cambodia last year for the dedication of their NT translation for the Bunong people. As a way to support their community, Ros commissioned some beautiful, handwoven table runners to be made and this advent season, they will be laid out on the tables for morning tea. Take some time to notice the intricate detail of their design. The cloth is in the style of the Bunong's traditional garments.

Christmas Feasts

These are so popular that they are booked out and there is even a waiting list. The dinner is on this Thursday evening 7th December at 6-8pm. The lunch is on the following Wednesday, 13th December at 12-2pm.

Birthdays & Other Celebrations

Happy birthday to **Pol Chavarria** for Wednesday 6th December, **Steven Ratcliffe** for Thursday 7th December and **Anton Nall** for Friday 8th December. Congratulations to **Bill and Betty Nash** for their wedding anniversary on Monday 4th December.

Next Week's Roster / Sunday 10 December

Communion: Ian Prayer: David Bible Reading: Leah Music: Matt (m/v), Victor (m/v) Athol (v) Sound & Vision: Campbell (s) Steve (v) Helpers: Pol, Len, Nola, Kevin Counters: John P, Kevin Communion Prep: Ray Welcome: Joe & Pam Kitchen: Michelle, Veronica, Eunice Kids Church: Ros & Joanne



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