

A Life More Adventurous

In the midst of the busyness and glitz of the Christmas season, we are reminded during Advent that as Christians we are called to live differently, and to wait with hope for the return of Jesus.

But what does this 'living differently' look like? What are some of the ways in which Jesus asks us to live that are counter-cultural? We will be exploring some of these for our preaching series that runs through Advent and Christmas, 'The Adventurous Life'. So, we hope that you hear the call to live with a more adventurous and daring faith, and that in this time, you are drawn closer to Jesus.

As well as this series we will have many of our usual Christmas activities, including our 'Carols in Glenvale' event on Saturday 14th December. We encourage you to put this in your dairies and to get the word out. This will be a very family friendly event. Who can you invite to share the joy of Christmas?

Lastly, we recognize that this season is not a season of celebration and joy for everyone. Some of us will be missing people this year, which makes Christmas a particularly hard time. Some will be lonely, and wondering how to fill the time.

If Christmas is a hard time for you, we would love to help. If Christmas is difficult for you, and you would like some pastoral support, please call me on 0487 572 400. I will be setting some time aside during the week beginning 15th December, and would love to catch up for a visit, coffee and prayer, if that would be good for you.

Secondly, we are setting up a 'Christmas Day Companions' group. If you expect to be on your own on Christmas Day and would like some company, let me know. We will be aiming to connect those people with one another, with a view that you may be able to work out some arrangements for Christmas Day.

In all these things, let us remember that we celebrate the birth of Christ, as God who entered into the world and who seeks to enter into our lives and hearts. Unlike the inn-keeper in the nativity story, let us make room for Jesus in our hearts and lives; I believe the more room we can make, the bigger the blessing we receive.

I'll finish with the words of the great prophet Isaiah:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

Grace and Peace
Rev Adam Tipple

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land - the Jarowair and Giabal people.

December 2024 Services

**Sunday 1st December 9am
(Holy Communion)**

Sunday 8th December 9am

**Saturday 14th December 7pm
Carols in Glenvale
(food and kids' activities from 5.30pm)**

Sunday 15th December 9am

Sunday 22nd December 9am

Christmas Eve 24th December 7pm

Christmas Day 25th December 8am

Sunday 29th December 9am

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#) for the latest link.

Giving Details

If you would like to give to Lifeworks, you can use the following methods:

Electronic direct deposit
Bank: Westpac Bank
Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church
BSB: 034 242
Account Number: 359 011

Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to: PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350

Cash can be left in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We thank-you for your generosity!

Quick Links

www.lifeworksuniting.org.au

[YouTube](#)

[Facebook](#)

Midweek online prayer link (Weds 7am) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432040065...>
Password: B1x6cs

Prayer Points

- Julie Cole who broke her ankle and is recovering at home.
- For those who continue to grieve the passing of Lorna Austin and Sue Nicholls.
- Pray for our Carols in Glenvale Event that it will go smoothly, be well attended and give glory to God!
- For our Advent and Christmas Services.
- For Rev Tanya Richards as she starts as Chairperson of the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee.
- For generous giving for the Red Bag Appeal supporting local families this Christmas.



News and Announcements

Pause of Activities for Christmas School Holidays

Wednesday morning online prayer will take a break for the school holidays, with the last session to be December 4th. The Breaking of the Bread and Games, Grub and God will also have a pause until the New Year and return in February. The last Keenagers of 2024 will be December 5th with lunch (see below)

Keenagers Christmas Lunch

Thursday 5th December from Midday at the Garden Chinese Restaurant on Ruthven St. If you would like to attend and haven't yet confirmed, please call Mary Fisher on 07 4634 7369.

Church Council News

Church Council met for the last time in 2024 on Tuesday 26th November. A brief summary below:

- We congratulated Rev Tanya Richards who has been appointed as Chair of the Pastoral relations Committee (PRC) for the Presbytery of the Downs. This is a significant role in the life of the Presbytery, so we encourage you to hold up Tanya in prayer and support her as she carries this extra responsibility.
- Nominated Gordon Gillmore and Anni Cramb to attend next year's (May 2025) Synod meeting on behalf of Lifeworks.
- Discussed plans to work more closely with Middle Ridge Uniting Church, looking at how we can work together and support one another.
- Recognised that Derek Curnow has concluded his time on Church Council. We thank Derek for his long service in this regard.
- Made plans for Rev Adam Tipple's period of long service leave which he is intending to take in May and June 2025.
- Contacted the Women's Shed who have provided 30 bags for the Red Bag Appeal.
- Supported the Uniting Care Queensland **Adopt a Family** campaign, by agreeing to donate funds towards supporting a family this Christmas.

Carols in Glenvale, 14th December

We would love to have some more helpers for this event. If you can help with:

- Sound and Vision
- Welcome and Greeting
- Pack Up and Clean Up
- Transporting older folks
- Advertising (Placing posters with local businesses)
- Or anything else!

Please let Rev Adam know on 0487 572 400.

Red Bag Appeal

The Women's Shed have kindly donated bags for this appeal, which can be taken from under the Christmas tree. Donations are for families from Harristown and Wilsonton State Schools. Food, toys and other gifts are appropriate. The last day for donations is Sunday 8th December.

Nativity Donation

Heather and Andrew Smith of Middle Ridge donated a large nativity scene to Lifeworks. This is facing out from inside the church and will be lit up during the evenings through Advent. We thank Heather and Andrew for their amazing generosity, and God for providing this wonderful gift.

Carols in Glenvale at Lifeworks Uniting Church

Saturday 14th December

5.30PM - KIDS' CRAFT, FACEPAINTING,
COFFEE, WAFFLES

7PM - CAROLS

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ALL WELCOME

*For unto us
a child is born!*



The **Adventurous** Life

Join us at Lifeworks for a deep dive into Advent and Christmas, as Jesus invites us to live more Adventurously

SUN 1ST DEC 9AM - STILLNESS
SUN 8TH DEC 9AM - SALVATION
SUN 15TH DEC 9AM - SUBVERSION
SUN 22ND DEC 9AM - SURRENDER
CHRISTMAS EVE 7PM - SUBLIMITY
CHRISTMAS DAY 8AM - SIMPLICITY

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LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
1 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Holy Communion	2	3	4 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	5 9.30am Palm Lake Carol Service Midday Keenagers Lunch at the Garden Restaurant	6	7 9am Lifeworks Craft Group
8 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	9	10	11	12	13 10am Christmas Service at Oxford Crest	14 5.30pm Carols In Glenvale at Lifeworks
15 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	23	24 7pm Christmas Eve Service	25 8am Christmas Day Service	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	30	31 New Year's Eve				