

## **UB News Christmas Edition**

Sunday 12th & 19th December Service times - 9.30am

Seasons greetings to you and your family.

May you walk in the richness of Christ's love and may your love of Christ shine brighly over this season.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Romans 15:13

#### Growing deeper relationships with Christ and each other.

# WE'RE GLAD Welcome You'RE HERE

Thank you for being part of our service today.

If you are here for the first time,
we extend a warm welcome to you.

family members

We enjoy connecting with our guests and Church family members and invite you to join us for tea and coffee after the service.

Tea and coffee is a space where fellowship continues. It is a space where we can chat, laugh, pray, encourage, love and care.

### Something special just for you!

If you're a guest with us today, we would love your feedback and to connect with you.

To do so, use your smartphone camera to scan our guest QR code
then complete the form to receive a free coffee from Methanga Espresso Bar.



















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#### Seeing God change lives through me.

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# Serve You?

Each Sunday we have a team who is here to serve you. Please ask for their assistance, they would love to help.

Sunday 12th December 9.30am Joy

Message Pastor Louis Service Leader Carolyn Worship Leader Brogan

#### **Host Team**

Dianne, Kevin, Melody, David, Rosemary, Andrew, Peggy, Carolyn

**Duty Person Milton** 

Sunday 19th December 9.30am Peace

Message Pastor Louis Service Leader Nerrelie Worship Leader Abbey

#### **Host Team**

Beth, Grenville Leonie, Glen Tania, Rhys Janita, Jenny

**Duty Person David** 

# Friday 24th December Christmas Eve - 7pm Tell all the World

Message Pastor Louis Service Leader Yvette

#### **Host Team**

Beth, Grenville Leonie, Glen Tania, Rhys Janita, Jenny

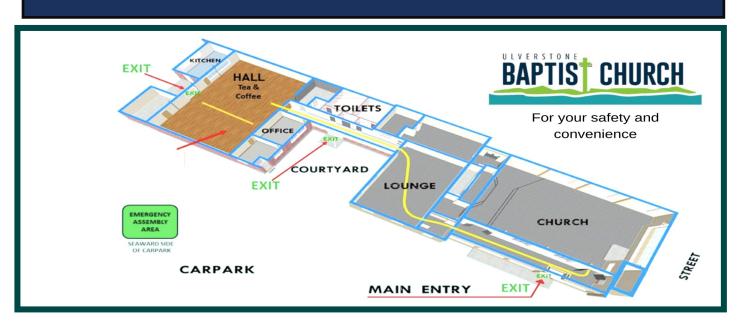
**Duty Person Nathan** 

#### Check in TAS App



Please be aware that when entering our church building for any amount of time, people who are aged 16 years and older are required to check in.

Thankyou for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.



#### From Pastor Louis.



Season's Greetings to you and yours.

Christmas can be a wonderful joyful season to celebrate with family and friends.

It's at Christmas that we celebrate the incarnation. We sing it every year in our Christmas carols. In "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" we sing "veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity."

John writes in 1 John 1:1-4 "We saw it. We heard it. Our own eyes, our own ears. We felt it, this eternal Life".

Christmas is transformational. Christ in us! Christ is here!

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10 NIV

Jesus made sure that His purpose and His mission on earth would become ours! Christmas is the focus as to why we are here. The truth is, Jesus is our only hope. He is the only way to the father, He is the only way to heaven! There is no other name on heaven or earth that we can call on other than the name of Jesus.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 NIV

Christmas is about God's gift to humanity and this gift is available to all who will humble themselves and turn from their ways. It is not knowing about Jesus alone that makes this a reality. The devil knows Jesus. It is not information, people are well informed. It is not tradition, formulas, or rituals. It is seeking out to live in a relationship with our Lord and Saviour. It is in this space, Jesus can be all He has declared himself to be, and that is our Saviour and the Saviour of the world.

While the Christmas season will come and go... its message is for everyday of the year. He seeks out anyone who will say, "yes" to Him, and accept His offer of salvation. He is inviting each of us to personally come closer and encounter His living presence.

God bless you, be well, stay safe and celebrate Christ today!

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to one and all.

**Pastor Louis** 

# Christmas Gift

God has blessed us with so much and He does that because of His extravagant love for us, but He also blesses us so that we can in turn pass the blessings on to others.

As we draw closer to Christmas let us remember our missionary friends and our chaplains who are ministering often in difficult places and with people both young and old, who need to know and experience God's love and blessings too.

To that end, the Leadership have decided to provide an opportunity for us at UBC to give back to the Lord an offering of thanksgiving as a Christmas gift for our 3 mission families and to our School Chaplaincy work to bless them.

We don't want anyone to feel obligated to give a monetary Christmas gift, but if you feel led to do so we are going to pass around the offering bags next Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> December for this special offering or if preferred you may give through internet banking - but please make mention of it being a **"Christmas gift".** 

The Lord says, "Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room for it".

This is a special offering and not to be confused with the Baptist World Aid offering.

Thank you Leadership Team



# PRAYER GATHERING

1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at **7.30 am.** 

If my people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

What an awesome way to begin another new year, coming together to worship our King of Kings and Lord of Lords and acknowledge that we need Him more than ever as we move into a new and exciting year ahead.

We will spend time in worship, prayer and praying for each other. Let us make Jesus our priority at the start of this significant year. God bless you all.

# **We Have A Coffee Machine**



We are seeking interested persons who would like to serve and learn the skills of a coffee barista.

We plan to provide in-house coffee on Sunday and for other ministry functions.

Please see Rhys for more information if you would like to be involved in our start up café team.



This Christmas Ulverstone Baptist church has the opportunity to give hope to children around the world who are trapped and living in poverty.

Your gift will not only allow children to eat without fear of hunger, but it will also assist children in being able to go to school freely, to grow up and make their own decisions and to enjoy the fullness of life that God intended them to live.

If you would like to give this Christmas, marked envelopes will be provided and can be placed in our offering box throughout the month of December. Alternatively you can give directly to our church's individual giving page by scanning the QR code or going to, https://baptistworldaid.org.au/appeals/tas-ulverstone/





# BOXING DAY

#### Sunday 27th November

As the Christmas season approaches we recognise that those serving on our teams are stretched thin, particularly at this time of year when family demands are higher.



This year, Christmas and Sunday are quite close together, so out of respect for those serving we are choosing to only hold one service during Christmas week. We're choosing to invest our time and energy into the Christmas Eve service which means there will be no Sunday service on Boxing Day. The next service after Christmas Eve will be on Sunday the 2nd of January. We understand that for a lot of people not attending a Sunday service at UBC will be different, but we know that there are several churches in Ulverstone who will be holding wonderful services on Boxing Day and would warmly welcome any guests.

Local church's service dates and times over the Christmas period.

Life Christian Church - Allambie Crescent, Ulverstone Christmas Day 9am - No service on Boxing Day

Anglican Church - Kings Parade, Ulverstone
Boxing Day 9.30am

<u>Salvation Army - Victoria Street, Ulverstone</u> Boxing Day 10am morning tea / 10.30am service

Christian Reformed Church - John Street, Ulverstone Christmas Day 9.30am - Boxing Day 9.30am

Surrounding Baptist Church's times and dates are mentioned in the latest copy of the Advance.

Well done to our Tuesday morning craft ladies
who knitted and gifted 508 items
of beanies, children's jumpers and rugs
to various ministries and organisations this year.
Many people will be blessed
by the valuable time you have given
and the items you have lovingly created.







# **NEW LOOK PRAYER AND PRAISE CARDS!**

You'll find our new look cards on your way in and on the coffee table in the lounge. Anyone can fill these out as we all have prayer needs and things to praise God for.

#### Sunday 30th January 2022

4.30pm

## PRAYER Encounter Service

Join us as we seek the Lord and discover renewal in His presence.



We have recently received lovely letters from Shirley Gillam and Albert Holowell after the passing of both Ursula and Edith.

If you would like to read these letters they are on the noticeboard in the lounge.

At Alpha we welcome, eat, watch, chat, ask, listen and laugh.

Alpha is a place where you can bring your questions. Exploring the big questions in life is important, no question is too big or too small to explore.

What are some of yours?



New course starting early 2022 at Ulverstone Baptist Church

Alpha

For more information contact the UBC office 6425 6306 or Roger 0402 055 648





You are invited to our

#### Christmas Day Lunch

Saturday 25th December 2021 12:00 for a 12:30 start

Ulverstone Baptist Church 60 Alexandra Road.

Each year UBC hosts Christmas lunch for anyone who will be alone or lonely over Christmas.

This year, lunch will include cold meats and salads, topped off with delicious deserts.

We would be blessed if you could join us.

Please RSVP by 19th December Contact Yvette at the UBC office 6425 6306 (Tues & Thurs 9am to 12noon) or Betty on 0438 254 091

Please include any dietary requirements and let us know if you require transport.

# Christmas Day Lunch



A detailed list of food items that can be gifted to the lunch is now located on the wall in the sunway.

Financial gifts can be given by popping your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Day Lunch" in the offering box, or debit into our church account similarly marked.

Acc Name: Ulverstone Baptist Church BSB: 037-013 Acc No: 921369

## **SUMMER PICNIC DATES**



Pastor Louis will be on holiday from December the 26th to January the 12th 2022.

#### Christmas/New Year Office Hours

After Tuesday the 21st December, the church office will be closed for the remainder of 2021. Yvette will be back in the office on Tuesday the 11th January 2022 and office hours will resume again as per usual.

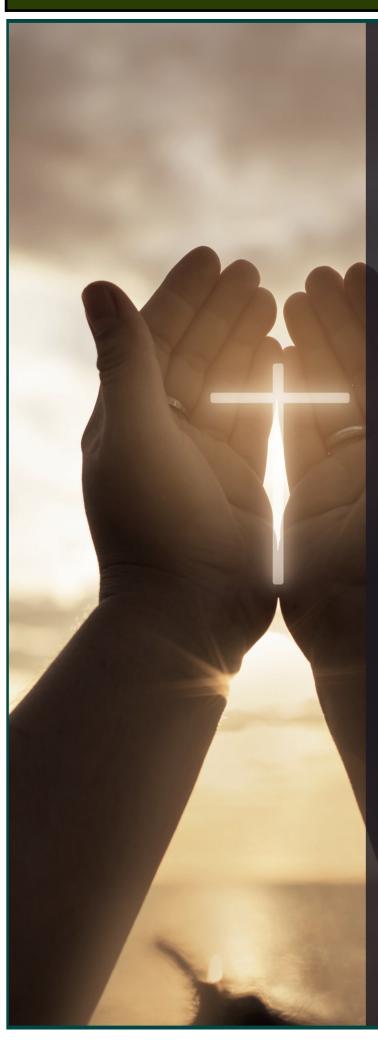
As a reminder, the office is attended on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12noon.

If for any reason you need assistance please speak with your life groups, ministry leader, elders and deacons.



Well done UBC. We packed a total of 254 boxes!

This year Tasmanian Samaritan's Purse boxes are going to PNG and Fiji. In the past Ruth has had the privileged to help distribute boxes in both of these countries and meet some of the beautiful Christians there. Their love for God and their people is so evident and she saw how they use the boxes as opportunities to share the Gospel. Thank you to everyone who filled boxes, contributed articles and finance, and prayed. Many children will be blessed because of your generosity.



# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment each and every week.

For those who would like to give cash, an offering box is located near the entry/exit of the church auditorium.

Electronic Giving BSB: 037-013 Account: 921369

iGive go to ub.church and to the 'Giving' tab in the top right

You can also,

- -Arrange a direct debit with your bank into the UBC account (details below)
- -Take cash/cheque into a Westpac Branch and debit it into the UBC account

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BSB: 037-013 Acc No: 921369

-Write a cheque and send it to
Ulverstone Baptist Church PO Box 250
Ulverstone Tas 7315

#### Mission

# **Beyond Our Community**Supporting Mission



In 2015 Stephen & Coralie Preston began a new role as the WEC Australia national directors. They are based at the WEC head office in Sydney and their purpose is to facilitate the training & sending of cross cultural workers overseas.

For more information visit: http://www.wec.com.au Email: member.care@wec.com.au

Stephen & Jocelyn have been serving with Heartstream since April 2002. Their ministry of pastoral care to those working in cross cultural ministry takes them to many countries involving 40 different organisations.

For more information visit their Facebook page: Heartstream Resources New Zealand





In May 2018, Craig and Kim along with their four children,

Henry, Amaya, Reuben and Elodie arrived in Cambodia to join the GIA team serving among the Khmer.

They hope to use their skills in aquaculture and paediatric nursing to build relationships with the Khmer people and to encourage them in discovering who Jesus is andd how they can follow Him within their own culture.

For more information www.globalinteraction.org.au



Ruth Cannon Samaritans Purse



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