

Summer Edition

December 2023 - January 2024
Service time - Sunday 10 am



Love is the *spirit*
of *Christmas.*

John 3:16

Behold, I am doing
a **new thing**

Isaiah 43:19



Growing deeper relationships with Christ and each other.

Welcome WE'RE GLAD 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.



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.

First Time Here?

Our welcome pack includes a message from Pastor Louis and a QR code
to scan to let us know more about yourself.



Plus, each guest receives a complimentary hot drinks voucher to
use after the service. We'd love to chat with you over a cuppa!



Stay
CONNECTED



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Ulverstone Baptist
Ulverstone Baptist Youth



@ub_youth

Seeing God change lives through me.

Allow Us To *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 3rd December

Celebrating our UBC Family

Service Leader	Andrew
Worship Leader	Kristen
Host Team	Beth, Grenville, Leonie, Glen, Tania, Rhys, Janita, Jenny
Duty Person	Nathan

Sunday 10th December

Communion - Andrew
Kids Church is on TODAY

Service Leader	Gabe
Worship Leader	Kristen
Host Team	Dianne, Kevin, Melody, David, Rosemary, Andrew, Peggie
Duty Person	Robbie

Sunday 17th Dec

Church Picnic

Service Leader	Nerrelie
Worship Leader	
Host Team	Kerri, Ian, Geoffrey, Maryanne, Betty.
Duty Person	Milton

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

Host Team	Kerri, Ian, Geoffrey, Maryanne, Carolyn, Betty.
Duty Person	David

Sunday 31st December

No Service - Join with us for a picnic at Fairway Park 11.30am

Allow us to serve you throughout January 2024!

Allow Us To *Serve* You?

Each Sunday we have a team who is here to serve you.
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Sunday 7th January

Celebrating our UBC Family

Service Leader
Worship Leader
Host Team

Beth

Duty Person

Dianne, Kevin, Melody, David, Rosemary, Andrew,
Peggie
Nathan

Sunday 14th January

Communion - Grenville

Service Leader
Worship Leader
Host Team

Andrew

Kristen

Duty Person

Dianne, Kevin, Melody, David, Rosemary, Andrew,
Peggie
Robbie

Sunday 21st January

Church Family Picnic

Service Leader
Worship Leader
Host Team

Nerrelie

Duty Person

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

Sunday 28th January

Mission Sunday

Service Leader
Worship Leader
Host Team

Carolyn

Duty Person

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

A word from Pastor Louis.



It's time to Behold!

Well, here we are. Christmas is almost upon us; the festive activities and celebrations now begin! I find myself rushing more than ever to make more time, which is now a new normal. It is now that the real fun begins - finding a car park, trying not to engage in road rage situations, trying to stay calm while in a shopping line of fifty people to check out one item (don't judge me). Let's not forget all the end-of-the-year breakups we squeeze in, quick catchups, and last-minute errands.

While all those things can be annoying and even intrusive, there are bigger, more important issues going on around us. For each of us, Christmas can be a heartfelt reminder of the supreme love displayed and laid down (sacrificed) for us to live.

John declared in John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, "**Behold!** the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world".*

That is one punchy statement! John is called to prepare the way for Jesus Christ - the Saviour. While you may easily disregard this word, 'behold', I would advise against it; this word is used a lot in scripture to get our attention and focus back onto Jesus!

Friends, today is a day to **BEHOLD** Christ. We must stop and pause. Not just a passing stance of observation, but take it to the heart of our core person. **Behold** requires us to take Christ seriously and make Him real in our life. After all, a life that **beholds** Christ is a life worth living.

How do we **behold** Christ daily? Make time to create moments when Christ is our only focus. Take time out to grow deeper in our spiritual walk and to know Jesus more. Actively participate in anything that will strengthen, aid, support, and bless others around us by building relationships, connecting, worshipping, and sharing life Together.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year. Stay safe - stay well, and stay focused on Christ, who is our all in all. Make the time to **BEHOLD** Jesus in fresh ways, and be ready for an exciting 2024!

God bless you, Pastor Louis

UB Info Hub

Join us after the service for tea and coffee and
a chat in the large hall.

Coffee & Hot Chocolate



Cappuccino | flat white | long black

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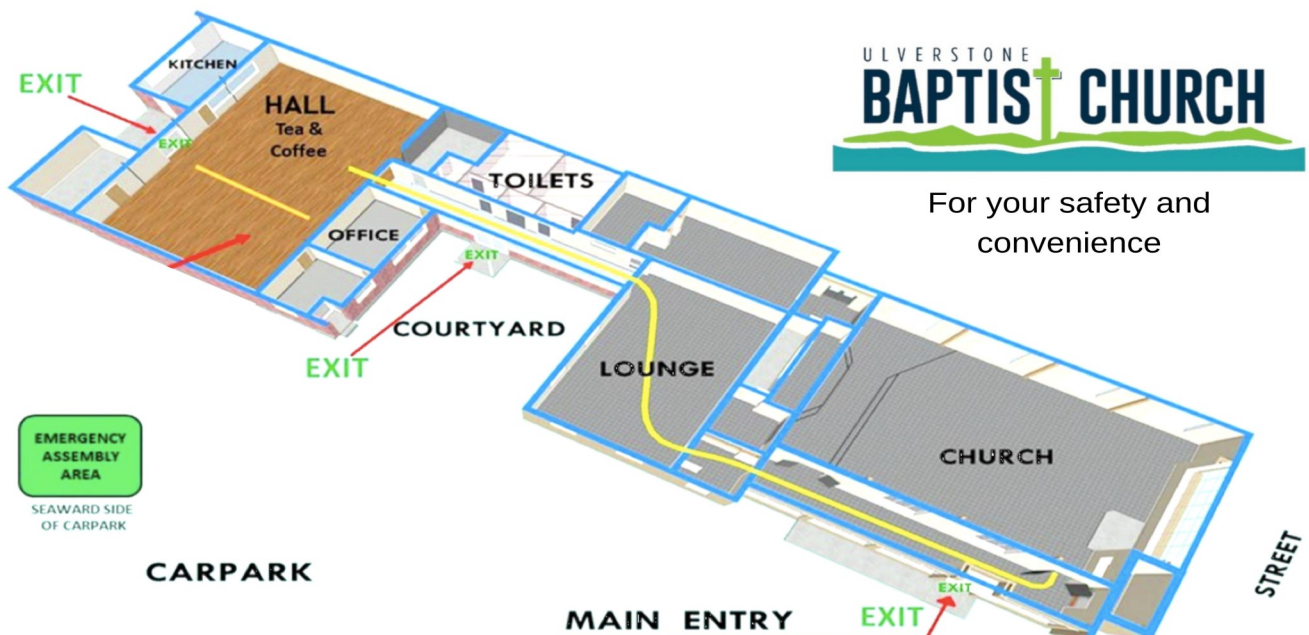
Regular tea and coffee still available for free

MISSED A SERVICE?

All of our Sunday messages
are available for you to
listen and download.

You can do this by listening to our
podcast on our website.

<https://ub.church/podcast/>



PRAISE REPORT
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He answered me. Psalm 34:3-4

Name _____ Date _____
Report. _____

PRAYER REQUEST
If we ask anything according to His will, He will hear us. John 5:14

Name _____ Date _____
Request. _____

☐ Strictly Confidential
☐ Can be shared with the church

It is an honour to pray for you in your moment of need. Please fill out this card and give it to either the Pastor, Service Leader or someone on the Host team before the service.
We love to hear how God has answered your prayer, so please be sure to fill out a Praise Report.

Would you like us to contact you? Y N Phone _____

PRAYER AND PRAISE CARDS!

You'll find our prayer and praise request 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.

As a church family we'd love to be able to pray for you.

PRAYER GATHERING

Monday evenings at 7pm.



Monday evening, 11th December @ 7pm in the lounge will be our final Prayer Gathering night for 2023.

Join with us on Monday the 1st Jan 2024 at 8.00 am for a New Years Morning celebration.

Prayer Gatherings will be recommencing for the 2024 year on the 22nd of January and will be trialled fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Monday night of the month.

UBC Christmas Day Lunch



Want to know how YOU can help?

We are after helpers!

- *Preparing food the day before.
- *Hosting a table and helping to look after our guests.
- *Coming in after the dinner at 2pm on Christmas day to help clean up.

Donations of food items!

A detailed list of food items that can be gifted to the lunch is now located on the wall in the lounge . Please place your name beside the item/s.

Helping financially!

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

You are invited to our

Christmas Day Lunch

Monday 25th December 2023

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 12th December

Contact Yvette at the UBC office 6425 6306

(Tues & Thurs 9am to 12noon)

or Betty on 0438 254 091

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements when you RSVP.



CHRITSMAS EVE AT UBC

10am Sunday 24th December



As many churches are struggling to find people to serve in their different ministry areas, we've decided this year to join forces with another church for our Christmas service. The Sheffield Bible Chapel and Ulverstone Baptist Church will be combining efforts this Christmas season.

On Sunday the 17th December some of our worship team will head to Sheffield to help The Sheffield Bible Chapel hold their Christmas service. UBC will still hold our normal worship service as per usual on that day.

In past years UBC has held an evening Christmas Eve service. This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, so we'll be celebrating Christmas together during our normal 10am service with the Sheffield Bible Chapel helping us. Following the service, tea and coffee will be served in the church lounge instead of the hall as it will be set up ready to host and serve Christmas day lunch.

Out of respect for those serving, and as a way to give back to those who give their time each week, we are choosing not to have a service on Sunday the 31st of December. Instead, on that day, we'll be joining together at Fairway park for a church family picnic. We invite you to come down at 11.30am, bring your lunch, a chair or rug and your hat and let's celebrate the end of 2023 together.



 BAPTIST WORLD AID

Help Us Partner With Baptist World Aid To End Poverty & Injustice This Christmas

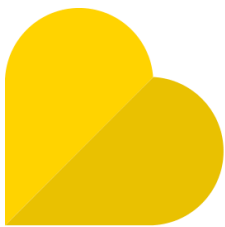
Christmas is a joyful time of year in Australia. Churches host more frequent services, carols play on repeat in shopping centres, and many of us look forward to celebrating with family and friends through good food and gifts.

However, Christmas Isn't Jolly For Everyone.

As we put up our Christmas lights, we know there are millions of families for whom Christmas will happen in the dark. COVID-19 continues to affect people living in poverty, and conflict and environmental crises increase the dangers they face daily.

As many of us settle down for Christmas dinner, we remember that there are many communities around the world where such celebrations won't be the norm.





Baptist World Aid Australia

Then Hope Arrived!

On that first Christmas, while the world slept, a baby arrived into the mess of our world, shattering the bleakness and bringing hope that God had a plan to return us to himself. God with us - Emmanuel - the hope of the world had arrived.

Christmas reminds us that even in the darkest of times, God is seeking to draw us close, restore relationships and offer hope for a better world. Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, liberation to the oppressed, and freedom from debts—both spiritual and material.

This Christmas, we have the opportunity to celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the light of world, with a Christmas gift for a better world.

Around the world, children, men and women, have the capacity to change their lives and communities for the better, but are limited by poverty. Your gift, this Christmas, provides opportunities for people to effectively lead themselves and others out of poverty and into fullness of life.

♡ BAPTIST WORLD AID

We're Helping Fight Poverty & Injustice This Christmas With Baptist World Aid

GIVE NOW

[BWAA.CO/FIGHT-POVERTY](https://bwaa.co/fight-poverty)



Help break the cycle of poverty and empower women like Mina today.

[Church Christmas Appeal 2023 - Baptist World Aid Australia](#)

If you would like to give to Baptist World Aid this Christmas, please use one of their envelopes located in the sunway.

Your envelope with a cash donation can be placed in our UBC offering box throughout the month of December.

Alternatively you can give directly to Baptist World Aid by filling out your details and posting the envelope. You can give electronically by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code above.



Pastor Louis will be on holiday
from the 1st of January 2024
to the 17th of January.

Christmas/New Year Office Hours

The church office will be closed after Thursday the 21st of December
and open again on Tuesday the 23rd of January 2024.

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 or Deacons.

Coffee & Hot Chocolate

Coffee teams will be having a well earned
break after Sunday 17th December
for a few weeks.

Thank you to all those who have served.

There will be an update in January of the
money raised so far and Graeme will share
with us how it has been distributed to bless
the children of Uganda.



UB Info Hub

Summer Picnic Dates

17th & 31st December

21st January 2024

18th February

17th March



After our church service during the summer months, bring your lunch and join with us at Fairway Park.

Keep an eye out for our UBC flag. Where the flag flies, that's where we will be!

Church At the Park

Sunday 31st of December

We will not be holding our normal Sunday service at our UBC building this day.

Instead, we invite you to join with us at Fairway Park 11.30am to 1pm for a time of fellowship and lunch.

BYO your lunch, a hat, picnic blanket or chair.



Kids Church

The last Kids Church for 2023 is
Sunday
10th December





Chaplaincy
Services

NORTH WEST REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Are you able to help?

Time and again we read in the Gospels of how Jesus welcomes the outcast, marginalised, vulnerable and sick. He meets them where they are at, and he meets them in their need. However, He also offers them so much more – life in Him!

Chaplaincy Services at the North West Regional Hospital provide spiritual, emotional and practical care for patients. Some patients, who unexpectedly find themselves in hospital, or others who need to stay for an extended time can sometimes experience significant financial and housing insecurity.

Chaplaincy Services provide emergency relief in the way of clothing, toiletries, food and fuel vouchers and are asking for donations for the below items.

If you can help, we have placed a container in the church hall for you to pop your donated items in. This is an opportunity for UBC to support local mission along the North West Coast.



Chaplaincy
Services

NORTH WEST REGIONAL HOSPITAL

DONATIONS NEEDED

- ✓ Travel sized shampoo & conditioner
- ✓ Travel sized toothbrush and toothpaste
- ✓ Men's & Women's deoderant
- ✓ Small combs
- ✓ Clothing - new or washed- loose, with elastic waists
- ✓ Underwear - new and packaged
- ✓ Sanitary products
- ✓ Men's and Women's razors
- ✓ Packs of playing cards and small colouring pencils



Operation Christmas Child

The final tally of boxes from UBC is 245

We don't yet know where Tas boxes are going but boxes from Australia and New Zealand are going to Cambodia, Fiji, PNG, Phillipines and Ukraine so it will be one or more of those countries.

Stamps for Mission

Please continue to save stamps and place them in the box at the rear of church. Every few stamps help - they add up to many. Approx \$70,000 is raised each year for Baptist Mission Australia through this effort.

Thank you for your support, Ruth

Collecting *Stamps* FOR BAPTIST MISSION AUSTRALIA

THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN ALL DO.

Trim your stamps, leaving 1cm around the stamp.
(If the postmark is legible please leave that with the stamp)

Please place stamps in the box located
at the back of the church.

If you have any queries please contact Ruth Cannon



CHRISTMAS MEN'S EVENT Tool Run

Sunday 3rd December

Launceston Total Tools and Bunnings trip

Meet at the church at 11.30am

Tea to follow at the

Water Garden Restaurant

Contact Rhys 0439 147 493

or Robbie 0472 632 107



NEW YEARS DAY 2023

Monday 1st January 2023 at 8am to 9am



*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.
The morning will also include communion.

Let us make Jesus our priority at the start of this significant year.
Join us for morning tea at McDonalds after. All welcome.
God bless you all.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the Great. Proverbs 18:16

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Direct Deposit
BSB: 037-013 Account: 921369

iGive
go to ub.church
click on "Get Connected"
then click on "Giving"

NON ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

Place your offering in the offering box as you enter church on Sunday Morning.

Arrange a direct debit with your bank into our account above.

Take cash/cheque into a westpac Branch & debit it into our bank account above.

Write a cheque and post it to: Ulverstone Baptist Church.
PO Box 250
Ulverstone 7315

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity and commitment every week.

LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Christmas SPECTACULAR

*A variety performance for the whole
family celebrating the joy of Christmas*

SPECIAL GUESTS

The Burnie School Of Irish Dance
Daniel Lebkowski

ULVERSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

Saturday December 16 1:30pm | 7:30pm

Sunday December 17 1:30pm | 7:30pm

A FREE TICKETED EVENT

Tickets available from LIFE Christian Church
22 Allambie Cres, Ulverstone | p. 6425 3366
e. reception@lifechristianchurch.org.au
www.lifechristianchurch.org.au

Mission

Beyond Our Community

Supporting Mission

in prayer and heart.

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



Please continue to pray for local schools and chaplaincy



New Mornings
Healthy minds. Thriving communities.

Promoting mental health
and wellbeing in our community.



visit their Facebook page



newmornings.org.au



Ruth Cannon - Samaritan's Purse



visit their Facebook page



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Rob Head - Wycliffe Bible Translators PNG

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