

ULVERSTONE

BAPTIST CHURCH

UB News Summer Edition

December 2025 - January 2026 | Service time - Sunday 10 am



WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025
7PM

You're warmly invited to join us for our
Christmas Eve Service.

A special time for the whole family
to share in carols, the Christmas story,
and the wonder of God's great love that came as a baby.

We'd be so glad to have you with us
as we celebrate this beautiful night together.



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome

Thank you for being a 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.

First Time Here?

Our welcome pack includes a
message from Pastor Louis
& a QR code to scan.
Tell us more about yourself.



Enjoy a complimentary hot
drink after the service.
We'd love to get to know you!

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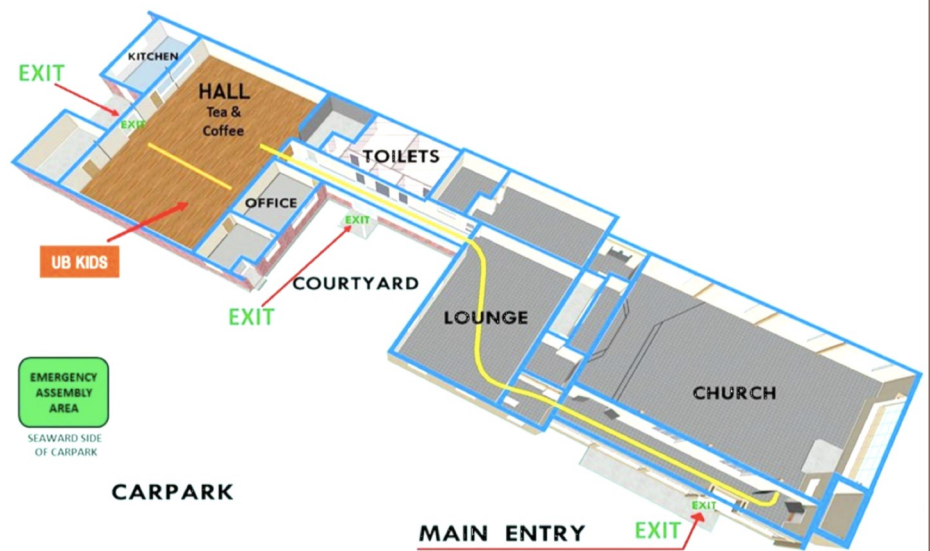
Coffee & Hot Chocolate



Cappuccino | flat white | long black
\$3

Regular tea and coffee still available for free

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE



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 either on spotify
or on our website



www.ub.church



Ulverstone
Baptist Church



Allow Us To *Serve* You!

Sunday 7th December

Celebrating our UBC Family
Children's Celebration Service
Bring a plate for morning tea

Service Host	Dallas
Worship Leader	Abbey
Host Team	Betty, Carolyn, Maryanne, John, Ian, Kerri
Duty Person	Dallas

Sunday 14th December

Steve and Coralie Preston

Service Host	Andrew
Worship Leader	Yvette
Host Team	David, Melody, Rosemary, Andrew, Peggy, Bron
Duty Person	Nathan

Sunday 21st December

Service Host	Gabe
Worship Leader	Phil
Host Team	David, Melody, Rosemary, Andrew, Peggy, Bron
Duty Person	Robbie



Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December - 7pm



Host Team	Beth, Grenville, Tania, Rhys, Janita, Jenny
Duty Person	Milton

Sunday 28th December

Church At Fairway Park
Between the red robin and the dinosaur.
11.30am



Allow Us To *Serve* You!

Sunday 4th January

Celebrating our UBC Family

Service Host
Worship Leader
Host Team
Duty Person

Carolyn
Phil
Beth, Grenville, Tania, Rhys, Janita , Jenny
Nathan

Sunday 11th January

Communion - Ken Collyer

Service Host
Worship Leader
Host Team
Duty Person

Andrew
Abbey
Betty, Carolyn, Maryanne, John, Ian, Kerri
Robbie

Sunday 18th January

Picnic in the park

Service Host
Worship Leader
Host Team
Duty Person

Nerrelie
Yvette
Betty, Carolyn, Maryanne, John, Ian, Kerri
Milton

Sunday 25th January

Service Host
Worship Leader
Host Team
Duty Person

Gabe
Kristen
David, Melody, Rosemary, Andrew, Peggy, Bron
David



Our Mission Statement

Growing deeper relationships
with Christ and each other

Our Vision Statement

Seeing God change lives through me



As we enter this festive Christmas season,
our hearts return to the powerful promise of **Isaiah 9:2**.

The people who **walked in darkness** have **seen a great Light**;
those who dwelt in the land of intense darkness and the shadow of death,
upon them has the Light shone.

What a picture. We once lived as people who naturally settled into the dark, accustomed by our own way of doing things with the shadow of death hovering over us. We may not have even realised how dim life had become, how much we were merely surviving, or how unaware we were of our need for a Saviour.

Sadly, many walk in darkness today, a darkness that has not lifted because they have not seen the light.

Perhaps this Christmas an opportunity will arise where you will be able to share Jesus' story of hope and redemption. A story of where darkness is pushed back and the enemy retreats because the light is too intense. My prayer is that this Christmas, Jesus, the light of the world, will be revealed and shine upon our community, family, and friends. It is Jesus who gives sight to blind eyes, softens hardened hearts, and heals broken lives

During this festive season and into the New Year, as the world once again races with hurry, noise, pressure, and expectations, may you and your home experience the deeper reality of Christmas:

Christ has come, and His light still shines.
No darkness can overcome Him.
No fear can silence Him.
No circumstance can dim Him.
His victory is our victory.

On behalf of our leadership, ministry leaders, staff and church family, we pray that this Christmas season brings you renewed peace, fresh wonder, and above all a time of deep spiritual celebration of Christ.

Merry Christmas, and may the Light of Christ shine brightly over you, and around you and your family.

Pastor Louis





Church At the Park

Sunday 28th of December

As a way of giving back to our UBC family who serve so faithfully most Sunday mornings, we will not be holding a formal service at our UBC building on Sunday 28th of December.

Instead, we invite you to join us at Fairway Park (between the red robin and the dinosaur) for a relaxed church family picnic. 11.30am - bring your lunch and a chair or a picnic rug.

It will be a fun, enjoyable time together as we celebrate the end of 2025 with fellowship and communion. We would love to have you there.



PRAYER & PRAISE CARDS

From time to time we all have prayer needs.

We also all have moments of joy and gratitude for God's faithfulness and provision.

We would love to share in these moments with you and pray for your need.

Our prayer and praise cards are in the sunway.

Give your filled out card to the service leader or a host team member before the service.

Appointment of Church Leaders & Officers for 2025/2026

On behalf of everyone, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Nathan, Glenelle, and Lyn to our UBC leadership team.

Your individual strengths and commitment to UBC will be invaluable as we work together growing in faith, supporting the church, and deepening our shared values and ministry goals. We are truly grateful for your presence on the team and look forward to what the future holds.

THANK YOU

I also want to sincerely thank Robbie and Andrew for their dedicated service during their tenure. Your contributions, including your expertise, thoughtful insights, and historical perspective, especially during the Values over Vision process, along with your steady leadership, have been invaluable over the years, and we truly value all you have contributed.

Pastor Louis.

Ulverstone Baptist Church is committed to creating a safe space

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in church activities at UBC is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church.



CREATING
SAFE
SPACES



ULVERSTONE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Indoor Playground Fund



The machine reads barcodes.
Please leave labels on your bottles
and resist squashing your cans



What can you return?

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel, and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150ml and 3 litres are eligible.



RecycleRewards.com.au

Two ways to participate....

Download the Recycle Rewards App and Select Ulverstone Baptist Indoor Playground Fund as your chosen charity.

Take your bottles and cans to the Recycle Rewards Return Point in Alexandra Road, Ulverstone.

The 10 cent container refund will go directly to UBC.

Collect eligible bottles and cans and put them in our collection bin here at UBC in the hall. We will take them to the collection point for you.

Christmas Day Lunch

Due to the unavailability of many of our wonderful volunteers, we will not be able to provide Christmas Day lunch this year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have served in past years. Your love, joy, and willingness to share hope have made this event a blessing to many in our community. It has been a privilege to host this event, and it is our hope to offer it again in years to come.

THREE WAYS TO GIVE

Worship Through Giving

1

IN OUR MORNING
WORSHIP SERVICE
Place your offering in the
offering box as you enter
church on Sunday Morning

2

DIRECT DEPOSIT
Ulverstone Baptist Church
BSB : 037-013
Acc No: 921369

3

ELECTRONIC GIVING
iGive

Go to our website @ ub.church
click on "Get Connected"
then click on "Giving"



Thank you for your faithfulness,
generosity and commitment each week

CONNECT GROUPS

Because Life Is Better Together

Ask about finding your group TODAY!



**270
BOXES**

Declare His glory among the nations.

Psalms 96:3

Well done Ulverstone Baptist Church!

Thank you to all who have filled boxes, contributed articles to put in boxes, supported financially and prayed.

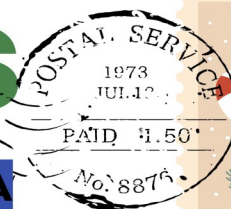
This year, 270 boxes have been sent from UBC and will be going to Cambodia, Philippines, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Ukraine.

Please continue to pray that these children and their communities will come to love Jesus. Also pray for the beautiful Christians in the receiving countries as they deliver the boxes and share the Gospel.

Many thanks, Ruth



Stamps FOR BAPTIST MISSION AUSTRALIA



Christmas is a time when Australia Post is very busy with an influx of gifts and Christmas cards that are full of warm wishes.

Please keep your stamps and pop them in the Baptist Mission Australia box at the back of the church.

Last year Baptist Mission Australia raised \$65,000 through the stamp ministry. You may think that your contribution is insignificant, but collectively we make a huge difference.

BAGS OF HOPE



Thank you Church for your incredible kindness and generosity.

Each filled Bag of Hope carries with it love, hope and encouragement, and will bless many households this Christmas.

It is a joy and privilege to partner with the Salvation Army this year as we shine Christ's hope into our community.



Pastor Louis will have variable hours from the 22nd of December to the 28th of December.



He will then be on holidays from the 29th of December to the 14th of January.

Christmas/New Year Office Hours

The church office will be closed after Thursday the 18th of December and will open again on Tuesday the 20th of January 2025.

As a reminder, the office is attended on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 1pm.

If for any reason you need assistance during the holiday period, please speak with your Life Groups, Ministry Leader, Elders or Deacons.

DECEMBER PRAYER GATHERING

Monday
8th December

7pm

In the church lounge

PRAYER is the link that
CONNECTS us with **GOD**

A.B. Simpson

Summer Picnics

Sunday, 18th January

Sunday, 15th February

Sunday 22nd March

After our morning worship service and following morning tea, join us at Fairway Park (between the red robin and the dinosaur) for a picnic lunch. BYO food, drinks, chairs or picnic blankets.





What a joy and privilege it is to once again be part of the Apex Ulverstone Christmas Parade and carols!

Our UBC band members are excited to join with the combined churches of Ulverstone, sharing music and supporting Colin Buchanan as we celebrate together.

We love serving our community.

May **God be glorified**, may **Jesus be seen and known**, and may this truly be a wonderful time of joy, celebration and connection for everyone who comes along!

Apex **ULVERSTONE**

Christmas PARADE+CAROLS

SAT. DECEMBER 13th

Christmas Parade - Original extended loop
4:30 PM: Ulverstone CBD

Christmas Carols & Family Fun
Ulverstone Sound Shell
5:30 PM: Pre-entertainment
7:30 PM: Carols begin
9:30 PM: Fireworks

FEATURING

- Colin Buchanan - Children's entertainer
- Free water slides • Food trucks • Free kid's activities

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in Central Coast

**CENTRAL COAST
COUNCIL**



Once again, UBC is excited to take part in the Ulverstone Christmas Parade. Our desire is to engage the younger generation in our community while gently pointing their hearts toward Jesus.

This year's float brings the Nativity to life - with every character dressed as they would appear in the Minecraft world.

Some of you may be wondering, **"What is Minecraft?"**

Minecraft is a popular video game (and more recently a movie that was released this year) where players can build, explore, and survive in a blocky, 3D world made entirely of cubes.

In Minecraft, you start with a simple world and then by using 3D blocks, time, care, and an imagination you can build an amazing world that includes houses, castles, farms, cities and forests. Minecraft is all about building and creating something strong, beautiful, and lasting. In the same way, God is the ultimate builder. He created the world and builds our lives with love and purpose.

When our lives are built on Jesus, the solid rock, we can stand strong no matter what comes, just like a Minecraft house that's built on strong blocks. In Matthew 7:24 Jesus said; "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

When Jesus was born, God started His greatest build ever. Not with gold or grand castles, but in a simple stable, with love and light. Just like in Minecraft, God used ordinary pieces: a stable, a manger, and a star. He then used people: Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings and a tiny baby, to build something extraordinary.

The nativity is the first block of His rescue plan and a way for us to know His love forever.

Each side of our float, will feature a sign that reads, "Jesus, the heart of God's greatest build."

Please pray that our message will be seen and understood. That people will view our float more than simply joy and entertainment, but to recognise that Jesus coming into the world on that very first Christmas was God's plan to restore and rebuild a relationship with each one of us.

GOD'S GREATEST BUILD

THE FOUNDATION OF HEAVEN'S
PLAN STARTED
IN A HUMBLE STABLE



GOD'S DESIGN FOR REDEMPTION
BEGAN WITH A BABY IN A MANGER



THE SHEPHERDS
WITNESSED
GOD'S GLORY

-
NO LANTERN
CAN MATCH
THAT GLOW



TO SEEK THE KING



IS THE ULTIMATE QUEST

THE MASTERPIECE OF HEAVEN
IS BORN



JESUS-THE BRIGHTEST LANTERN
IN OUR DARKEST SPACES

HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

COMPLETION OF GOD'S
GREATEST DESIGN.....



EASTER IS LOADING.....

We're Supporting Baptist World Aid's Christmas Appeal!

Pastor Nathaniel lives with his family in the Solomon Islands, where families experience frequent illness and injury, and poverty means communities can't access all they need. But this is changing. With support from Baptist World Aid, Pastor Nathaniel volunteers his own time, leading health and safety initiatives that eradicate illnesses like malaria, build strength and help communities overcome poverty. Want to multiply this impact? Give to Baptist World Aid's Christmas Appeal and equip local Christian leaders like Nathaniel to love their neighbours.



SCAN TO GIVE

[BWAA.CO/CHRISTMAS-CHURCH](https://bwaa.co/christmas-church)

 BAPTIST WORLD AID

Help Church Leaders Like Nathaniel Transform Communities This Christmas



Be Part of The Solution To Poverty

Christmas is a time for communities to gather in thanks to God for his most wonderful gift: Jesus. We invite you to share our dream of a better world where communities live in fullness of life as God intends. Give a gift that helps families achieve the health and wellbeing they need to thrive now and for generations.

A Legacy Of Generosity

Australian Baptist Churches have a long history of uniting to make an impact on poverty at Christmas. Since 2020, our collective churches have raised over \$1,500,000 to transform lives and support vulnerable communities! Your church has been an important part of this work, and we're so thankful for your generosity.

Fullness Of Life For All

For most of us, Christmas is abundant with wonderful things: friends, family, giving and receiving gifts, preparing and sharing meals, holidays, children's concerts and so much more. God has blessed us.

This Christmas, will you respond with a generous gift to those who need it most?

Jesus said in Luke 6:38, 'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'

Pastor Nathaniel lives and works in the Solomon Islands where life is made difficult by poverty and disease. Once, his community battled constant bouts of diseases like malaria, leaving families sick and weak. Now the whole community lives in good health, and malaria has been eradicated.

Around the world, many children, women and men have the capacity to change their lives and communities for the better but are limited by poverty.

Your gift this Christmas will equip local leaders like Nathaniel to help their community thrive in good health

If you would like to give to Baptist World Aid Australia this Christmas there are a number of ways you can do so.

Give directly by scanning the QR code.

Fill out the Baptist World Aid Christmas Appeal 2025 card and pop it in the mail.

Give a cash donation by using one of the marked 'Baptist World Aid Christmas Appeal' envelopes and place it in our UBC offering box throughout the month of December.

VMTC Tasmania invites you to our school in Hobart March 2026 - CFC Risdonvale and Blue Lagoon.



This is a new format for our school - based over 2 consecutive weekends. The first weekend is "Live-out" and mainly teaching at CFC church Risdonvale. The second weekend is "Live in" at Blue Lagoon camp (with the option to "Live out"), and mainly for prayer ministries.



PERSONAL Prayer and Healing Ministry

We recognise that many Christians struggle with parts of their lives that are preventing them from stepping into God's plan for them. Walking in victory and wholeness is God's heart for every Christian believer.

We aim to bring personal healing and wholeness to each individual through teaching on areas of sin and bondages and God's pathway to freedom. We include a confidential prayer and healing ministry for each individual as well as training and participation in prayer ministry for others. You will also be trained and involved in intercession for others through prayer vigils.

Our heart is to train you to minister God's healing to both yourself and others, through a simple pattern of biblically based prayer. This structured way of praying has been powerfully effective in bringing God's healing, deliverance and freedom to many of our attendees over many years.

Weekend 1	
Where:	CFC Church, Risdonvale
When:	March 20th - 22nd
Accommodation:	Live out only
3rd School and Up	
Starting:	Friday March 20th, 3pm
Finish:	Sunday March 22nd, 7pm+
*Not including Sunday morning	
1st & 2nd School	
Starting:	Friday March 20th, 6.15pm
Finish:	Saturday March 21st, 5.30pm

School Costs
Registration: \$70/person (\$120/couple)
Weekend 1: No Cost*
*The opportunity will be available to make a donation to cover meal costs and a thank offering to CFC Church for use of their facility
Weekend 2: \$250*
*Live-in, fully catered - adjusted lower for other options

Registration Information
Website:
https://vmtc.org.au/ministry/training-schools
Email: vmtc.tasmania@gmail.com
Contact: Lyndy Aldridge on 0427 351150
Registrations open: January 15th 2026



Weekend 2	
Where:	Blue Lagoon
When:	March 27th - 29th
Accommodation:	Live in (with a live out option)
Starting:	Friday March 27th, 3pm
Finish:	Sunday March 29th, 4.30pm

Next School: Camp Clayton, Ulverstone
T2 2026 June 5th - 8th

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
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New Mornings
Healthy minds. Thriving communities.



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Helping Australian Baptists Share Jesus



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