



*We believe we are called by God to be an inclusive
Christian community, committed to justice,
learning, service and care.*



BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH

More than a Sunday Church...

Week of 24th Nov 2017 ~ Service on Sunday 26th Nov 2017

9:15am & 11am – Rev Dr Adrian Brown

Worship Leaders: Mark Gill / Robert Corbett

Lectionary readings – 26th November (Christ the King)

Ezk 34:11-16, 20-24 • Ps 100 • Eph 1:15-23 • Mt 25:31-46

Please note Service Times for Next Weekend (3rd December)

Next week – 3rd December – (First Sunday of Advent)

10am Service at Church of Christ with Rev Phil Hoffmann

11am Service at BUC with Rev Dr Adrian Brown featuring Hills Choral Society

Reflections on the Reading

Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Here is a memory check from the *Andy Griffith Show* called *The Loaded Goat* and you can watch it on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YekBps53g3o>

A local construction crew is blasting for an underpass near Mayberry. The rumour is that the mayor wants to bring the highway past his brother's service station. A farmer brings his goat to town to experience his weekly shopping trip, and partly because of the blasting making the goat nervous. Told to get him out of the barbershop, he ties him up outside but the animal soon frees itself. Unfortunately for everyone, the goat makes its way to a construction shack used by a road crew and eats a crate-full of dynamite. Andy and Barney treat the goat with kid gloves and place him in drunk and disorderly Otis's cell. The fun starts when Otis lets himself into the locked jail using his own key and kicks the goat out of "his" cell. It's left to Barney to play the pied piper and get the animal out of town.

Separating the sheep from the goats takes on a new meaning. Everyone might want to find and be rid of the goat but his owner loves him (put another way, God loves even the goats and this is the message from today's reading that we should too).

Rev Dr Adrian Brown

This Week

Christmas Gift Bags

As in previous years we are giving Christmas Gift Bags to our Messy Church, Sunday morning and Baptism families this December. We hope to include a Christmas decoration, a booklet with the Christmas story, balloons, a Christmas grace, and a message from the congregation. The bags usually cost between \$5 and \$10. We have around 30 families, and if we get enough money we try to give something small with a message from Blackwood UC to the Playgroup families as well. If you would like to make a contribution to this seasonal gift to the families in our extended 'family', please see Marnie Agnew, or put your contribution in an envelope marked Family Ministry Christmas Gift Bags and put it in the offering or leave it at the office. This is a significant way in which we can let our families know we care about them, and visit those with whom we have had minimal contact during the year.

Help needed for Messy Church next weekend: We have enough Christmas trees and lights, thank you, but we will need help putting the trees up on Saturday 2nd December, from 2pm. If you have an hour to spare and could help that afternoon, could you see Marnie Agnew ph 0408 474 699 email agnew05@bigpond.net.au

We also need an extra pair of hands after the 11 o'clock service on Sunday 3rd to help put up blackout screens on the windows in the chapel. That is the morning we will be joining with the Church of Christ people at the Church of Christ, and there will be a visiting choir at the 11am service at BUC, which makes finding a volunteer a little more complicated. If you can help please see Marnie Agnew or Russell Grear.

Uniting Church 2018 Calendars

UC Communications have uploaded the 2018 calendar in digital format!

If you would like to download the calendar please use the following link to our website:- <http://blackwooduc.org.au/downloads/uc-calendar/>

Hard copies of the calendar will be available in the office from next week.

Uniting World Gift Catalogue

Everything in Common is UnitingWorld's ethical gift catalogue. Featuring clean water, education and the chance for families to live with dignity, these gifts help create the kind of world we'd all like to be part of. Buy a gift, dedicate it to a loved one and spread twice the joy! Place your Christmas order by 15th December.

Each gift in the *Everything in Common* catalogue helps people across the Pacific, Asia and Africa to build the kind of world we all hope for. Gifts like clean water, education, chickens and the chance for families to live with dignity.

How it Works

Buy a gift, dedicate it to a loved one and spread twice the joy!

Choose a gift from the catalogue, and complete your order online or call us with your payment details. Choose how you'd like to receive your card:

- We deliver beautifully printed cards to you OR
- You send it as an eCard to someone OR
- You print the card at home

An update to the Guide for Worship Leaders, Preachers and Music leaders

We have created this simple set of reminders to assist Data Input Operators in their preparation of the worship services each week.

We hope that asking you provide all these details will better help our preparation and also ensure a smooth operation of the service on Sundays.

1) All information to be emailed to buc.worship@gmail.com or worship@blackwooduc.org.au by **Tuesday** to assist with time for searching and reporting copyright and preparing power points.

2) Full outline of order of service to be included.

3) A guide to theme of service will help data operators find suitable images. Alternatively, worship leaders/preachers can also send images of their choice to be used.

4) Music detail to include:

a) songbook title

b) number of song or hymn

c) first line of verse 1

d) any changes to order of verses, the number of repeats of chorus, and repeats of any last lines.

Please refer to music books in the grey cupboard in the library to confirm the church owns a copy of the published source. When reporting song use to copyright licensing organisations they require the title of the book in which it was published and legally the church should own one. Any other songs may have to be followed up to the individual copyright owner.

Data input operators are Anne Grear (8278 1178), Ray Pentland (7226 8707) and Bryan Belling on occasion. We are always looking for more people to join us and help prepare slides for the services on Sundays. Please talk to Anne or Ray if you're interested.

Your help in providing us with these extra details will make preparing for the service much easier. If you have any questions, please feel free to ring or email us.

Thank you!

BUC Events

Walking Group

You are invited to join us on a walk in Sturt Gorge this Sunday (26th November) when we will walk down to the Minda Dam. Meet at the carpark at the rear of the Blackwood Hills oval on Craighburn Road at 2pm. Note: If the temperature forecast is 30 degrees or higher the walk will be cancelled. For more information contact Milton Turner on 8278 3523 or 0428 861 853.

Women's C3PO Social Group

Our next gathering will be for lunch on Tuesday 28th November @ Joan's Pantry, 12.30 pm. All women welcome. Contact Marnie Agnew if you would like to attend, for booking purposes: agnew05@bigpond.net.au mob: 0408 474 699. Diary date for December: Our Christmas lunch will be on Monday 18th December at the Belair Hotel, 12.30pm. Put it in your diary, I will call for names for booking in early December.

First Friday Friends

Our Friday Friends Christmas Lunch will be on December 1st at 1pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us. If you would like to come could you please let me know. Helen Blake.



Roundabout Messy Church

Blackwood Uniting Church

3 December 2017

Messy
Christmas

4- 6pm

Craft Songs
Story Food Fun
Celebrate!



Into us a
child is born...

Cost: \$10 per family
including a simple meal

An alternative family-orientated church

Blackwood Uniting Church

266 Main Rd Blackwood ph 8278 7699
www.blackwooduc.org.au

"Inviting people to embrace the possibility of God"

Thank you letter from Blackwood Primary School

Please find following a copy of a letter received in the office this week from the Blackwood Primary School:-



BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*An IB school valuing, supporting and inspiring
a community of lifelong learners*

Principal: Phil Garner
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13th November 2017

Reverend Phil Hoffmann
Blackwood Uniting Church
266 Main Road
Blackwood SA 5051

Dear Reverend Phil and members of the Blackwood Uniting Church

We would like to sincerely thank you for your kind and thoughtful messages about the important role our teachers have in shaping our society. Our teachers appreciated the way in which you recognised and celebrated their efforts in educating our students and thoroughly enjoyed the morning tea you provided.

The pot plants and reed diffusers were a lovely way to further acknowledge the great work they do.

Kind regards



Phil Garner
Principal



Looking ahead in 2017...

Sunday	26 th Nov	2:00pm	Walking Group
Tuesday	28 th Nov	12:30pm	Women's C3PO Social Group
Friday	1 st Dec	1:00pm	First Friday Friends
Sunday	3 rd Dec	4:00pm	Messy Church

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