



8th December 2019

Good News, of Great Joy, for All People

Last week we celebrated! Our children led us musically, poetically and dramatically as we were invited into the Christmas story with enthusiasm and creativity. We celebrated too the journey of the last year, culminating in the eighth year of the life of Playford Uniting Church.

In closing the service, I reflected on the apparent lengthening and busying of the "Christmas Season" and the associated feelings of weariness. Often the way we try and celebrate seems to be counter to the story that began it all. I felt a bit weary as I reflected myself... are all these preparations worth it?

It was that night as I was reflecting on my reflecting, that it struck me. All this 'preparing for Christmas' talk is something that the people of God have been wrestling with since the early days of the church coming to life...ADVENT...is the season of preparation - not for Christmas Day, but for Jesus, Himself.

Mike Frost, a writer I love to read for challenging and often provocative thoughts, says this about Advent, (<https://mikefrost.net/advent-might-wrong/>) and I paraphrase "Advent is two things, Participation and Anticipation; a season where we are invited to heighten our participation in the reconciling work of Christ in the world, and one where we the faithful renew our ardent desire for his second coming."

To quote Mike to close, "So, by all means, celebrate the season of Advent, but remember there's so much more you can do with it than just tell people to get ready for Christmas Day. They could be using it to get ready for a Brand New Day!"

Grace and peace
Pete

CREATE

After School Kid's Club
Tuesday's 3.30-5.30pm
@ Playford Uniting Church
Call Nick: 0402 808 744

LITTLE BUZZ PLAYGROUP

Thursday's 9.30-11am
@ Playford Uniting Church

A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Women's Christmas Event

Friday 6th Dec. 7pm @ Playford UC
Tickets - \$10 from
<https://www.trybooking.com/BGWRO>
Or purchase tickets at the door

WonderFULL Christmas Festival

Friday December 20th - 5-9.30pm
Fireworks, Live Music, Markets, Kids Fun,
Food Stalls, Trail of Wonder

Have you considered volunteering yet?
Contact Felicity - felicityrouse@gmail.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday Dec 8th : Ken Wright
Good News

Sunday Dec 15th : Leanne Davis
Great Joy

Sunday Dec 22nd : Peter Riggs
All People

Christmas Eve 7.30pm : Henry Rouse

Christmas Day 9am : Peter Riggs

[Kids Christmas Service & PUC](#)
[Birthday from December 1st](#)

or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

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