

St. Andrew's Uniting Church News

Dec 2018/Jan 2019

Mission Statement:

**To bring the Gospel of Christ to
the People of the Hawkesbury.**



Sunday Services

8:30am (Church)

Traditional worship followed by morning tea & fellowship

10:00am (Church)

In conjunction with our Kids' Sunday program.

A family celebration including programs from three years old to Yr 6.

Morning tea and fellowship follows.

6:00pm Sundays@Six (Auditorium)

A friendly & relaxed creative service held in the auditorium with great music, followed by light refreshments.

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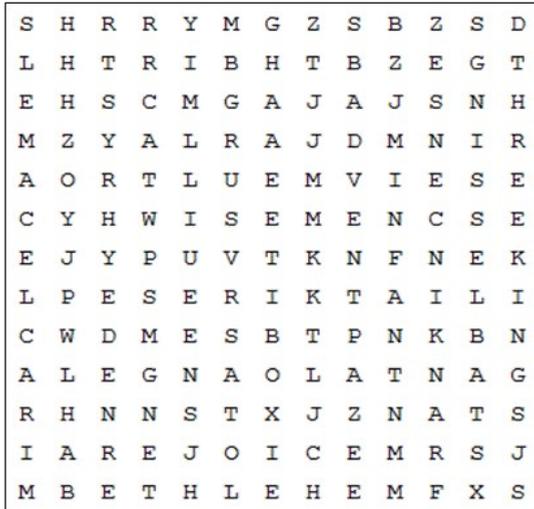
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CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



Joy to the World



ADVENT
ANGEL
BETHLEHEM
BIRTH
BLESSINGS
CAMELS
FRANKINCENSE

INFANT
JESUS
JOSEPH
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MARY
MIRACLE

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NATIVITY
REJOICE
STABLE
STAR
THREE KINGS
WISE MEN



October Seniors' Lunch

We were privileged to welcome the Moderator of the NSW/ACT Synod of the Uniting Church of Australia, Rev. Simon Hansford, as speaker for Seniors' Lunch in October.

By way of introduction Rev. Hansford told the audience a little of his personal history and how he actually arrived at St. Andrew's on this afternoon. Together with his wife and two children he lives in Tamworth. Today, he left his property early, flew to Sydney and collected a car to use for the days that he is working from the Sydney office. Then he attended a multi-faith meeting in the city before heading west to join us in the Hawkesbury. Interspersed with personal anecdotes we also heard of a recent representative visit to Papua New Guinea. Meetings, tours, celebrations and the odd storm provided a range of experiences for both him and his wife.

It was a most interesting, entertaining and thought provoking presentation. Thank you, Rev. Simon Hansford for spending time with us at St. Andrew's.

(Judith Dennis)



U4F—November Meeting—Fashion Parade

Another successful fashion parade with Sandi, Lorraine, Irene and Denise “walking the catwalk”, parading the lovely array of clothing from Stafford Fashions.

After being greeted at the door the morning was off to a good start with a delicious Devonshire Morning Tea. Beryl excelled once again in the kitchen putting the oven to good use with numerous trays of freshly baked scones. Sue, Lyn and Judith served our guests with steaming hot tea and coffee and those delicious aromatic scones.

Thank you for participating in the day and for your generosity in purchasing some lovely clothing from Stafford Fashions. All monies taken go directly to our church.

Our next Fashion Parade is on Thursday 5th September 2019. There will be plenty of notice prior to the day, but please put the date in your 2019 diary.



Sundays@Six Christmas Dinner Service 2018

Sundays@Six would love to invite you to our end of year Christmas Dinner Service to be held on Sunday the 16th December at 6pm. This has always been a beautiful way to celebrate our year, as we reflect on time shared together and look forward to joining again in January.

This year, our amazing youth are assisting with some of the worship! We will also have times of reflection in the form of special devotions and a music clip. We will conclude our time by sharing in a sit-down Christmas dinner together.

The Sundays@at Six team love to plan and provide this special service every year as a way of reflecting on the meaning of Christmas and to celebrate our journey together. All are welcome.

Please note for catering purposes we will provide an RSVP sheet in the auditorium foyer where you may add your name if you are intending to come. We hope to see you there!

Rosie Harriott (Sundays@Six)



Pictures from 2017 Christmas Dinner



Women's Breakfast

Back in 2013 a member of St Andrew's, Robyn Duignan who attended 10am service, was very keen for us to look into beginning a Women's Breakfast.

Robyn felt it was very important that we have a time when women could come together in a relaxed way over a simple breakfast. A time to build relationships between women from the different St Andrew's services and from the community and open to all ages.

A time for encouragement, support and building each other up in our faith journey and in life in general.

It was decided to begin with three breakfasts a year.

There is always a theme for the day. The morning usually consists of a speaker (from outside or within the church), a simple activity/quiz and we close with a reflection—often a song on the screen.

Robyn is no longer involved but we are grateful for her passion in beginning the breakfasts. Janette Buchan, Eleanor Buchan and Sandra Brown, together, now plan and organise two breakfasts each year.

{Sandra Brown}

On Nov 2nd the theme was Wish upon a Star, we came into a very welcoming atmosphere with the hall adorned with handmade stars (thanks to Eleanor) and prettily set out tables. We had a choice of cereals, yoghurt, fruit and toast or croissants with tea or coffee.



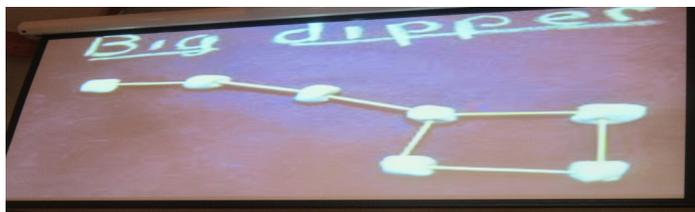
*These stars made by
Eleanor
indicated the theme
for the morning.*

The speaker was Noreen Towers who told us some short stories about some of the homeless people who she had worked with over many years and how they had acted like 'stars' shining in difficult circumstances.

Women's Breakfast (continued)

There was a colouring activity and a short challenge when you tried to make the shape of a named star constellation with sticks and mini-marshmallows. A very enjoyable and well organised Women's Breakfast was enjoyed by all those who came. (A.W)

One of the Constellations we made was the Big Dipper



News from the Communications Group

The UCA NSW Synod have developed a platform for Congregations to produce Web Sites. A few months ago Ann Whattam and I attended an exhausting one day workshop along with folks from other congregations.

We have now completed an initial cut of the Web Site which is up and running. It can be accessed at richmond.uca.org.au. Most of the other churches in our Zone are also well underway with their sites.

Kurrajong Heights and Windsor are fully converted to the new site format.

St Andrew's site will enable us to run a free site, with free support and Domain Name registration (Synod carrying the costs).

Soon we will decommission the old site after re-directing search engines to the new URL.

There are some features of the new site that we have not yet fully established, or are still working with ideas also some for which we are seeking in order to get the best effect (e.g. the Landing Page picture).

This is and always will be a work in progress. We hope to update at least monthly to keep the site fresh and relevant and of course to introduce new features as they come along.

Your feedback is welcome.

Geoff Brown for Communications Committee

Blokes Christmas Breakfast

Saturday 8th December

8.00am

Come and hear our Guest Speakers



Geoff and Sue Walker

from

Impactnations australia

**Ladies are invited to join us
for this special occasion**

Add your name to the list in the Foyer

Farewell to the Foxes

Sunday the 4th November was the last time that the Fox Family would be at Sundays@Six as they were leaving for Queensland and a new adventure in their lives. Catriona and Mark were given a unique gift by Sundays@Six with the words of one of their favourite songs (picture below).



I am sure it will have pride of place in their new home, Catriona has been singing with the group for the last thirteen years and we are sure it won't be long before she finds a church and is happily settled in her new life along with Mark in his new job and the girls in new schools. The Family were given books by Sandi on behalf of the congregation.

Hamper Update

The packing of hampers is going to take place on Wednesday 12th December at 9am in the Auditorium, so the last day for bringing items will be the Sunday 9th December.

Thank you for all the contributions we have received to date.

December Activities 2018

Mon	3	Playtime	9.30	Mon	17	Playtime	9.30
Tues	4	PLT Mtg	7pm	Weds	19	St. And. Singers	10.00
Weds	5	TOFMS	9.45			Carols/Uniting Chapel	
Thurs	6	U4F Xmas Lunch	12.00	Thurs	20	Patchwork	1.30
Fri	7	Time for Prayer	9.00	Fri	21	Time for Prayer	9.00
Fri	7	IDA Service	10.30				
Fri	7	Tech Gurus	1pm	Mon	24	Christmas Eve	6.30pm
Fri	7	Youth Group	7pm	Mon	24	Candlelight Service	11pm
Mon	10	Playtime	9.30	Tues	25	Christmas Day	9am
Fri	14	Time for Prayer	9.00				
Fri	14	Youth Group	7pm	Fri	28	Time for Prayer	9.30

January Activities 2019

Thurs	17	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00	(Café Visit)
Thurs	17	Patchwork	1.30	
Sat	19	Andys BoomXers	4pm	(See notice below)
Weds	23	St. And. Singers	10.00	(Uniting Village Chapel)
Thurs	24	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00	(Café Visit)
Fri	25	Time for Prayer	9.00	
Sun	27	Congregational Meeting	10.30	
Thurs	31	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00	

Andy's BoomXers

SOMETHING BIG HAPPENING IN 2019

Planning Meeting

Sat 19th January 2019

Time about 4pm in the Auditorium

Enjoy afternoon tea and chat

Everyone welcome, ideas and input appreciated

Are you in your **50's** or **60's**? Come join in
Have fun, share your hopes, dreams and concerns
through faith, love and friendship.
Christians going through similar stages in life.

Contact: Meryl 0422 146 220, Kaye 0416 042 068 or Kiran 0406 586 360

Worship Planner for December 2018

Date	8:30am	10am	6pm
2 December (Advent 1)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Experiencing God
9 December (Advent 2)	Noreen Towers	Noreen Towers	Café Church
16 December (Advent 3)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh
23 December (Advent 4)	Bronwyn Bailey	Bronwyn Bailey	
24 December (Advent 4/ Xmas Eve)		6:30pm Aussie BBQ 7pm Nativity Presentation	11pm Candlelight with HC
25 December (Christmas Day)	9am Christmas Day Service Je-Kon Oh		
30 December (Christmas 1)	9am Geoff Brown		

Worship Planner for January 2019

Date	9am Summer Sunday Services	6pm
6 January (The Epiphany)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Café style with DVD
13 January (Epiphany 1)	Je-Kon Oh	Café style with DVD
20 January (Epiphany 2)	Noreen Towers	Café Style withDVD
27 January (Epiphany 3)	Je-Kon Oh	Café Style withDVD

HAPPENINGS DURING THE WEEK

- MONDAYS** **Playtime:** 9.30am-11.30am parents & pre-schoolers (Sarah Jones 4577 5353)
Andy's Hands-on-Help: 9.00-1pm maintenance & fellowship (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)
- TUESDAYS** **Church Council:** 7.30pm 1st Tuesday odd number month (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)
Pastoral Leaders Team: 7.00pm 1st Tuesday even month (Je-Kon Oh)
- WEDNESDAYS** **Time Out For Mums:** 9.45-11.15am Fortnightly school terms for mums & pre-schoolers (Sandra Brown 4589 3008)
- THURSDAYS** **1st: Uniting 4 Fellowship 10.00am**
(Beryl Hedges 4571 2087)
2nd & 3rd: Cuppa 4 Seniors: 10.00am-12 noon
3rd Thursday: Patchwork with Thelma 1.30 pm
4th: Seniors' Lunch: 12 noon-1.45pm
Seniors' Bible Study: 12 noon-1.30pm (1st, 3rd & 5th)
(Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)
- FRIDAYS** **Prayer Meeting:** 9am-10am (Margaret Bailey)
1st: IDA Service: 10.30am **1st: Tech Gurus** 1pm-2pm
Youth Group: 7pm (Yrs 5 and up during school term)
(Evelynn Inskip 0447119020)

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