



# Crows Nest Uniting Church

## Keeping Connected

21 November 2021  
The Reign of Christ

*A welcoming, spirited community for  
today*



# Church Service and Zoom at 10 am

**Church Service 10.00am Sunday 21 December**

The Church is open for services with Covid-safe rules:

- please **DO NOT** come if you are feeling at all unwell
- use the hand sanitiser provided in the porch
- sign-in to the building using the QR Code in the church porch
- sit on the crosses taped to the pews and please do not remove them

Our service will continue on Zoom each Sunday for those of you who do not feel you want to return to the Church at this time.

**Join our services via Zoom** by clicking:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/952541571?pwd=MFpWNDExe>



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## **Roster Schedule**

Volunteers are always needed for the roster. Please respond to the call each week.



**21 November** – Reader: Lin Gourlay, Prayer Leader: Margaret Miller, Vestry Prayer: Bev Cameron, Welcomer: Barbara Henderson, Morning Tea: Gill Glen & Pru Thomas, Counters: +2 & Flowers: Pru Thomas

**28 November** – Reader: Jamie Warren, Prayer Leader: +1, Vestry Prayer: Bev Cameron, Welcomer: +1, Morning Tea: +2, Counters: +2 & Flowers: Lorna Bassett

**5 December** – Reader: Bev Cameron, Communion Elder & Prayer Leader: Gill Glen, Vestry Prayer: Bev Cameron, Welcomer: +1, Morning Tea: Lin Gourlay & Barbara Henderson, Counters: +2 & Flowers: Pru Thomas

## **Weekly Offering**

With COVID-19 continuing to disrupt our normal church life, we suggest that your offering be made by way of direct transfer to the Church's bank account. The details are as follows:

Bank A/C	Crows Nest Uniting Church
Name:	Giving Direct
BSB:	634 634
Account No.:	100031537

## **Lectionary Readings**

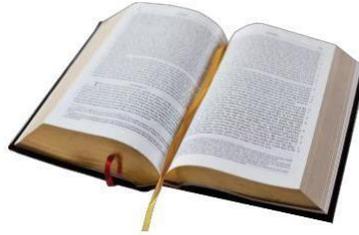
The readings for this week are:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)

Revelations 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37



## **News from Church Council**

### **Election of office bearers**

The Church Council met on Tuesday 16 November and elected the office-bearers for all or part of the coming year. The details are:

Chair: Peter Butt

Secretary: Gill Glen

Acting Treasurer: Lorna Bassett

Gill and Lin will continue to be responsible for COVID-19 matters.

Lin Gourlay has decided to step down, after many years as the secretary.

A big thank you to Lin for her sterling effort in this role.

### **Vacancies on Church Council**

There is room on the Church Council for more members. Would you like to consider a role? We are keen to encourage interest. If you would like to chat confidentially about a possible role (and with absolutely no obligation!), please contact Peter (9436 2400) or Michael (0407 281486), at any time.

Peter Butt, Chair.

### **Christmas Bowl**

Pru Thomas has kindly volunteered to be the co-ordinator this year.

## **Life and Witness (L&W) Consultation with Crows Nest Uniting Church Update #8**

There is no more news on L&W this week. We will provide an update when we hear from the L&W team.

If you would like to see what has been provided to the L&W team, please scan through the documents on this link, [☐ Life and Witness Documents](#).

Please feel free to contact Mahajan, Joanne, or Michael if you would like to learn more about this process, or if you have suggestions to help the process.

### **Advent Study Series by Rev Dr Clive Pearson – Part 3**

The Uniting Churches of Lower North Shore are presenting a study series on “Signs of The Times: Christ & Climate”. This study series is led by Rev Dr Clive Pearson at Crows Nest Uniting or on Zoom. Part 3 will commence on Thursday November 25 at 7.30 pm and the last module will be on 2 December. Please follow this link for study materials: [Climate.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Printed copies of study series Part 2 are available in the church foyer.

### **Morning Tea is on today**

Just a reminder for everyone to spread out in the tea room. If necessary, move into the church or playground, to ensure that we do not have too many people in the tea room.



## Christmas Lunch, Saturday Dec 4



It's that time of year again and this year our Christmas Party will be a Covid Safe lunch in the upstairs hall, with canapes from 12.30 pm. Everyone, especially the children, is invited to come along and join the festivities which we missed out on last year because of the

lockdown. There is a sign-up list in the church, or email Barbara at [barbarah28@bigpond.com](mailto:barbarah28@bigpond.com).

The cost for lunch with all the trimmings will be \$25. Please pay Barbara with either cash or as a bank deposit by November 28. All other details are in the attached invitation.

### **Payment by bank deposit:**

Bank details: CNUC Cheque Facility  
BSB 634 634  
Account No. 1000 18710

**Please include your name on the deposit.**



## **Pre-school Christmas Service**

**Wednesday 8 December and Thursday 9 December at 10.00 am** in the church. We'd love some church members to come to meet the new Gowrie team and the children.

## **Christmas Hampers**

The Crows Nest Centre will be collecting for their hampers. Attached to the weekly email is a flyer with the list of goodies to buy.

## **With Love to the World**

The WLTW for 15 November 2021 – 13 February 2022 has arrived and are available in the church foyer.

## **Uniting Church Synod 2021 Event**

This service will be livestreamed on the official Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT Facebook page and the Synod's YouTube Channel. It will be available on both these platforms after the event for on demand viewing:

Sunday 21 November

Christ the King Sunday "A Home in the Wilderness"

Parkes Welcome Uniting Church 7.30 pm

## **Climate and Crows Nest Uniting Church**



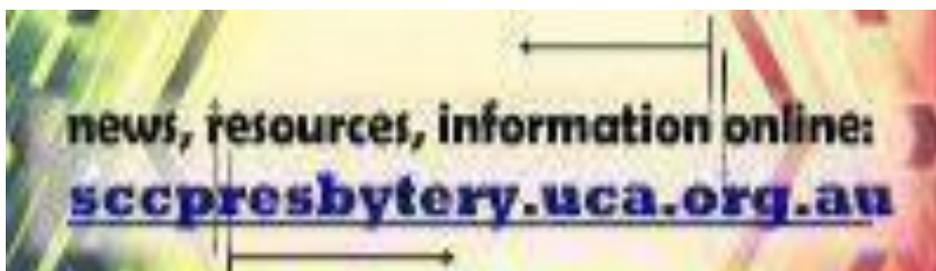
Two weeks ago, I presented the state of the climate derived from verified data from world bodies. This was also aligned with the discussions at COP26, and the Advent Study Series led by Rev Dr Clive Pearson. We can all help reduce emissions in our daily actions, which in turn will have an impact on

how large companies and politicians respond to this crisis. Here are some suggested ways we can make an impact; 1) Reduce your energy use and water, 2) Cut back on flying, 3) Leave the car at home – safely use public transport, ride a bicycle, walk, 4) Eat less meat and dairy, 5) Cut consumption – and waste; repair, re-use, check carbon emissions of

products you buy, 6) Respect and protect green spaces, 7) Invest your money responsibly – invest in products and services that have a **true** low carbon footprint, 8) Make your voice heard by your local politician. Share your experience in reducing your carbon footprint, and your ideas on how we can encourage our communities to help in the process. Please get in touch with Mahajan or any of the Crows Nest Church Council members with your ideas. Thank you.

## **Sydney Central Coast Presbytery Weekly News**

<https://sydneycentralcoastpresbytery.uca.org.au/>



**Please send items for this news sheet to Gaiklin before  
Thursday each week**

**PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE OR ITEMS FOR  
INCLUSION IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF  
'KEEPING CONNECTED'**

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We worship and live on land that is sacred to and has been cared for by people of the Cammeraygal and Wallumedegal clans, part of the Kuring-Gai tribe. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

**Spirited Community**