

## When Christmas Makes Us Blue

While for many, Christmas is a time of fun and enjoyment, there are some in our community for whom Christmas may not be all that merry.

There are many reasons for this, from not having a loved one around this year, to loneliness, to dealing with the expenses of Christmas, to having family situations that are stressful and challenging.

If you are one of those for whom Christmas is not filled with joy, I want to share the encouragement that you are not alone, and that Jesus Christ came especially for all those who feel they are on life's scrapheap. Part of 'the good news of great joy' (Luke 2:10) is that Jesus has compassion for the broken, burnt-out, bedraggled and left behind, and that he seeks to love and comfort us during the hard times of life.

In order to recognise and provide space for those who are struggling this Christmas you are invited to our 'Blue Christmas' service on the 10th December at 9am, led by Pastor Peter Cole.

As part of this service we will have the opportunity to pray and reflect, and to be prayed for, and to seek the comfort and peace that Jesus brings into our darkness.

If, on the other hand, you are full of happiness and joy in this season, always remember that the true 'spirit of Christmas', is a spirit of love and generosity. Please remember to share the abundance you have with others, and to help those who are in need.

Whoever and however you are, have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

We invite you to join us on a journey of worship and fellowship with us, as we celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ, and look forward to his second Advent, with the hope that Christ encourages us to embrace to its fullness.

Rev. Adam Tipple

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land - the Jarowair and Giabal people.

## News and Announcements

### Connect 100 Community Chaplain Role Update

After interviewing several applicants the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) have put forward a name to Uniting Care for this role. We thank all applicants for their time and interest in this role, and pray a blessing on the person who will be called to serve alongside us at Lifeworks, and also to serve the Uniting Care community in Toowoomba as Community Chaplain. It is expected that the new person will start sometime early in the new year, details to be confirmed.

### Christmas Carols - Help Needed and Transport available

Looking for helpers for our Christmas Carols event on Dec 24th from 5.30pm. Some jobs that will need doing:

Set up of chairs and tables in church  
Helping with kids Christmas Craft (Blue Card holders only)  
Set up of parking signs and barriers  
Clean up and pack away  
Fairly Floss and Popcorn attendants  
Transport for older people to and from the event  
Tech including streaming

If you can help in any of these ways, please let Rev Adam know.

Also, if you would like to come to the carols which start at 7pm, but getting out at night is difficult for you, there is a transport list in the church foyer. Please put your details there and we will endeavour to contact you in the lead up to the event to confirm pick-up and drop-off details.

### December 2023 Services

#### Sunday 3rd December 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Louise Walker  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

#### Sunday 10th December 9am Blue Christmas Service

Worship Leader: Va Palfi  
Preacher: Ps Peter Cole

#### Sunday 17th December 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Lynne Hindman  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

#### Sunday 24th December 7pm Light in the Darkness Christmas Carols (no Sunday morning service)

#### Monday 25th December 8am Christmas Day Service

#### Sunday 31st December 9am

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe  
Preacher: Rev Ruth Harding

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#)

### Giving Details

If you would like to give to Lifeworks, you can use the following methods:

Electronic direct deposit  
Bank: Westpac Bank  
Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church  
BSB: 034 242  
Account Number: 359 011

Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to: PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350

Cash can be left in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We thank-you for your generosity!

### Quick Links

[www.lifeworksuniting.org.au](http://www.lifeworksuniting.org.au)



[YouTube](#)



[Facebook](#)

Midweek online prayer link (Weds 7am) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432040065...>  
Password: B1x6cs

## Keenagers Christmas Carols

There was a great turnout of 33 people for the Keenagers Christmas Carols on Thursday 30th November. A big thanks to Averell Cockfield who played the piano for us and kept us entertained and engaged with Christmas jokes and reflections. Thanks also to all those who provided food and drink.

## mainly music Christmas Celebrations

mainly music met for the last time in 2023 to celebrate Christmas with the families, and to share the story of Jesus' birth with the little ones.

It was a great morning of singing and fun. A big thank-you to our amazing mm team for their love, care and dedication throughout 2023.

We thank God for you!

## Advent Devotionals

We have ordered 40 of these guides from Media-com, enough for one per family/couple/single.

They should be available in the church foyer from Weds 6th December.

## Bin Key

As the lock with the code didn't work out this has been replaced with a keyed lock. If you need to use the outdoor bins, the key is on the end of a long piece of tubing, in the kitchen above the bin, near the fire blanket.

## Rev Adam Tipple Leave Dates

Adam will be away on leave from 30th December to 2nd January and then from 5th January to 16th January. For any urgent pastoral enquiries during this time, call the ministry mobile 0487 572 400.



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## Prayer Points

- Pray for the success of our Advent and Christmas services, and give thanks for everyone who gives their time and energy to make these happen.
- Pray for those who are experiencing loss, grief and loneliness at this time, and that we would be a church who serves these people well.
- Pray for kids and youth who are finishing their school year. Give thanks for all those finishing grade 12, and pray for a refreshing break and a great start to 2024. Give thanks also for teachers and other school staff and pray they get a good rest too.
- Give thanks for the life of John Hindmarsh, and pray for his family.
- Please pray for the families that will receive the Christmas hampers that we have donated, that they will have a happy and hopeful Christmas.
- Pray for the person called to be the Connect 100 Chaplain, that they and we will be blessed as they start this role early next year.



# CHRISTMAS

at

**Lifeworks Uniting Church  
Glenvale**

**CHRISTMAS EVE, 5.30PM**

**LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFT  
FACE PAINTING, WAFFLES**

**CAROLS FROM 7PM**

**(NO SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, 8AM SERVICE**

**THE PROMISE OF PEACE**



**615 Boundary St, Glenvale, Toowoomba**



# Blue Christmas Service

Sunday 10th December, 9am  
at Lifeworks Uniting Church

This time of year can be tough for many of us.  
This service is an opportunity to acknowledge pain, loss and sadness,  
and to know and receive the hope, peace and comfort that can be  
found in Jesus, the divine light who shines even in our darkest days.  
All welcome.

## Lifecycle

3pm Sunday  
10th December  
start at Plaza Park  
Highfields  
finish  
Peacehaven  
Park

Bring a bike and a  
helmet.  
All ages welcome.

For info call  
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# LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service Holy Communion	<b>4</b> 6pm Church Council Meeting  7pm Church Council Din- ner	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7am Midweek online prayer	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service  3pm Lifecycle	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7am Midweek online prayer	<b>14</b> Midday Keenagers Christmas Lunch	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7am Midweek online prayer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6pm Christmas Carols Prac- tice	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 5.30pm Light in the Darkness Christmas- Carols (Carols from 7pm)	<b>25</b> 8am Christmas Day Service	<b>26</b> Boxing Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service						