



## Geebung Wavell Uniting Church

A member of the Assembly  
of Confessing Congregations  
Of the Uniting Church  
in Australia



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### Our Mission Statement

“Sharing the love of Jesus together  
in welcoming all people into the  
fellowship of the church as well as  
ministering to the community”

## Billy Graham's Advent 3 Devotion—The true message of Christmas

Do you know people who need to hear about God's love and forgiveness? Billy Graham's third Advent meditation focuses on sharing the true Christmas message.

**Read Luke 2:8-10**—On that first Christmas night, the angels appeared to shepherds on a hill near Bethlehem. Alfred Edersheim, the great 19th-century Jewish-Christian scholar, wrote in his book *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* that the shepherds and the sheep to whom the angels appeared near Bethlehem were no ordinary shepherds and sheep.

The sheep were those bound for the temple sacrifices. The shepherds were outcasts because of their necessary isolation from religious ordinances. And their manner of life rendered legal observances unlikely, if not absolutely impossible.

How wonderful that in God's wisdom and love the angels should appear to them—the doomed and the outcast—that night.

Today we can declare to the world that the Good Shepherd cares for all people and wants to give them peace. Christ came on that first Christmas for one great purpose—to die on the cross for our sins. Now God offers forgiveness, inner peace and eternal life to all who will repent and believe in His Son. This is the Christmas message!

*Do you know people who need to hear about God's love and forgiveness? Will you share the true Christmas message with them this year?*



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## For your Diary

## For your attention

### Weekly Activities

**Tuesday** Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell  
**Wednesday** Bible Study In recess  
**Thursday** Choir Practice in recess  
**Sunday** Sunday School In recess

### Fortnightly Activity

**Wavell Tuesday Night Bible Study** is in Recess

### AGM—date Claimer Sunday February 17th 2019

Combined Service 9am at Wavell with the AGM to follow.

If you are a group or ministry team leader, could you please submit your 2018 reports, with photos if you have any, to the office **no later than Monday February 4th.**

Email to: [geebungwavelluc@bigpond.com](mailto:geebungwavelluc@bigpond.com)  
Or leave your report in the office/letterbox  
Thank you

### *Gifts for the less privileged Children*

I know you folk are very Generous,  
Showing your hearts are full of tenderness,  
So would you also have spare toys

You could give to girls and boys,  
Who have much less than kids we know  
Which will to them much kindness show  
If you can, we'd ask you please  
Place wrapped and labelled under the tree.

(i.e. 6-8yo Boy, 10-12yo Girl)  
**Thank you**



Sunday Dec 23rd Advent 4 9:00am Combined Service @ Geebung

### **Christmas Services**

Monday December 24th **Christmas Eve** 6:00pm Wavell Heights

Tuesday December 25th **Christmas Day** 7:30am Geebung

8:30am Wavell Heights

Sunday December 30th 9:00am Combined Service Geebung

### **New Year Service**

Sunday January 6th 2019 9:00am Combined Service Wavell

## The People Who Need Our Prayers

Nelle Atfield

Joan Morris

Marcia Halliday

Janice & Alan Bird

Norma Jenkins

Ross Hargreaves

Beris Urquhart

Shirley Gardiner

Malcolm & Judy McMillan

Graham & Joan Power

Ada Harvey

Audrey Grimmett

Maree Massey

Mary Bill

Harry Gaskell

Dot Gaskell

Estelle Symes



## Wesley Mission RedBag Appeal Today

Please leave your items for the Red bag Appeal in the foyer, **Today.** Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support of Wesley Mission.



## Sunday School

is now in recess to resume in 2019.

**Thank you to Cynthia and Tyler** for again looking after Sunday School during this year.

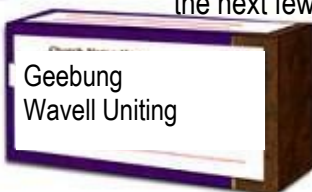
Your input into the lives of the precious children is truly appreciated.



### Offering Envelopes for 2019

are now available in the Church Foyer. You would be welcome to take a box.

These will be available at both Geebung and Wavell for the next few weeks.



The Church office will be closed from 2pm Friday

December 21st and reopening 9am Monday January 14th, 2019

**Rev Tevita Takai** will

commence holidays

Friday January 4th returning Sunday January 20th, 2019

**Big thank you to Andrew Digby** for creating a beautifully lite Star to place at the Geebung Church and to Ross of helping Andrew.

**Thanks to Ray, Arthur, Len and Terry Stanyer** for raising the Wavell Star. If you get a chance to drive by the churches in the evening you'll appreciate the effort made to let the community know we are here and they are welcome to join us. Thank you - Beris



**Praise be to God:  
For the Son of Man came to  
seek and to save that  
which was lost,  
Luke 19:10**

**Thank you Maree Massey** for a wonderful evening of music and Christmas Carols on Wednesday evening. We do appreciate you sharing your talents with us all and for the preparation you put into the evening. Thank you too for the Bring and Buy Stalls you have run throughout the year to raise funds for the Youth Group.  
Blessings—Beris



**Monday Midday Prayer:** Lord, in the midst of all this season brings, open our hearts to wonder at the babe of Bethlehem; the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph; the commitment to truth of the magi. Amen  
From December Uniting News

### LECTIONARY READINGS

**Dec 16  
Advent 3**

Zep 3: 14-20  
Is 12: 2-6  
Phil 4: 4-7  
Lk 3: 7-18

**Dec 23  
Advent 4**

Mic 5: 2-5a  
Lk 1:47-55  
OR Ps 80: 1-7  
Heb 10: 5-10  
Lk 1: 39-45 (46-55)

**Dec 30  
Christmas 1**

1 Sm 2: 18-20, 26  
Ps 148  
Col 3: 12-17  
Lk 2: 41-52

**Jan 6 - 2019  
Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60: 1-6  
Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14  
Eph 3: 1-12  
Mt 2: 1-12

**GEEBUNG**

59 Simla Ave  
**Sunday** Worship 10.00am  
Holy Communion 1st Sun.

 Visit us at:  
**Geebung  
Uniting Church**

**WAVELL HEIGHTS**

147 Rode Road  
**Sunday** Worship 8.00am  
Holy Communion 1st Sun.

 Visit us at:  
**Wavell Heights  
Uniting Church**

**G/W CHURCH COUNCIL**

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