



### Hope in Unexpected Places.

**A Christmas message from the Uniting Church in Australia President, Rev Charissa Suli.**

In her first Christmas message as President, Rev Suli reflects on how the good news of this season surprises us with unexpected hope.

**“At Christmas we remember the birth of Jesus, the birth of hope itself,” says the President.**

Watch and download the video and transcript on the UCA Assembly website



### Moderator's 2024 Christmas Message

A Christmas message from the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Western Australia, Rev Dr Ian Tozer.

Every Christmas is different. Our world is different. How is Christmas different for you this year? As we come to this Christmas with our individual, Church, and world changes, what does it mean to speak of hope?

**Click on the Website to read the full message**



## Happy Christmas Everyone



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### Christmas Newsletter



### Our Mission

**To Participate in and Grow the Mission of God at Willetton by:**



•Sharing the love of God and

•Telling people about Jesus

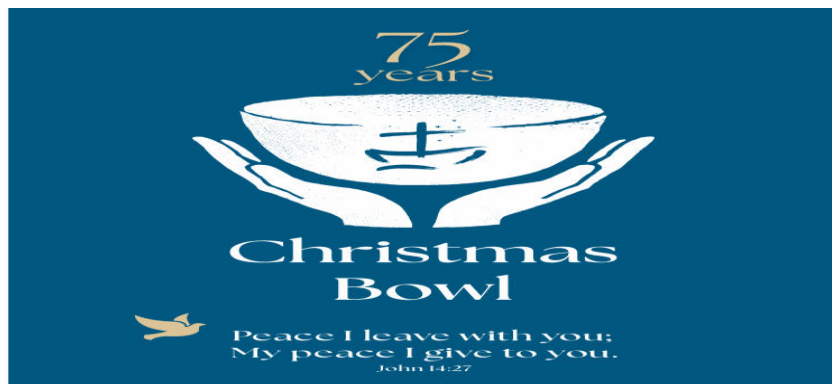
• Our Vision

**God's Love and Hope in Action**



### What do the colours of the Candles represent?

- The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent
- **THE PURPLE CANDLES:** represents sorrow, our sorrow for our failure to love in so many parts of our lives
- **THE PINK CANDLE:** represents our joy and happiness at the coming of Christ. We light this on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of advent.
- **THE WHITE CANDLE:** represents Christ as the light of the world and is lit on Christmas day.



**ACT FOR PEACE THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS BOWL. PLEASE GIVE TODAY.**



**Act For Peace** For 75 years, church communities have been uniting through the Christmas Bowl Appeal to give Hope to families who are displaced

### BIBLICAL REFLECTION

There seems to be little space for mystery. Today everything needs to be explainable, provable and repeatable. The Christmas story challenges such a desire for certainty and takes us into a new reality – God is born. This is mysterious, and the reading from Luke with its focus on the angel’s message to the shepherds shows this.

Shepherds were not well regarded or respected and lived outside of the towns. People regarded them with suspicion and held them in low esteem and thought of them as vagabonds and thieves. Yet these are chosen to be the bearers of a new message. A baby is born, ‘Saviour, the Messiah and the Lord’. They are sent to Bethlehem to find the baby. They do and then they tell Mary and Joseph what has been revealed to them.

What a mystery, the anticipated Messiah is identified as having come as a newborn. Titus reminds us that in this the ‘*grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all*’ Luke (2:11).

For 75 years the Christmas Bowl has been a focus, individually our contributions seem and are small. Yet, with so many also giving we see the result of our giving in the lives that are transformed. This is the power of generosity. Jane, after two years sheltering in a tent, now has a house and has dreams for the future. Through the Christmas Bowl we are part of Jane’s future being realised. Such a mystery, also beyond explanation, brings her new life.

### Roster for Christmas Day Wed. 25 Dec, 9.15am

**Minister:** Rev Toby Keva, **Readers:** B Dinnie, P Read  
**Organist:** Janice Barrett, **Stewards:** J Murdock, N Loudon, B Read  
**Greeter:** L Riedel, **Welcomer:** L Murdock, **Audio V:** Eddie Riedel