



# THE OLIVE BRANCH

## UNITING CHURCH NORANDA

79 Camboon Rd, Noranda  
Meets for Worship 9.30am each Sunday  
Church Office - 9276 8150



WELCOME to the service this morning, especially to any visitors who are with us today. We wish to extend an invitation to join us in the hall for morning tea after the service.

If you would like to add anything to The Olive Branch, please email [mairi\\_co@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mairi_co@yahoo.com.au)  
The Olive Branch is now available online! <https://noranda.ucwa.au/about-us/newsletters/>

### 7 December 2025

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**Lectionary Readings:** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-7, 18-19 Rom 15:4-13 Mt 3:1-12

**Chris Crause Bible Readings: Theme:** Luke 28-21 Matthew 21-12

**Advent 2 –** The Unnamed Guests of Grace – there were shepherds and wise men.

New Song: God with us, His Love Displayed (Hark the herald angels sing)

Tune: Together in song 303

You are invited to join us for a series on the Advent stories where the spotlight falls on those behind the scenes. The “Second Fiddle” people.

I will be looking afresh at key stories from this pivotal event and exploring its message for our time.

I hope that you try and read the Gospel stories of the announcement and birth of Jesus before the series starts.

The music/singing promises to be very special. I have written 5 sets of new liturgies for this special season.

I’ve tried to retain the really special feel of the songs we all know and love, but modernize the lyrics to reflect our understandings today.

I hope you will join us at Noranda for a time of worship, searching and reflection.

Rev Chris Crause

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Christmas Gifts for Orana House** - we are again seeking your support. There will be a list on the Notice Board of items which would be helpful in filling hampers and gift parcels.

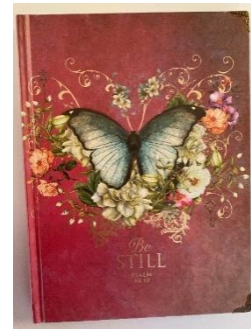
Please bring them on Sunday 7 December for delivery early in the following week.

**Grade 6 Graduation Lunch** Thursday 11 December We would again like some assistance with cakes, slices, please.

At the **Church Council** Meeting we became aware of the need to provide a way for our people to bring prayer requests to the congregation.

The book will be placed in the vestry before each service and any requests will be provided to Chris (or the church leader) prior to Prayers for Others.

The bottom of each page has a short text which may be of comfort to those requesting prayers



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### **December**

- Friday 5 December, 1.00pm. *Wesley at One: Classical Swoon* at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
- Saturday 6 December, *Kalamunda Market* at Kalamunda Uniting Church, Kalamunda.
- Saturday 6 December. *Christmas Market Day* at St Peter and Emmaus Church, Joondanna.
- Sunday 7 December. *Second Sunday of Advent*
- Sunday 14 December. *Third Sunday of Advent*
- Sunday 14 December, 11.30am to 12.30am. *Peace Pole Ceremony* at Margaret River Uniting Church, Margaret River.
- Tuesday 16 December, 12.00pm to 5.00pm. *Uniting Church Centre closed for staff Christmas Party.*
- Sunday 21 December. *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
- Monday 22 December. *Final News and Notes for 2025.*
- Wednesday 24 December. *Christmas Eve.*
- Wednesday 24 December, 4.00pm. *Uniting Church Centre closed until 9.00am Monday 5 January 2026.*
- Thursday 25 December. *Christmas Day*
- Friday 26 December. *Boxing Day Public Holiday.*

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FRI**12**Dec

5:30pm to 6:30pm

**Blue Christmas**

hosted by **St Peter & Emmaus Church**

All are welcome to St Peter and Emmaus Church for a Blue Christmas service on Friday 12 December, 5.30pm. A comforting service for those who find Christmas a challenging time.

WED**24**Dec

5:00pm to 6:00pm

**Christmas Eve – Sounds of Christmas**

hosted by **St Peter & Emmaus Church**

All are welcome to St Peter & Emmaus Church in Joondanna for our Christmas Eve service - Sounds of Christmas on Wednesday 24 December, 5.00pm.

THU**25**Dec

9:00am to 10:00am

**Christmas Day Service**

hosted by **St Peter & Emmaus Church**

Join us at St Peter and Emmaus Church for our Christmas Day service on Thursday 25 December, 9.00am.