

# 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)

**21 December 2025**

## **Christmas Services**

**Carol Service on Christmas Eve (Wednesday) – 7pm**  
**Christmas Day 9.30am**

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**Lectionary Readings:** Advent 4 Is 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-25

**Chris Crause Bible Readings:** New Testament Reading: Luke 1:26-56

**Advent 4:**

**Mary wasn't a Cathedral Icon - Ordinary People, Extraordinary Grace.**

New song: A Servant's Yes, A Saviour's love (Tune Marys Boy Child)

## **Christmas Eve**

**The worship team will be leading the service.**

**It would be wonderful if as many of you can come and help us make a joyful noise.**



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**Sunday 21 December Congregation Meeting** at the conclusion of the service:

The Joint Nominating Committee are bringing a recommendation to fill our Ministry vacancy.

Members of the Congregation will be invited to vote on the proposal.

## **Reports for the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 22 February 2026**

Please ensure the Church Council Secretary (Helen McMillan) has the report from your group **No Later than Sunday 1st February 2026.**

It can be sent to the church office computer ([norandaunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:norandaunitingchurch@gmail.com)) or a hard copy.

**The Olive Branch** will be taking a short break in January on the **4th, 11th, and 18th.**

If you need to share any information with the congregation during this time, please let me know and I can send it out via a group email. Wishing Everyone a Fabulous Christmas – Mairi

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## **Everything in Common Gift Catalogue**

Uniting World's Everything in Common Gift Catalogue is full of gifts that fight poverty and build hope through the power of shared generosity. Every card represents a real, practical way to help families overcome poverty and create a more secure future.

Browse the full range online where you can order e-cards or print-at-home options today.

## **Godly Play Workshop - 'Faces of Easter' & 'Responding to Disruptions'**

There is a Godly Play workshop taking place on **Wednesday 11 February** from 5.30pm to 9.00pm at Living Grace Church, 68 Waverley St, Dianella. This evening workshop will explore ways of working with 'Faces of Easter' and discuss how we respond to disruptions in the Godly Play Circle.

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## **Uniting Church Responds to Bondi Beach Attack**

***The Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) expresses its deep sorrow following the attack at Bondi Beach, which NSW Police have identified as a terrorist act.***

### **UCA Statement and Pastoral Message**



Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Charissa Suli has today released a statement in response to the tragic events that took place at Bondi Beach on Sunday 14 December 2025.

*"We stand in solidarity with the Jewish community and commit ourselves again to compassion, peace, and care for one another. We reaffirm our commitment to stand with our Jewish friends against hatred, violence, and fear."*

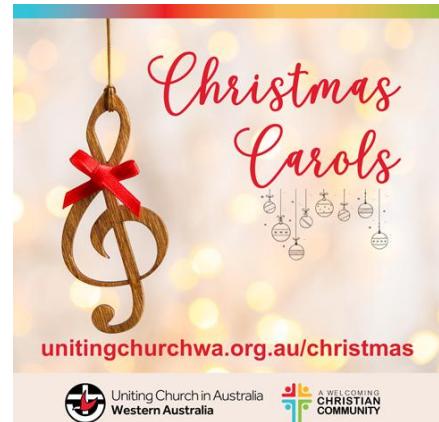
Rev Suli has also offered a pastoral message and prayer saying "we hold in prayer all who have been affected — those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured and recovering, the first responders and health workers, and the wider community carrying shock and grief."

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## **Christmas Carols**

***If you love the opportunity to sing or listen to Christmas Carols as part of your Christmas traditions you can find a selection of Uniting Church WA carols services and community carols events on our Christmas event calendar.***

You can search for Carols services and events using the search function on our Christmas event calendar - click on the 'Filter by Event Category' panel and select 'Carols'.



## **December**

- Tuesday 16 December, 11.30am 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, 1.00pm. ***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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