



St. Andrews Uniting Church

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Riverstone

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2018

Preaching and Leading Roster December 2018

Date	Service	Leader	Preacher	Music	Bible Reader
2 nd	9 – 30 am	John Cutts	John Cutts	Jenny Camboune	T.B.A.
9 th	Communion 9 – 30 am	Rodel Palma	Rodel Palma	Robyn Beasy	Bruce McAlpine
16 th	9 – 30 am	Rob McFarlane	Rob McFarlane	Paul Cole	Phyllis McAlpine
23 rd	9-30 am	Rodel Palma	Rodel Palma	Robyn Beasy	Bruce McCaull
25 th	Christmas Day 8 am	Bruce McCaull	Bruce McCaull	Robyn Beasy	Phyllis McAlpine
30 th	9 – 30 am	Jacqueline Donaldson	Jacqueline Donaldson	Robyn Beasy	Bruce McCaull

Pray For Our Own Church Folk

Gail & Andrew
 Helen Hames & Ross Smith
 Jan & Noel Taunton
 Chris Brown
 Jeanette & Henry Birett
 Wally & Val. Shoobridge
 Bruce & Betty McCaull
 Sheila Edwards
 Doreen Ham
 Iris & Linda Kelly
 Ernie Benz
 Bruce & Margot Cole



Scripture For The Month; Lectionary For Sunday

30 th December = John 1:1-18. Selected verses.

At the beginning God expressed himself. That personal expression, that word, was with God, and was God, and he existed with God from the beginning. All creation took place through him, and none took place without him. In him appeared life and this life was the light of mankind. The light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out.
⁹⁻¹³ That was the true light which shines upon every man as he comes into the world. He came into the world—the world he had created—and the world failed to recognise him. He came into his own creation, and his own people would not accept him. Yet wherever men did accept him he gave them the power to become sons of God. These were the men who truly believed in him, and their birth depended not on the course of nature nor on any impulse or plan of man, but on God.
¹⁴⁻¹⁸ So the word of God became a human being and lived among us. We saw his splendour (the splendour as of a father's only son), full of grace and truth. (J.B. Phillips New Testament.)

Dates to Remember And Pray For :

Scripture Lessons at the Primary School each Tuesday.

* **Bowls** each Monday.

* **U.C.A.F.** at 11am 2nd Tuesday of the month.

After Church Social not meeting in December, but will resume on 20th January 2019.

Community Morning Tea First or the year will be February 26th.

Special Prayers For :

- The Ministry & Mission of our Church & people of Riverstone..
- Chaplaincy Programme at the High School.
- Our Chairpersons, Treasurer and Secretaries of Congregation and Church Council.



*To All Our Readers,
A Joyous Christmas and
a Blessed New Year*

Morning Tea 27th November 2018.

Thanks be to God, and thanks to to the Riverstone Uniting Church Family for inviting to participate and being blest to be a part of a remarkable morning tea, with Christmas Carols. The morning was filled with mesmerizing music, thanks to Robyn and Rodel, and enjoyable entertainment celebrating Jesus and showing God’s Love. I believe this is the time of the season for sharing and encouraging our friends, family, neighbours and our local community to focus on Jesus being the “reason for the season”. I was encouraged by the Riverstone Church family members; that it only takes a spark to get a fire going, and that if we were to invite just one person to celebrate Jesus at this time, God is faithful and will use us to share His love to the world.. Blessings—Risha Youse, Bowen. N.Qld.

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At our last get together for the year, we celebrated Christmas, and enjoyed a special Christmas morning tea. We were entertained by a group of singers and musicians and enjoyed singing Christmas Carols. We have had a wonderful year with a variety of great speakers. We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and look forward to another year of fun and fellowship together in 2019. Our first Morning Tea will be on February 26th 2019. Hope to see you there. Diane Ellis.

DON'T FORGET :

Your used stamps can support our Church’s mission work. How ? See Phyl.



Biscuits & Cakes for Morning Tea

If anyone could bring biscuits or small cakes for morning tea after service each Sunday, this would be greatly appreciated.



Prayers :

- (1) Church leaders from our Zone to work together to build a strong Community for outreach.
- (2) That our Church members will work together to try open our Church for community events and mission.
- (3) Get to know people in Riverstone and invite them to our Church Functions.

Christmas Carols :



At Ebenezer By The River.
On Sunday 9th December at 6pm for a Barb. B. Q. And 7 pm for Carol Singing.
Christmas Day Worship Service 8-30 am

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At Pitt Town “Carols On The Corner”
Friday 14th Decenber at 6 pm,
Christmas Eve Services at 7 & 11 pm.

OTHER NEWS :-

Full Force Dance Group, Meets Monday, Fridays Evenings

NEXT Meeting of our Church Council will be Tuesday January 22nd at 2-30 pm

Multicultural Services.

A number of these have been held over several months, with more to be held in future weeks. Everyone welcome See Bruce McCaull.

ROSTERS FOR DECEMBER 2018.

Door: Jan
Cleaning : Ross
Morning Tea

2nd T.B.A.
9 th Jan
16 th Jeanette & Henry
23rd Cynthia & Sheila
30 th Shared