



St Martin's News



7th December 2025

Matt 3: 1-12

Second Sunday of Advent



Church Roster

Sunday 7th December 2025

Worship Leader: George Olney

Bible Reader: Karen: Is 11: 1-10, Ps 72: 1-7, 18-19, Rom 15: 4-13, Mat 3: 1-12 **M/Tea: Kathy**

Sunday 14th December 2025

Worship Leader: Robert Watson

Bible Reader: Doug: Is 35: 1-10, Ps 146: 5-10 or Lk 1: 42b-55, Jas 5:7-10, Mat 11: 2-11 **M/Tea: Gaye**

The St Martin's Foothills Website:

<https://foothills.ucwa.au/>

The 10am Service on Sunday at KUC will be on Zoom:

[Sunday Service Link](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact **Rev John Steed** or **Rev Janelle Macgregor**, who are available for Pastoral Care.

Reflection on Mat 3: 1-12 It's said that "the truth will set you free". In the gospel reading, it's important to remember that the truth will set us free – but it might also make us weird! John the Baptist cut a strange figure; odd clothes, a bizarre diet, and intense preaching about axes and fire. In the tradition of the Hebrew prophets, John again calls Israel to get its house in order, repent, and prepare for the new thing God is doing.

The new and liberating reality that broke into our world in the incarnation of Jesus was outlandish and unorthodox when John announced it, and we should continue to be baffled and perplexed by it today. God's kingdom doesn't confirm our worldviews; nor does it fit neatly into our political boxes. It contradicts what might be touted as "just common sense" and rarely makes for a good cost benefit analysis. But as strange as this new God-reality is, it is the only one that can set us free. *Adapted from With Love to the World*



Important Notice

At the Congregational meeting on November 16th it was decided the Worship service time on Sunday mornings at St Martin's will change from **8am to 9am as of Sunday the 4th January 2026.**

What's Happening!

Market Day at KUC 6th December 9am—12noon

Great place to pick up some Christmas gifts

Advent Bible Studies at KUC

3pm Monday 8th or 3pm Wednesday 10th December

Men's Coffee and Conversation Group

2pm 9th December at Alex Graham's

Lessons & Carols Service At St Stephens

7pm Tues 9th December

Christmas Craft and Chat 13th December

10am - 11.30am in the Community Centre

At Kalamunda UC:

- **Saturday 20th Dec 4.30pm Carol Singing**
- **Christmas Eve Service 7pm**
- **Christmas Day 10am**

Summer Spirit - 21st & 22nd Feb at Floreat Uniting Church - see attached

Act for Peace Christmas Bowl

This Sunday at St Martin's we will hear about the work Act for Peace is doing in Jordan. Donations can be made into the Church Bank A/c Ref: AFP/Christmas Bowl etc or by using the envelopes which will be available at church. If you are donating on line, you are welcome to place the symbolic envelope in the bowl.

ACT FOR PEACE



Orange Sky made the news this week with this picture on the front and an article on page six (attached) Well done guys! Word is getting round.



Sharing a Hills Christmas

Thank you to all for your support of this amazing initiative. An opportunity to give to those who are struggling at this time and residents in aged care. A box for donating goods and gifts has been placed at the front of the Church. You can also donate into the church bank account with the reference of: SAHC, in a box for cash at morning tea or, if preferred, donations can be given to Mary or Doug. Helpers are also required during "packing week" Tues 16th to Fri 19th December.

Please remember that all donations, both goods and money must be received by Sunday 14th December.