



Dear Pitt Street Friends,

Christmas Gift

Glossies cascade from my letter-box,
a mind-numbing coloured cornucopia,
each dazzling gift a bargain.

The first-ever Christmas gift was found
wrapped in straw and non-disposable nappies,
in Palestine, at the census,

stamped with a star, but posted beyond the stars,
marked 'No Commercial Value', signed, with a cross,
'From heaven to earth, with love.'

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Blessings this Christmas and Happy 2018.

God bless, Cynthia

COMING UP AT PITT STREET...

Sunday 24 December

10 am Advent 4 Sunday Gathering
and morning tea/coffee
7.30pm Christmas Eve

Monday 25 December

9 am Christmas Day

Sunday 31 December

10 am Christmas 1 Sunday
Gathering and morning
tea/coffee



Pitt Street Uniting is a congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia. The gathering at 10 am on Sunday is the heart of our community life but we are also a place of welcome and hospitality for the wider community of Sydney for spirituality, justice, ecology, arts, music, meetings and events.

Notices and Coming Events



Advent and Christmas at Pitt Street

Advent 4 Sun 24 December 10am

Christmas Eve Sun 24 December 7.30pm. Carols, candles and inspiring reflection on the Christmas promise of love and peace, embodied in the birth of Jesus, and called forth now in our lives. Everyone is welcome. Christmas cake, sherry and juice served from 7.30pm. Candle-light service begins at 8pm.

Christmas Day Mon 25 December 9am. Carols, beautiful music, stories and reflection on the wondrous gift of love. Everyone welcome!



Holiday Break

The office will close on Friday 22 December and re-open on Monday 8 January 2018. Contacts for pastoral care will be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas liturgies.



Faith Futures Festival

Highlights from the **Faith Futures Festival** are now available on the Pitt Street Youtube Channel. Professor Hal Taussig's seminars have been arranged in a [playlist](#). Remind yourself of the fresh insights on the New Testament by Professor Taussig.



Music by Rachel Collis

Listen back to the wonderful music of Rachel Collis singing [Wired and Awake](#), and [No Wind at the Window](#) on the Pitt Street Uniting Church Youtube Channel.



Christmas Bowl Appeal

When did I see you hungry? Sick? A stranger? On Sunday Christmas Bowl pamphlets will be included with the liturgy. This is Pitt Street's primary appeal for international aid and development. Donations can be made at any time by completing the pamphlet and putting it in the offering plate or online at <https://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl>

PITT STREET ONLINE

Sunday Reflections



Read the Reflection: www.pittstreetuniting.org.au

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'WORK OF THE PEOPLE'

Ministry	24 December 10am Advent 4	24 December 8pm Christmas Eve
1 st Reading	Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 9:2-7
2 nd Reading	Contemporary Reading	Contemporary Reading
Gospel	Luke 1:46b-55	Luke 2:1-20
Liturgist	Sue Gehrig	Jolyon Bromley
Reflection	Margaret Mayman	Margaret Mayman
Reader 1	Isobel Bishop	
Reader 2	Shirley Maddox	Ros Whiley
Liturgy Curator	Margaret Mayman	Margaret Mayman
Children's story	Margaret Mayman	
Welcomers	Lynne Lyncaster Margaret Whelan	Dawn Robson
Sound Operator	Rodney Monk	John Floyd
Organist	Peter Bennett	Peter Bennett
Flowers	Dawn Robson	
Recycler		
Morning Tea, Set up, put away	Lorrie Evans Hazel Hogarth Peter Hogarth Meredith Knight Jenny Reath David Robinson Tim Usherwood Cathy Williamson	<i>Volunteers need for juice, sherry and Christmas cake</i>
Worship Coordinators	Robyn Floyd Dawn Robson	Trina Hodgson Liz Nash

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2pm

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