



# Auburn (Oxley Road) Uniting Church, Hawthorn

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Flowers Today: Pat Rogerson  
Reader Today: Daphne Arthur      Tomorrow: Anne Friend  
Readings tomorrow - Boxing Day  
    1 Samuel 2:18-20      Psalm 148  
    Colossians 3:12-17      Luke 2:41-52

We are worshipping on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations. We acknowledge them as traditional owners and custodians. For millennia they have cared for the land through their law, customs and spirituality. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging and commit ourselves to working for reconciliation and justice.

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## Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Service Today**  
10am Worship Service  
Rev Steve Crump

**Boxing Day**  
10am Worship Service  
Rev Ross Carter

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Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.  
The order of service proceeds without announcement.  
Responses by the congregation are in bold type.

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## Christmas Day

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Puer natus* - Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

### INTROIT

See, to us a child is born:  
glory breaks on Christmas morn!  
Now to us a son is giv'n:  
praise to God in highest heav'n.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926);  
Music: John Wilson (1905-92)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**HYMN 304: O come, all ye faithful (verses 1,5,6,7)**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (*with Hymn 289 v.5*)

Concluding with:

**God of hope, peace, joy and love,  
we welcome the birth of Jesus,  
Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

### Sunday Service

10 am weekly

**Holy Communion:**  
**monthly:**

10 am: 3rd Sunday

### Church Lunch:

12 noon in the Hall  
monthly 3rd Sunday

### Morning Coffee

10.15am monthly  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, March  
to November, in the  
Eileen Pawsey  
Room

### Church Council:

7.45 pm monthly  
2nd Thursday in the  
Pawsey Room

*NB: Dates and times  
may occasionally  
change documented  
in the pew sheet  
notices*

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OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 268: *Joy to the world***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 52: 7-10

PSALM 98 (*TIS 57*)

EPISTLE: Hebrews 1: 1-4

ANTHEM

1. Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber,  
holy angels guard thy bed,  
heavenly blessings without number,  
gently falling on thy head.  
How much better thou'rt attended  
than the Son of God could be,  
when from heaven he descended,  
and became a child like thee!

2. Soft and easy is thy cradle,  
coarse and hard thy Savior lay:  
when his birthplace was a stable,  
and his softest bed was hay.  
May'st thou learn to know and fear him,  
love and serve him all thy days;  
then to dwell forever near him,  
tell his love and sing his praise.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748);  
Music: A.E. Floyd (1877-1905)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia.** A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has  
come upon the earth. Alleluia.

JOHN 1: 1-14

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

HYMN

1. See, to us a child is born: Alleluia  
glory breaks on Christmas morn! Alleluia  
Now to us a son is giv'n: Alleluia  
praise to God in highest heav'n. Alleluia

2. On his shoulder rule shall rest: Alleluia  
in him all the earth be blest! Alleluia  
Wise and wonderful his name: Alleluia  
heaven's Lord in human frame! Alleluia

3. Mighty God, who mercy brings: Alleluia  
Lord of lords and King of kings! Alleluia  
Father of eternal days: Alleluia  
every creature sing his praise! Alleluia

4. Everlasting Prince of peace: Alleluia  
truth and righteousness increase! Alleluia  
He shall reign from shore to shore: Alleluia  
Christ is King for evermore! Alleluia

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926);  
Tune: LLANFAIR TIS 388*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERING: Infant Lowly - Betty Roe (b. 1930)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**HYMN 322: *The north wind is tossing the leaves***

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: The Holly and the Ivy - Richard Shepherd (1948-2021)  
*(Please remain seated until the end of the postlude)*

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NOTICES: Happy Christmas! Auburn Church Service tomorrow at 10 am.

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