



A Time Of Light

Firstly, I want to apologise for the lateness with which this week's edition of the Update is being sent out. Unfortunately, I have had another very busy week dealing with various matters, and I just haven't had time to prepare a reflection.

However, given that it is now the season of Advent, and we are lighting the Advent Candles each Sunday morning as we start worship, at least some of us will be aware that it is also the time of the Jewish festival of Hannukah, which also is marked by the lighting of special candles contained in a menorah.

Accordingly, in place of a reflection from myself this week, I thought I would offer you this article from the ABC Religion and Ethics website, in which Rabbi Benjamin Elton discusses the significance of Hannukah and what is embodied within the lighting of the menorah. Please read and reflect on this article, which can be accessed by [clicking this link](#).

Combined Service and Lunch 17th December

A reminder that the service on the 17th December is a combined service at Ringwood followed by a spit-roast lunch at noon.

Notes From Congregational Meeting

For those of you who were not able to attend the congregational meeting last

Sunday and thus were not able to hear Church Council's presentation regarding the future of HUC, Council have agreed to make available the information slides which accompanied the presentation. Please [click this link](#) to access the PowerPoint presentation.

The Christmas Bowl Appeal 2023

The Christmas Bowl Appeal is currently being run during Advent at HUC. This important Ecumenical Appeal helps many people around the world and you can help by giving to the Christmas Bowl in one of three ways.

Envelopes are available in each of the pews at church, or you can call 1800 025 101 to donate by phone, or by one of two the internet addresses. For the tech savvy, use the christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au or the unique donation page address for Heathmont Uniting- mycb.link/75432.

Glenis McDonald, Christmas Bowl Ambassador

Library Trolley

The library trolley in the foyer has a quiet ministry going on during the year where books are donated, people buy a book for a gold coin donation and the revenue collected is sent to the Presbytery Mental Health Ministry. This year, David has sent off \$724 to the MHM made up from \$600 through the Church accounts and \$124 from the coins collected from the Library Trolley. If you have saleable books to donate to the library trolley, please place them in the tubs under the trolley and of course browse through to see if there any others you may like to donate for a gold coin.

Glenis McDonald, sorter and tidier of books

Blessings

Brendan



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