



# Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

## Newsletter

16 December 2025



On 30 November, the first Sunday in Advent, we welcomed the Moderator Rev Mata Havea Hiliau, who led our combined worship at Morpeth Uniting Church. The service was followed by morning tea which gave us an opportunity to chat with her. We were grateful for the opportunity to meet the Moderator and thank her for taking the time to visit us.

Messy Church was again well attended on Sunday 14 December celebrating Christmas. The children (and adults!) had lots of fun creating spiral Christmas decorations, scratch Christmas Trees and Nativity scenes. Richard, dressed resplendently in a red three-piece Christmas suit, told a fabulous chocolate Christmas story which was very funny and made everyone laugh. We all enjoyed the sausage sizzle dinner with plenty of Christmas treats and lollies. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for all their hard work who made this initiative possible. Family Messy Church will continue in 2026. The next Messy Church will be held on 8 February (second Sunday). Everyone of all ages is welcome.



December Messy Church was lots of fun creating Christmas crafts, singing and listening to stories

### **\*CHRISTMAS SERVICES\***

**Sunday 21 Dec 9am** followed by Christmas Morning Tea (please bring a plate)

**Wednesday 24 Dec 7pm Carols in the Church**

**Thursday 25 Dec No service at Bolwarra** - please feel free to attend the 9am Christmas morning service at either Morpeth or Maitland Uniting Churches

**Sunday 28 Dec 9am**

The Leaders of Bolwarra (David, Anne, Louise, Lindsay and Leanne) would like to thank everyone for all you have done this past year for our wonderful Church at Bolwarra. Without your help, the Church would not function. 2026 is shaping up to bring lots of changes. Change is not easy, but we know we will all help each other through the transformation as we join with the other Maitland Uniting Church congregations. From Easter 2026 all congregations will meet at Bolwarra for a service at 9.30am until Maitland City Church building renovations are complete and we will meet there.

We pray for those involved in the Bondi Beach shootings and others within our community who are sick, lonely or finding Christmas hard.

Wishing you a season filled with God's love, hope, and peace of His presence.

Celebrate the Festive Season with Your Community

Come along to

# Christmas Carols

at Bolwarra Uniting Church

4 Canna Street, Bolwarra

**7-8pm 24 December 2025**

Come together for a magical evening of music,  
laughter and festive cheer as we sing your favourite Christmas carols.  
Bring your family, friends and neighbours to share in the spirit of Christmas.



Feel free to wear your best Christmas outfit, Santa hat, reindeer ears or festive t-shirt.

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