



# DU Grape Vine



JANUARY 2025

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Isaiah 43:18-19** - "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah made these comments for the people to remember that their deliverance out of Egypt will pale

in significance to the sending of the Messiah, which is much more worthy of their remembrance and consideration.

At Drysdale UC, 2024 can be remembered as a year of achievement—church repainting, new members, good preaching, wonderful fundraising, compassionate care, friendship sharing.

Now we look forward to 2025. What goals do we want to achieve? We want to "reach out with God's love and care". For that to happen we need to prepare ourselves—learn more through God's word and the preaching, raise money that will allow us to maintain, grow and share, and be prepared to share of ourselves and of God's love.

The last book in the Bible is Revelation and, although in parts difficult to understand, does provide a picture of the future. The author, John, records in Revelation 21:5 - "And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." "

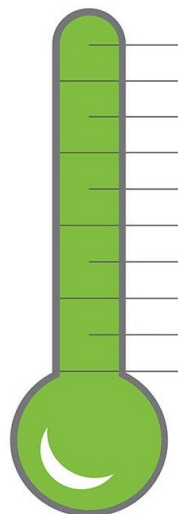
May our words be trustworthy and true and allow us to see the importance of making all things new.

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**"The best way to predict the future is to create it." – Abraham Lincoln**

**LOOSE CHANGE**



\$1100  
Target  
\$1000

Our loose change total for the second half of the year came to \$1100. Church Council agreed to top this up to \$1500 which has been sent to UnitingWorld for their disability support project in Sri Lanka.

We start again in 2025 with new projects to be approved at the Congregation annual meeting.

*This months' services*

- 5 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen  
HC & Loose change
- 12 Jan — 10.30 am Denise's Team
- 19 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen
- 26 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen

**SUPERMARKET CAROLS**

Thank you to those who took part in the carol singing at the Curlewis supermarket. We joined with others from the Drysdale, Clifton Springs & Curlewis churches with many shoppers stopping to listen and join in.

**CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday 2 February, at the conclusion of the communion service, we will hold our annual meeting in the church and then follow with a shared lunch. Nominations are now being accepted for elders/councillors with Joan Cook, Rhonda Lyons, Ian McLaverty, Lynda Smith and Andrea Lindsay coming to the end of their current term but eligible for re-election.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY**

Congratulations to John Reid who celebrates his 70th birthday this month. We wish God's special blessings upon you.



Happy birthday!

**JANUARY**

- Debbie Frank
- Kelvin Benney
- Tracey Myers
- Eddie Harrison
- Melva Stringer
- Leigh Pope
- Jean Konings
- Hazel James
- Paul Harrison
- Colleen Diamond
- John Reid

Happy birthday!



	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
JAN 5	Melva & Brenda	Brenda	Lynda	Marie	Jean	Ian	Andrea	Denise & Jenni
12	Pat & Andrea	Carol		Denise's Team		Lynda	Judy	
19	Marg & Marie	Denise	Ian	Andrea	Marie	Colleen	Denise	
26	Susan & Win	Lynda	Denise	Carol	Rhonda	Jonnie	-	

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***Our Vision—Reaching out with God's love and care***