

## SABBATH DAY, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Acts of the Apostles

The apostle sought to teach the believers how important it is to keep the mind from wandering to forbidden themes or from spending its energies on trifling subjects. Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices, must guard well the avenues of the soul; they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind must not be left to dwell at random upon every subject that the enemy of souls may suggest. The heart must be faithfully sentinelled, or evils without will awaken evils within, and the soul will wander in darkness. "Gird up the loins of your mind," Peter wrote, "be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ... not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." – p518.2

### SABBATH SCHOOL – 09:35 AM

Song Service	Michelle Mazhakata
Welcome	Daniel Vokurka
Prayer	
Theme	Mission Spotlight 13 <sup>th</sup> Sabbath DVD
Offering & Hymn	We Know Not the Hour No. 604
Bible Study	The Elect By Classes

### DIVINE SERVICE – 11:10 AM

Song Service	Michelle Mazhakata
Announcements	Joy Carey
Welcome	Joy Carey
Special Item 1	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> Ukulele Ensemble
Children's Story	Emmy Niyizigama
Special Item 2	<i>In the Bleak Mid Winter</i> Persuaded
Special Item 3	<i>All On a Silent Night</i> Waitara Church Choir
Hymn of Praise	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> No. 142
Special Item 4	Lunga
Prayer	Denis Carey
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>The First Advent Roger Govender</b>
Dedication Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i> No. 125
Conclusion	Joy Carey

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Forthcoming Speakers

December 23	Roger Govender
December 30	Andrew Russell

### TRANSFERS IN: First Reading

Michael Murphy from Concord SDA Church GSC

### TRANSFERS OUT: First Reading

Miodrag (Mick) Milivojevic to Wahroonga SDA Church GSC

**ALIVE: Born Again** continues and concludes for 2017, THIS Sabbath at 2:30pm with the special baptism of Sharon and Emmy. All are invited to join us for what will be a spiritually uplifting afternoon. See you there ☺ Run by the youth – especially for YOU. ALIVE will recommence in mid-February of 2018.

### New Parking Restrictions

Hornsby Council have installed a new No Parking Zone outside our church. It operates 7 days a week, 8 am to 6 pm. It is designated for Wedding and Funeral Cars but allows for dropping off and picking up passengers and for loading and unloading goods. The 1-hour parking has shifted back towards Alexandria Parade.

**The Final Church Lunch** for the year is today. Lunches will commence again on 17th February. A big THANK YOU to all the Ladies and Gentlemen for all the hard work and food contributions that were faithfully given every week. Have a wonderful Christmas and God's Blessings for the New Year. Joan Coleman

**Ladies Secret Sister** - If you would like to participate in this program for 2018 the forms are in the box marked "Secret Sister" in the foyer. Please fill in your form, fold appropriately and return to the box, then retrieve an already folded form as your Secret Sister. Any queries see Gayl, Joy or any of the Shepherdesses.

**Lunch December 16** – Mildred Zuze, Patti Khumalo, Zodwa Nyoni, Miriam Maiswa, Solomon Mariena

**Lunch December 23** – No Lunch till February

**There will only be one service** at Waitara SDA Church beginning from December 16 and continuing on a trial basis for 12 months. This was unanimously voted at the last church business meeting.

**Adventist Book Centre** has adult devotionals: Christ Triumphant by Ellen G White and Words to Live by, By Jack Blanco. Young adults, teens and aged group devotionals are also available. Last day of trade for Wahroonga store is Thursday 22 December and reopens Tuesday 2 January 2018.

### Nominating Committee: First Reading

Please note that the Nominating Committee is happy to present the first reading of the 2018-2019 Church Office nominations to the church.

**Evangelism Follow-up Study Group Series** (Wednesday Nights) - What a joy it has been to share our series, "Finding Answers for Our Future" with church members and our broader community. We have had approximately forty beloved community members join us in the course of this series. Please join us here each Wednesday at 7:30pm as we continue our follow-up Bible study series. Resources will be freely provided. Please join us for our weekly prayer meeting at 7pm before the Bible study.

### Programs on 3ABN Tomorrow

3ABN Australia's 1 hour interview program, 3ABN Now, can be viewed on 3ABN every week on Sundays at 8:00pm, repeated Tues., 8:00pm and Wed., 10:00am. The guests this Sunday are Pr Ted & Nancy Wilson (Servants of the Church). Next Sunday is Dr Kay Kuzma. You can also watch online at [www.3abnaustralia.org.au](http://www.3abnaustralia.org.au) or on the free phone App.

**Next Week's Offering:** Fund for Needy Persons

**Sunset Times:** Tonight at 8:03 pm  
(times are approximate) Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 8:06pm