

Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing
Sunday 13th December 2020

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Readings

Sunday 13th December (Advent 3)

Is 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126, Luke 1: 46b-55
1 Thes5: 16 - 24
John 1: 6-8, 19-

Sunday 20th December (Advent 3)

2 Sm 7:1-11,16
Lk 1: 46b – 55 or Psalm 89 : 1-4, 19-261: 46b-55
Rom 16 : 25-27
Lk 1: 26-38

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

While we are asking you to register for attendance at worship this week (number still limited to 76) we are hopeful next week we will be back to 'previous normal' of around 120. This week we are removing the request to wear masks during worship, as the government have indicated the relaxation of that request early next week. However, as there will be singing, we leave it up to the individual to make appropriate decisions regarding their own health and the wearing of a mask.

MINISTER IN SUPPLY

Rev Robyn Caldicott will finish on 31st December 2020 and from 1st February 2021, for an initial period of 4 months, Rev Sue Ellis (Ex-Moderator) will come to Rosefield as Minister in Supply - 0.5FTE. We look forward to welcoming Sue into the Rosefield Community. During January we will have different preachers rostered each week.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Church Office will be closed from

December 23rd 2020, 12 noon until Tuesday 5th January, 2021 10am.
Last Newsletter is 20th December 2020 recommence 31st January 2021

THANKS

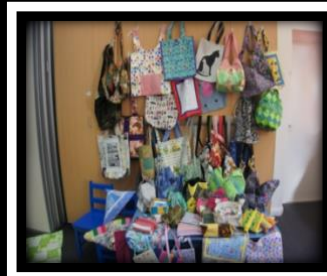
A big thank you for all who worked to produce the 'Carols on the Courts' last Sunday. Despite less than perfect weather the event went ahead and was supported by the community. Some neighbours also enjoyed our beautiful singing! So to the singers, the technicians, the people who set up, the food shoppers, the BBQ chefs and servers, those who cleaned up.....a very big thank you.

LAST CHANCE BAG SALE TODAY

WOW (Women on Wednesday) are having a fund-raising sale of bags and other sundry items, TODAY in the Courtyard, immediately following worship. **CASH ONLY**

Raffle will be drawn at 11am in the Courtyard.

Great for Christmas presents—different shapes and sizes, funds raised will go towards the cost of upgrading air-conditioning in meeting rooms 1-3



Third Sunday of Advent



The joy of returning home

Today there are more than 60,000 Sri Lankan refugees in India. With the civil war over, many wish to return home to live in peace and freedom, and help rebuild their nation. Act for Peace's local partner, with your support, is helping returnees rebuild their lives by providing training and livelihood support to help families earn an income. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

This year we will be supporting two groups with food items for individuals and families in need. One group is Uniting Care Wesley Bowden, and the other is for the families linked with the Grove Op Shop. Some of the tags will have a size on them - please take note of this and buy accordingly. I DO NOT need the tags back. The last day to deliver items to Rosefield will be **Sunday 13th December TODAY!**

Thank you in anticipation of another very successful Christmas giving program. I look forward to seeing less tags and lots of food!

If anyone would prefer to give a cash donation in lieu of food items, please give any money direct to me.

With deepest appreciation –

Pam Hassett

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

As you are aware COVID has presented us with some challenges in accommodating everyone into the church as restrictions have limited our numbers. In order to be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend a Christmas worship service we will hold a service on Christmas Eve at 7pm and one on Christmas Day at 9.30am. These services will be very similar and we are asking that you **give us an indication of which service you plan to attend**. We hope that we will be able to have 120 people at each service (restrictions permitting). You may want to request to attend both (and you are welcome to do so if numbers permit) but we would need to let you know if that is possible. We would like to leave some availability for people from our community who may just arrive on the day. While this may be different from the usual Rosefield Christmas, we want to encourage everyone to join us for at least one of the services.

PASTORAL CARE

ROSEFIELD PRAYER MEETING - 8:00 am Wednesday mornings (online)

A half-hour time of prayer for our church and particularly for the JNC and the whole process of calling a new minister. Come online at 8:00 am on Wednesday mornings if you would like to be part of praying for our church, or if you would like prayer (for yourself or someone else) or would like to pray for something on your heart. Everyone is welcome. Go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9607672787?pwd=ZVJZeWVPRUlvR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

Scott Hutchinson and Rob Rodenburg

WITH SYMPATHY

Bronnie McCallum's mother died last Saturday December 5th. Please remember Bronnie & her brothers & sister at this sad time.

A THANK YOU TO ROSEFIELD

These words of appreciation were received from Brian Smith (Simon's Dad) recently....

Thankyou everyone for your support following the death of Janet, my superb wife. On 25/11/20 Simon and I visited the Remembrance Shrine at the UC Cemetery in Marian Rd Payneham where Janet's ashes have been placed in an underfloor vault covered by a memorial slab.

There is tradition and liturgy called "The Unveiling" used in Judaism which happens on or about one year after the death of a loved one – the ceremony involves the "unveiling of a memorial" (maybe a headstone over a grave) and the liturgy indicates the year of mourning is achieved and that it is time to move on and look to the future.

Grieving is a hard process, but Janet was such a wonderful person, a superb and lovely compassionate wife, mother friend and Christian – that I know in my heart that she would want me to look to the future in faith and with confidence.

I would be very pleased if you could share my thanks with the people at Rosefield.

I have settled into life and worship with the Ascot Community UCA where I have been embraced and welcomed

Kind regards, Brian Smith.

SAVE THE DATES – SUMMER MORNINGS IN JANUARY

Rosefield's popular Summer Morning programme will return in January 2021—albeit in a COVID safe manner. Wednesday mornings:

13th January - Picnic in the Park, Scammel Reserve, Myrtle Bank

20th January. Musical Morning, Rosefield Uniting Church

27th January - Movie Morning, Wallis Cinemas, Mitcham Shopping Centre

The program now available at the Church. Contact Wendy Davis on 0407 781 623

ALICE AND PETER'S WEDDING

Alice and Peter thank all those who have been wishing us well for our forthcoming marriage on Sunday 20 December. ! We have organised to livestream our wedding ceremony and will share the link with the Rosefield community for those who would like to share in spirit, if not by presence. There are limited seats available to attend the wedding ceremony, if you would like to attend please register your interest with the Church Office, and confirmation will be sent prior to the wedding.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 8TH DECEMBER 2020

- Dianne Peberdy opened the meeting at 7pm.
- Dianne led devotions reading selections from the book *Together through the Storm* by Sally Sims followed by prayer.
- It was reported that Jodie, Ros and Jill took 7 students from Highgate Park to the Rotary Op Shop in Stepney. The Rotary Club had given each student a Gift Voucher for \$40 to spend there – this was greatly appreciated.
- Financial Reports for November were received and accepted.
- The draft 2021 Budget was discussed – this will now be sent to the Finance Committee for assessment
- We will be able to change seating in the worship space back to the checkerboard style when restrictions lift on 14th December.
- Dianne reported that Preachers have been booked for each Sunday in January, and from 1st February Rev Sue Ellis will commence as Minister in Supply, 0.05 FTE.
- The Joint Nominating Committee continues with the process, meeting regularly
- The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EVERYTHING IN COMMON GIFT CARDS. Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, this year we will not be able to hold an Everything in Common gift stall. However, members of the congregation are encouraged to consider still supporting the work of Uniting World by purchasing from the Everything in Common Gift Catalogue. This may be done by either taking a catalogue from the tables in the foyer and placing your order direct with Uniting World, or visiting their website by following this link and ordering on line: [All Gifts – Everything In Common Ethical Gifts Catalogue](#). Please note that Maureen Jennings does have a small supply of some of the cards – if you wish to purchase this way, please make contact direct with Maureen. We thank you for your understanding.

JAM SALE

Helen Mills has supplies of new season Strawberry and Apricot jams for sale. Also, Raspberry jam, and Grapefruit and Ginger marmalade. Prices range from \$5.00 a jar to \$2.50. Please be in direct contact with her if you could like some. All proceeds go towards the international Creators of Peace programme for women.

Thank you. Helen's contact: 0499194724

LIONS TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAKES: available at Rosefield Uniting Church Office, See Lorraine.

Lions Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$17.00

Lions Christmas Cake 1kg \$13.00



CHRISTMAS CARDS At this time of year, Maureen Jennings usually holds a stall selling handmade Christmas Cards, the proceeds of which are donated to the Pancare Foundation for their ongoing research into Pancreatic and other upper GI cancers. Maureen has a very personal connection to this charity. Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, and her treatment this year, Maureen will not be holding a table this year. She does, however, have some cards available for \$5.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing any cards from her this year, please contact her direct.