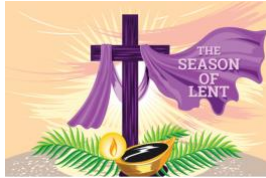




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# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

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## Readings

### 21<sup>st</sup> Feb (Lent 1)

Genesis 9 :8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

### 28<sup>th</sup> Feb (Lent 2)

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38 or Mark 9: 2-9

**COVID19** Please remember that compliance to Covid19 regulations for our Church, relate to the specific requirements for “Places of Worship” determined by the Federal and SA Governments and also by the South Australian Uniting Church Synod. These requirements are different to those applying to commercial properties, sporting venues and restaurants and cafes in many instances. **We ALL need to do the best we can to obey the rules, and ensure we have a Safe and Compliant Church.**

It is with sadness that we inform you **we will not be serving Tea and Coffee after the services.** This is to help us conform with Covid regulations. See the Church Council notes below.

**Lent** Today we mark the beginning of the Lenten journey 2021. It is a journey of 6 weeks, beginning last Wednesday, 17th February, which was Ash Wednesday, and ending on Easter Saturday, 3rd April. This marks 40 days, in which Christians seek to re-orient towards God and care for one another and all the earth. The season remembers the 40 days of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism, in which he humbled himself before God, refuted the temptations of the world offered by the devil, and committed himself to the path of life that fulfils God’s reign of love and justice.

The colour for Lent is purple, and today our church is decorated in purple, the colour of repentance to help call us to this Lenten journey of self-examination and denial and turning to Jesus and his ways in faith.

Our focus theme for this Lent is **Look! Where is Jesus?**

Look afresh at your life - where do others see Jesus’s life evident in your attitude and actions? Is there a personal discipline you would like to grow to help you re-orientate yourself to God and God’s ways more? Is there a habit you would like to let go to help you concentrate on your relationship with God?

During Lent, some people find a personal discipline helps focus their journey with Jesus, and so they may decide to fast from a particular food or activity. When the craving for that food or activity comes, they turn the focus to prayer and repentance instead and to adopting a new way of being. For example, people may fast from coffee, pizza, ice cream, alcohol, or from the evening news bulletin, social media, movies, crosswords, or games and instead take up more prayer, reading the Bible, a Lenten study, a Lenten devotional booklet or joining a Lenten meditation group or walking group for the 40 days, to draw nearer to God.

Today you will be invited to think of one word to describe a Lenten discipline you will undertake for these 40 days. Perhaps you might refrain from eating chocolate, donate the money you would normally spend to Uniting World and take up a one sentence prayer exercise every day at 3pm, wherever you are. Your word could be chocolate OR Uniting World OR prayer. After church you are invited to use a sharpie pen and write your word on a special Rosefield poster near the front door on your way out. These will be our Lenten disciplines and as a community we will support one another in keeping them, that we may all draw nearer to God.

### During Lent....

1. **Messages from the Heart** - thank you to Pip and Bev and Bob for displaying the Messages from the heart that we made last Sunday. Be sure to look for a word each week to encourage you during Lent. Draw attention to the display as you engage with local people in the community.
2. **This Week - Look! A Rainbow!** Can you find a rainbow in the church today? Rainbows in our society today speak of the LGBTIQ community and their call for inclusion and understanding. The rainbow is always a sign of God's covenant with Noah, which we will remember today. What does the word 'covenant' mean to you?
3. **A Heart Together** - Rosefield will be creating a community art project on the wire mesh fence of the netball courts. During Lent a large heart frame will be erected and we will undertake to fill the heart by weaving strips of cloth, on which we can write our own name, or the name of someone we would wish to pray for in this community, or the names of our community leaders or the needs of local flora and fauna. We hope netballers, play groupers and mainly music and other church users will join in with this project.
4. **Giving for Wider Church Needs** - Lent is a season also for thinking of the needs of the wider church. Retiring Offerings to support our International Student Group, Uniting World and the Pacific Island project will also be held.
5. **Reaffirmation of Baptism** - Easter Sunday will be a celebration of our faith that remembers this is the day when new Christians were baptised and when people reaffirmed their infant baptisms. There will be opportunity for all of us to affirm our baptisms and reaffirmation of baptism, called Confirmations. There may be people who have never had the opportunity to do that and we would love to share this moment with you. Please speak to Rev Sue Ellis, if you would like to reaffirm an infant baptism or renew your baptism vows in a special way.
6. **Next Week - Look! A New Name!** Do you know what your name means? Do you know why you were given that name? Names matter in the Bible - come and hear what happened to Old Testament legends, Abram and Sarai's names!

### Opportunities to give during Lent:

We will be taking up a "retiring offering" three times during lent and here are the details for you. (you can also give by electronic transfer to Rosefield Uniting Church, BSB 105-125, Acct No. 462 696 640. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb International Students (reference ISD) 14<sup>th</sup> March Uniting World Lent event (reference UW) and 28<sup>th</sup> March South Pacific School Aid (reference SPSA).

## NEWS FROM THE JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE(JNC)

The Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) has continued to meet regularly to find a new Minister for our congregation. This vital discernment task is being carried out in accord with the placements process of the UCA. A number of candidates and potential candidates have been considered. Some have submitted profiles and others have been approached directly by the JNC and Placements Committee. Some have had conversations with the JNC.

Currently the JNC is engaged in a conversation with a candidate.

Whilst the JNC wishes to keep the congregation informed it does not wish to raise false hopes.

The highly confidential conversations involve both the JNC and Minister exploring what God desires for them.

The JNC will inform the congregation when a match has emerged.

The JNC representatives thank the Rosefield community for your ongoing prayers and support.

Dianne Peberdy  
Chair, Church Council  
JNC Representative

Brenton Schulze  
Chair, Congregation  
JNC Representative

## 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. Scott Hutchinson and Rob Rodenburg. Go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9607672787?pwd=ZVJZeWVPRUIvR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

### **PRAYER CHAIN – DID YOU KNOW??**

Rosefield has an active prayer chain which is available to anyone who has concerns. This is done confidentially. If you have any prayer requests, please contact Helen Filby or Anne Caruana (see contact details below).

Many members of our congregation will have received cards for special occasions, sympathy, celebrations etc. This ministry is coordinated by Lorraine Fenwick (not Lorraine Schroder- “purple Lorraine” in the office) on behalf of the Pastoral Partners group we offer Lorraine a special thank you for this ministry.

#### **Emergency Meals:**

If you or your family require help with meals during times of crisis, illness or other needs, please contact Helen Filby who coordinates the wonderful caterers in this ministry team.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **WOMEN ON WEDNESDAY**

WOW is seeking donations to fill the bags left over from the recent sale and donate to Food Bank filled with items for people doing it tough. These can include goods suitable for women men teenagers and children, such as sanitary items, toiletries, undies, socks and jocks, pencils, books, school items for children, small toys. There is a box in the foyer for items until 14 March. Any inquires please contact Gloria Booker 0412273642. Thanks, in anticipation.

### **GARDEN GROUP Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am – The Cedars, Hahndorf**

The Garden Group will start the year in a very relaxed fashion with a visit to The Cedars at Hahndorf, the former home of artists Hans and Nora Heysen. A self-guided tour of the artists' studios and gardens, followed by a guided tour of the house and art collection will cost \$22/\$20 per person (pay on the day), and I will need to book us in. Please wear hats, walking shoes and sunscreen, and bring a small plate of morning tea to share; I will provide tea and coffee. Meet at the church at 10am for car-pooling, or at The Cedars at 10.20am. And please let me know ASAP if you are coming so I can book – Alice McCleary 0419 808 635

### **PASTORAL PARTNERS EVENING**

Reverend Sue Ellis will be the speaker at the Church on 2nd March at 7.30. Her topic will be entitled “Connections” which is what we try to do as members of this community. This evening is an initiative of Pastoral Partners, but everyone is encouraged to come along on that night.

### **UNLEY ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART INITIATING CIRCLE**

A group of interested people (mainly from Uniting Churches in the City of Unley) formed an Initiating Group on 14 September 2020 to work towards creating an ongoing RECONCILIATION SUPPORT GROUP in the City of Unley which focusses on the “Statement from the Heart”. They aim to gain public support for a proposed referendum regarding having a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

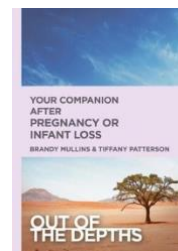
The fourth meeting of this group will be held at 5pm on Monday 22 February.  
A public meeting is being planned for Sunday 11 April at 2-4:30pm.

If you would like more information, please contact Rosalyn Williams [rozzyw@outlook.com](mailto:rozzyw@outlook.com).

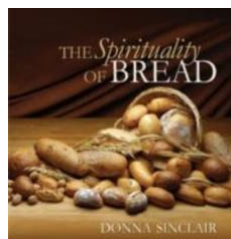
## New books in the Rosefield Church Library:

Four new titles from the series “Out of the depths” (one pictured here)

The Out of the Depths series addresses common pastoral crises in a faithful, encouraging, and factual manner that provides support to parishioners in crisis beyond initial pastoral conversation. Each booklet begins with a thoughtful consideration of the at hand, which is followed up by 30 brief devotions. The thirty short devotions creates a sense of companionship and hope in a difficult and lonely time. Knowing they are sharing a resource written by mental health professionals and pastors with personal experience provides a trustworthy source of information.



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You can browse the contents of the Rosefield Church Library and the Small group & Bible Study Resources collection at <https://rosefielduc.libib.com/>. The library can also be accessed from the link on the Rosefield UC website (look for the library under 'Resources'). Borrowing a book is easy—just add your name to the Borrowers book by the collection in the Church Foyer. Small group & Bible Study Resources are also available for borrowing by individuals or groups. Ask Lorraine for assistance during Office hours. For assistance or to place a hold on a book, please contact Wendy Davis

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

- Dianne Peberdy welcomed all to the meeting, especially Rev Sue Ellis to her first Council meeting with us.
- Leonie led devotions, reading from Isaiah 40, and 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27, being disciplined in our devotions to grow closer to God, particularly during Lent, followed by prayer.
- We received a detailed report from Rosalyn Williams about the International Student Project, indicating that we will need more funds in March.
- We discussed at length the issue of whether to continue serving tea and coffee ... concern about the lack of social distancing and being compliant with the Covid Safe Plan of the maximum number of people allowed in the Foyer space being 52, it was agreed that we would cease doing this from this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February.
- Sue reported on issues discussed at Synod and presented the Strategic Priorities documents for 2021 – 2025.
- We discussed the plans for Lent and Easter worship – building on the heart theme, a weekly colouring of a large rainbow flower with petals created by heart shapes, a community art project with a large heart shape on the netball court wire fence and a mission focus to name a local mission project for giving.
- We approved holiday leave for Sue from May 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We began discussions about the issues of seating in the church moving forward.
- The Joint Nominating Committee provided a written update which will be published in the Newsletter to keep the Congregation informed.
- The final Financial Reports for year ended December 2020, were accepted, and the Reports for January 2021 also.
- The amended 2021 Budget was accepted – agreed that we will follow the lead of Synod and consider the 2020 and 2021 as a two-year cycle when viewing figures.
- Brenton Schulze was confirmed as the Presbytery Representative on 13<sup>th</sup> March
- The date for the AGM is confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> April, following worship – noted that there will be two vacancies on Church Council, and we are seeking nominations.
- Bob has commenced working on the requirements from the Synod Property Services Report.
- Bob reported that the floor in Rooms 1-3 is sinking – he has had MP Heritage investigate and they have quoted \$3993 to fix the problem. The storage of the pews in that room is an issue and it was agreed that they be moved to Room 4-5 (which has a concrete floor) and the mid-week programs can use Room 1-3. It was agreed that Bob action the repair work as soon as possible.
- Dianne reported that it is hoped that the Kids Hope mentoring program will recommence from Term 2.
- The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.