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Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing
Sunday 21st March 2021

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Readings

March 21st (Lent 5)

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: 1-12 or 119: 9-16
Hebrews 5: 5 - 10
John 12: 20-33

March 28th (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50: 4-9
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2: 5 -11
Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12 - 16

We welcome you Rosefield, the Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow as preacher for today's service. Sue Ellis is speaking at Wandearah Uniting Church, near Port Pirie for their 125th anniversary. It is the fifth Sunday of Lent and the Lenten theme is **"Look! ...at the heart."**

Last Monday across Australian cities, including Adelaide, thousands of people joined the Women's March 4 Justice rallies, a movement against gender violence that is gaining momentum across the world. "Enough is enough!" is the cry for justice.

In Australia these rallies have been sparked by ongoing sexual assaults and in particular allegations of sexual assault within the Australian parliament and the South Australian parliament. Overseas, the death in Britain of Sarah Everard as she walked home has been described by the Aljazeera press as part of the "shadow pandemic" of sexual assault escalating across the globe in the past year. How are we as Christians called to respond to this new pandemic?

Throughout her presidency of the UCA, Dr Deidre Palmer has called for an end to family and domestic violence. It has been one of her platforms in leadership and she has spoken passionately about the church being a safe place for women and girls and a prophetic voice that calls for a more just society that condemns and tolerates no longer violence against women.

The "Thursdays in Black" campaign of the World Council of Churches is one expression of our support for a more just society. While the church may be driven to the margins of society, our voice from the heart can still impact, as we cry out together.

Consider this story from "Seasons of the Spirit:

Taylor Branch, a civil rights historian once expressed his surprise that Montgomery, Alabama, became the nucleus of the civil rights movement: "There weren't many real activists in Montgomery at the time." Branch did not think that the people in Montgomery had "a heart" for activism. Everything changed the Monday morning that the bus boycott started (initiated by Rosa Park's arrest); suddenly, for the Black Folk of Montgomery their time to act had

come – and despite the personal risk, they acted together as a united community. Montgomery might not have been filled with the type of people we often label as activists; still, it was filled with people who were ready to do what was right. This is the type of community we hope to create: a community with a heart for Christ's mission, ready to act together for Christ's sake in the world.

Sue Ellis

Heart of Highgate Community Art Project

The fabric artwork is gradually filling. Our Playgroup and "mainly music" families have tied a ribbon for each member of their family. The netball club have committed to their winter season teams joining the project. Perhaps there is a neighbour who might appreciate being given a fabric ribbon to add to the heart. Is there someone on your heart today? Tie another ribbon for them to the heart as you pray for them.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday	9.30am (with an Infant baptism)
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm (a reflective service with Holy Communion)
Good Friday	9.00am
Easter Sunday	9.30am (with renewal of Baptism and Holy Communion)



This Sunday marks the beginning of **Harmony Week**, often celebrated with the colour **Orange**! It is a day when Australians especially recognise the cultural diversity of our nation. The Uniting Church is a multi-cultural church, and it is with joy that we receive gifts of the Holy Spirit from the Christian expression of people from other cultures. This year Harmony Day coincides with the day set aside by the United Nations for the elimination of Racial

Discrimination. As part of our Lenten journey this week, let us consider our own attitudes and behaviour towards people of other races, and invite Jesus to reveal how we can each become more open, inclusive and appreciative of the gifts of culture.

State Mission Fellowship

The Synod State Mission Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd at Scots Church, North Terrace, Adelaide. The speaker is Mrs Rhonda Smedley, leader of Walkerville Church's community programs, talking about 'Making your wishes known.' Morning tea at 10:00 am, meeting starts at 10:30am, finishing with a light lunch for \$6 at 12:00 pm. All welcome.

MediaCom celebrates 40 years of service to the UCA

At a 40th birthday celebration for the work of MediaCom a number of Rosefield people were present to share the wonderful story of this resourcing publisher. Can you spot them in this photograph? Orders for Christian publications and resources are available at mediacomeducation.org.au with a 20% discount offer current on some publications.



POSSA (Presbytery of Southern South Australia)

Thanks to Brenton Schulze for representing the Rosefield congregation at the Presbytery of Southern SA Presbytery meeting last Saturday at Newland Memorial UC at Victor Harbor. Brenton's report on the Presbytery meeting is on the notice board in the foyer.

The Chairperson continues to Rev Dianne Bury, and Mr Max Howland as secretary will continue for the transition to a new secretary with admin support. The importance of all leaders obtaining Safe Church checks was emphasised.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A meeting of the Congregation will be held at 11am on Sunday 21st March (TODAY) immediately following the Church service.

In accordance with the Regulations of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), the Joint Nominating Committee, the Pastoral Relations Committee of The Synod (SA) UCA and a Minister have agreed to proceed to call.

This specially called meeting is to recommend to the Congregation the call of a ministerial candidate to the Rosefield Uniting Church.'

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.

POSITIONS VACANT

This year we have five positions vacant on Church Council - three Councillors are re-nominating.

The next election will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday. 11th April 2021, Church Council meets on the third Tuesday in each month at 7.30 pm.

Nomination forms are available in the Foyer and must be returned by Sunday 28th March 2021.

ALSO

Secretary of the Congregation falls vacant – Belinda Smith is willing to be re-nominated. Other members may wish to nominate for this role.

Nomination forms are available in the Foyer and must be returned by Sunday 28th March 2021.

For more information, see Heather Williams.

PASTORAL CARE

ROSEFIELD PRAYER MEETING - 8:00am 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=ZVJZeWVPRUlvR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

Palm Sunday *Peace Walk*

Churches Together for Peace and Justice, Walking in Unity, March 28th 1.00pm for 1.15pm start, Nth West Triangle – Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) to Tarntanya Wama Rotunda (Elder Park) Community banners welcomed. Here is the link to register (and for more information!). <https://bit.ly/2Mm8cwHd>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Garden Group in Mad March – note *afternoon* timing on this occasion.

The Garden Group is embracing Mad March with an afternoon outing to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to view the Festival art exhibition Shared Reckonings: “a mesmerising new collection of glowing, botanically-inspired art”. Entry is free. On our way to the exhibition, we will meander through the roses and dinner-plate-sized dahlias as they put on their autumn display. Coffee afterwards at Fibonacci Café. Date: **Fri 26th March**. Meet in the **church car park at 2pm** for car-pooling, or at the **Hackney Road entrance at 2.20pm**.

Alice McCleary 0419 808 635

On Sunday 28 March **South Pacific School Aid** will be holding a Book Stall to raise funds for shipping costs. We will set up in the courtyard from 9am till 12 noon, weather permitting. There will be a good range of interesting books. Please note...

Cash sales only, or we can take an IOU!



MARY MAGDALENE ADELAIDE DINNER - Saturday 3rd April

For 80+ people doing-life-tuff. Rosefield members are invited to help sponsor the dinner by providing:

- Soup, casseroles, \$ donations
- Soup & casserole recipes and food list sign up etc. are at the foyer info desk.

Thank you,

John Carrangis: 0478 074 238

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 16th MARCH 2021

- Dianne Peberdy welcomed all to the meeting.
- Rev Sue Ellis led devotions, reading from Jeremiah 31. Rosefield is on the brink of something new – a new covenant with God. This was followed by prayer.
- We received an update report from Rosalyn Williams about the International Student Project, indicating that there is now enough funds to continue with financial support to the end of June this year.
- Noted that the Pews are now stored in room 5 – thanks again to Bob and his team for arranging this.
- Following extensive discussion it was agreed that we will serve tea and coffee and hot cross buns on Easter day – this will be served on the Eastern side of the church under the shade sales and on to the netball courts to enable correct social distancing.
- Noted and agreed that there will be a Baptism during the Service on 28th March – Darcy Iles, infant son of Evelyn and Michael Iles.
- Easter Services will be on:
 - Maundy Thursday 7.30pm
 - Good Friday 9.00am
 - Easter Sunday 9.30am
- The Heart of Highgate Arts Project – wonderful to see the engagement with the project by the congregation and Playgroup and mainly music families – netball members are just beginning their winter season and are being encouraged to be involved. The Heart will stay on the fence until Pentecost.
- Sue chaired the Presbytery Southern SA meeting last weekend at Victor Harbor. Brenton provided a written report which had been circulated to Council members.
- Members were reminded that there is a Congregational meeting on 21st March regarding the calling of a Minister.
- The final Financial Reports for February 2021 were accepted.
- The date for the AGM is confirmed as 11th April, following worship – noted that there will be two vacancies on Church Council, and we are seeking nominations.
- Bob continues to work on the requirements from the Synod Property Services Report.
- Bob reported that the floor in Rooms 1-3 will be repaired in three weeks' time.
- Following discussion, it was agreed that Leonie will form a small committee to organise a Church Picnic early in October.
- Vote of thanks recorded to Jill Fuss and Derek Nash as this was their last Council meeting. Their input and wisdom will be greatly missed.
- The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.