



Rosefield
Uniting Church
in the heart of Highgate

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Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing
Sunday 7th March 2021

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Readings

March 7th (Lent 3)

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm 19

1 Cor 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

March 14th (Lent 4)

Nm 21: 4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Eph 2: 1-10

Jn 3: 14-21

Welcome to church today! How is your Lenten journey going?

It is the third Sunday of Lent and our service theme today is 'Look! Such power and wisdom!' The power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit is available to all disciples, as a gift from the risen Jesus. But to many observers of Christianity it looks foolish and weak. You will notice some extra furniture in front of the church today - what story about Jesus does it bring to mind?

When looking back at the great injustices of our time, we might wonder, did the people involve realise that they were on the "wrong side" of history? More importantly, we might wonder, are we on the right side now? Hindsight makes for an unfair critique of the past. It's hard without hindsight to distinguish between the law and rule of the "powers that be" and the law and rule of the power of love (aka discipleship). The path of the "powers that be" is ridiculously alluring and often the path of least resistance. The path of Jesus can be awesomely hard (with not a lot of instant gratification). Maybe that is why Jesus is forever sending disciples ahead to "prepare the way"! So why show up at church? Why take the path of great resistance, especially in Lent?

At The Heart of Highgate

Today, we will launch our community heart project on the netball court fence. Thanks to Bob and Gloria and the WOW group, an outline of a heart- shape was established on the fence. Today, as part of our offering, you are invited to help fill the heart of Highgate with your presence, by writing your name on a ribbon of fabric and tying it inside the heart - space. On your way out of today's worship, take a moment (with Covid-safe distancing) to tie your fabric ribbon to the fence. An invitation is given to the Playgroup and "mainly music" children's project, the Netball club and all of our church groups to add their presence to the project. Invite local neighbours to walk past and add a ribbon too. Can we fill the heart before Easter?

International Student Support Retiring Offering

We so far have banked \$488.00 from this offering, a big Thank you.

The next returning Lent offering will be for Uniting World projects next Sunday 14th March (reference UW).



NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A meeting of the Congregation will be held at 11am on Sunday 21st March 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.

PASTORAL CARE

EASTER SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

I'm really looking forward to having Easter services this year!

We will be having two groups leading music at Easter - Good Friday and Easter Day.

There will be two rehearsals, Monday nights (22 & 29 March) for Good Friday and Sunday then Saturday afternoons (28 March and 3 April) for Easter Day.

If you would like to be involved, please contact **Belinda Smith** by **17 March**.

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>

As we approach **International Women's Day** on 8 March, we are inviting people to thank and affirm the women who have encouraged, mentored and empowered them. UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer has offered a **#IWD message and a prayer** to use in our worship this week. Here is the link: <https://uca.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4b3444ce36d66f548255e97b0&id=5775e5b08d&e=eabb64a87b>



COMMUNITY NEWS

SATURDAY NIGHTERS

Our first meeting for the year provided a wonderful time to catch up with less Covid restrictions and an opportunity to catch up after the long break. Future dates for the year are:

April 10: Jill & Barry Fuss, **June 5:** Pam & Scott Hassett, **August 7:** No venue as yet- any offers?

October 9: No venue as yet- any offers? **November 27** or **December 4:** Helen & David Filby

If you are able to provide a venue, please let Helen Filby know.

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 etc. are at the foyer info desk.

Thank you, John Carrangis: 0478 074 238

MIRROR MAN

If you go to one show in the fringe choose this one, known and recommended by Jean and Scott Hutchinson.. Mirror Man is a down and out who finds himself through the exploration of identity in various characters, roles and life experiences. Written and performed by Ngarrindjeri artist Robert Taylor this personal story will move audiences of all ages. 3 shows, Saturday 20th March 4pm and 7.30pm and Sunday 21st March 7.30pm. at Tandanya. Flyer on the noticeboard.