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Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing
Sunday 25th April 2021

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ANZAC DAY
Let us not forget

Readings

April 25th

Acts 4: 5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3: 16-24
John 10: 11-18

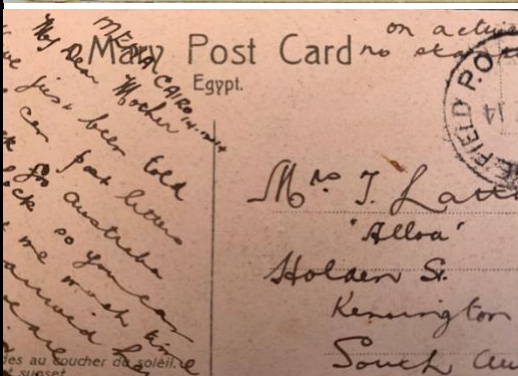
May 2nd

Acts 8: 26-40
Psalm 22: 25-31
1 John 4: 7-21
John 15: 1-8



ANZAC DAY

The sender of this postcard on 14th December 1914 was Sgt Roy Latta, a relative of my husband's family. He writes a quick card having just arrived in Egypt having departed Albany with some of the first Australians sent to the Great War, "My dear Mother...", and after a few scribbled lines to catch the post, promises to write again when he was settled. His war record says he survived the Anzac landing on 25th April 1915, fought at Poiziers and was eventually killed on the battlefield at



Bourse, France on April 6th, 1917.

So many letters and cards like this keep memories alive of loved ones lost and the terrible cost of war. In Psalm 78, the psalmist speaks the story of the deliverance of God's people from slavery and oppression. He says, "We will not hide these truths from our children but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord." Anzac Day is unique, says defence chaplain Rev Tim Hodgson. 'On Anzac Day we do not celebrate or glorify war. Instead, Anzac Day is about remembering those Australian s who lost their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can have freedom today, to live our lives as we choose.' Roy Latta attended Clayton Congregational Church, where he was a Sunday

school teacher and where he was remembered for his "singularly happy disposition and universally liked." Roy was buried where he was slain, and his grave lost to shelling and now "known only to God". May he rest in peace. Rev Sue Ellis

A Voice from the Wilderness: study on the Uluru statement

This study with Rev Sue Ellis is held each Monday night over the next 5 weeks, commencing at 7.15 pm and finishing by 9pm. The Resource booklet is available from the Rosefield office by ordering through Lorraine at \$5. The study guide will be supplied at the study itself. Last week, we listened to the Statement of the Heart, explored the Doctrine of Discovery and considered how aboriginal people were dehumanised. We explored our own hopes and struggles as we as a nation and Christians, seek a destiny together with the First Nations peoples of this land.

This week, the focus will be on family histories and truth telling, and our faith.

Rosefield - 110 years of worship on this site!

Before April 25th became Anzac Day, it was known locally as the Anniversary of the building of a worship centre at this site! Many people fondly remember the Centenary year of events held at Rosefield. It has been 10 years since then. Next Sunday's worship will focus on celebrating Rosefield's 110th birthday. Do you have a Rosefield Centenary Rose? If it is in flower, bring it along to worship next week!



Missed the Ordination of Rev Richard Telfer online?

The ordination event can still be viewed on the Facebook page of the Northern Synod. Go to events and scroll down. Listen out for the letter from Rosefield UC!

COVID-19 Please remember that compliance to COVID-19 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.

PASTORAL CARE

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

A half-hour time of prayer for our church and community. 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>

Get your best smile out! you might see our "official" photographer (Richard Clarkson) taking some photos in the courtyard over the few weeks of the Rosefield Congregation for the exclusive use of collating a book so that our new minister has half a chance to get to know our names! This will be done according to the privacy guidelines of the Uniting Church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Garden Group – Autumn leaves in the Hills, Fri 30th April

Autumn is in full swing in the Hills, and our outing this month comprises three Hills' activities:

- Leisurely walk around the lower Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens to view the colours of the season
- A late morning tea at the Organic Market and Cafe in Stirling
- Visit to the outstanding Cleveland Nursery in Stirling, full of all those gorgeous acid-loving plants that Plains-dwellers find so challenging, yet so appealing!!!

Meet at the church car-park for car-pooling at 10am, or at the Lower Mt Lofty carpark at 10.30am, Fri 30th April. Alice McCleary 0419 808 635

Going on a road trip to regional SA, VIC or NSW?

If you have any space in your car coming back, Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs have bread tags everywhere that need to get back to Adelaide. Contact Jenny Cooper if you're happy to help: 0418 807 072

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The next **Women's Breakfast** meeting will be on Tuesday May 4th at 7.30am at Wendy Davis's home. Pip Nash will be speaking. We look forward to seeing you there.

WoW visited Food Bank to drop off bags filled by our Rosefield Community and a cash donation. Food Bank were very humbled to receive and pass them onto their clients. WoW would like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who contributed.



Uluru Statement & First Nations Voice to Parliament - extension to April

30 is the deadline to voice your support for a First Nations Voice to parliaments protected by the Constitution - so get those submissions written! From the Heart has released its submission to the Government's report and wants to encourage large

numbers of individuals and organisations to make similar submissions in support. Submissions can be lodged [here](#). From the Heart also has a [digital canvas](#) for people to easily sign. Find updates on the From the Heart campaign by following them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 20th April, 2021

- Dianne Peberdy welcomed all to the meeting, especially our new members, Angela Zhang, Kong Leong and Murray Thompson.
- Gloria Booker led devotions. We were each given a sprig of Lavender (calming), Rosemary (remembrance) Olive (peace) and she spoke of the symbolism of each of these in detail. She had also made us each a red poppy for remembrance. This was followed by prayer.
- Sue reminded us of the Uniting Church Polity giving the detail of the role of Church Council reminding us that Christ is the head of the Church.
- Officers were elected as follows:

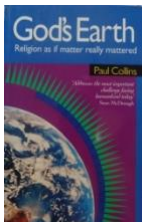
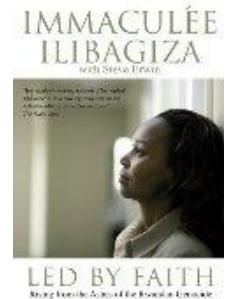
Chair	Dianne Peberdy
Deputy Chair	Leonie Millard
Secretary	Heather Williams
Assistant Secretary	Carol Packwood
Treasurer (ex officio)	Angela Zhang
- Following discussion, it was agreed that a small committee will begin the process of looking for a suitable rental property for Rev Richard Telfer. This committee will consult with members of the Congregation who may have some contacts in this area.
- As the Budget has a deficit this year we will need to look at where we can make changes and increase income. We will also consult with the Finance Committee.
- As we can now have up to 75% capacity in the worship space, three pews will be placed back in the church and chairs can be grouped differently. Under our new COVID Plan we can accommodate 150 in the church and 78 in the foyer.
- Sue reported that Easter Services were well attended and congratulated and thanked all those people involved in planning and preparation to bring alive Lent and Easter.
 - **Maundy Thursday** – a meaningful remembrance of Jesus' last evening with his disciples.
 - **Good Friday** – a memorable service when Rev Tony Eldridge preached on our response to the Cross of a Hope-filled Hush. Many people found this to be a most meaningful service.
 - **Easter Sunday** – a fabulous celebration with many visitors.
- **The Heart of Highgate** art project has taken great shape and will remain in place until Pentecost.
- It was a joy to watch the ordination of Rev Richard Telfer at Darwin Memorial UCA.
- The first of the Study Group looking at *A Voice from the Wilderness – a study of the Statement from the Heart* was held last night with 11 participants and 4 apologies.
- **Pastoral Partners** continue to offer outstanding pastoral care to our community. We have planned ahead for more Pastoral Partner education evenings.
- Noted and approved that there will be a Baptism during the Service on 16th May – Caleb Browning-Dey born 21st August 2020 at Royal Brisbane Hospital. The family are planning to return to Adelaide.
- **Induction of Rev Richard Telfer** will be performed by The Presbytery of Southern SA most probably on a night during the week before his first service on 4th July.
- We will be celebrating **the 110th Anniversary** of the opening of the Rosefield Methodist Church on this property on Sunday 2nd May.
- As Sue completes her time with us at the end of May, **Preachers for June** have now been organised.
- The final Financial Reports for March 2021, were accepted...
- Bob continues to work on the requirements from the Synod Property Services Report.
- Bob reported that the floor in Rooms 1-3 has now been repaired.
- Having further issues with tree root damage to sewerage pipes. Needed the services of the plumber again this week.
- Thanks to the generosity of the Rosefield Community, the WOW Group are taking a large supply of goods and cash donations to Foodbank tomorrow.
- The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

ROSEFIELD CHURCH LIBRARY

New books in the Rosefield Church Library: You can browse the contents of the Rosefield Church Library 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

Led By Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Genocide/Immaculee Ilibagiza

For three months in the spring of 1994, the African nation of Rwanda descended into one of the most vicious and bloody genocides the world has ever seen. Immaculée Ilibagiza, a young university student, miraculously survived the savage killing spree that left most of her family, friends, and a million of her fellow citizens dead. Immaculée's remarkable story of survival was documented in her first book, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. In *Led By Faith*, Immaculée takes us with her as her remarkable journey continues. Through her simple and eloquent voice, we experience her hardships and heartache as she struggles to survive and to find meaning and purpose in the aftermath of the holocaust. It is the story of a naïve and vulnerable young woman, orphaned and alone, navigating through a bleak and dangerously hostile world with only an abiding faith in God to guide and protect her. Immaculée fends off sinister new predators, seeks out and comforts scores of children orphaned by the genocide, and searches for love and companionship in a land where hatred still flourishes. Then, fearing again for her safety as Rwanda's war-crime trials begin, Immaculée flees to America to begin a new chapter of her life as a refugee and immigrant—a stranger in a strange land. With the same courage and faith in God that led her through the darkness of genocide, Immaculée discovers a new life that was beyond her wildest dreams as a small girl in a tiny village in one of Africa's poorest countries. It is in the United States, her adopted country, where Immaculée can finally look back at all that has happened to her and truly understand why God spared her life . . . so that she would be left to tell her story to the world.



Gods Earth: Religion as if matter really mattered / Paul Collins

God's Earth is an original and provocative exploration of the religious and philosophical roots of the environmental crisis. In a lively and accessible manner, Collins examines the attitudes of Christianity to the world, matter and the body that have led to modern humanity's estrangement from our physical environment, resulting in the destruction exploitation of our planet.