



**Rosefield**  
Uniting Church  
*in the heart of Highgate*



# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

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## Readings

### May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### May 9<sup>th</sup>

Acts 10: 44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5: 1-6  
John 15: 9-17

**Happy Birthday Rosefield Church! 110 years at this Worship Site**....what a joy to celebrate together today. Reading Past UCA President Al McCrae's address to Rosefield at the Centenary service in 2011, he said, "The church at its best ... is where the Spirit ministers to us in our upper rooms of worship on the Lord's Day, then blows us out into the world where we lose ourselves to the greater cause of bearing witness to Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit." As we gaze upon the activities of Rosefield congregation in our Newsletter, we can see evidence of the health of this congregation in our striving to being the best we can be for the kingdom of God that Jesus reveals in Scripture and through our experiences of God's love from others. Today we gather to celebrate our Anniversary and to give thanks for the witness and work of those who have gone before us and to hear of God's Love for us, amidst the complexities of our lives. We gather on the Lord's Day, the day of resurrection, taking our place as Easter people - followers of the living Lord Jesus - offering ourselves to receive his love and his life, that we might serve his way. This place is an Upper Room of worship that feeds us and sustains our faith. Where are the other upper rooms of worship for you? Perhaps you use the Upper Room devotional that is available in the foyer, or some other daily resource, each day to place yourself in the presence of God and in prayer sit with the Holy Spirit. Is one of your upper rooms a walk out in nature, connecting with God in that place and being renewed? Is there a group you belong to, like the cyclists, Playgroup, , WOW, 'mainly music' or the men's shed, where you receive the joy of unconditional love? Thank God for the many upper rooms where you find the vision of the kingdom of love present.

Rev Sue Ellis

P.S. Rev Al McCrae is sharing by livestream from Melbourne as part of the President's Conference "Called by God2"

**Next week:** Rev Sue will be taking her holiday leave as our Supply Minister next week and will not be attending at the office or available by telephone in that time. Please contact your Pastoral Partner for pastoral support, or the Presbytery in an emergency. She will be available from Monday 16th to the congregation.

## Pastoral Partners

One of Rosefield's strengths is the Pastoral Partners program, that ensures members have a trusted carer who makes contact now and then, and through whom, our joys and concerns can be shared. Christine Nancarrow is the coordinator, and the program is over-sighted by a small group of people who have pastoral gifts and have trained in the program, which was written by Sharonne Price. Every so often as people retire as leaders, and as new people join our community, there is a need to rearrange the care lists. New people are encouraged to speak to Christine or the Minister about their pastoral care. The pastoral care exists will be reviewed as our new Minister arrives.

**Spending time in Hospital?** When you or your loved one go to hospital, be sure to tell them you are a Uniting church person and would like a chaplain to visit with you during your stay. For some years now, those being admitted are no longer asked about their religion or if a chaplain's visit would be welcomed. Chaplains will only know people from the church are present, if we say something to the admissions clerk. Chaplains do stroll the wards and gently engage with patients. They are sensitive to patients' needs, and will offer prayer, which can often be a source of comfort in a vulnerable time. They can also bring Holy Communion. Chaplains arrive at the foot of our hospital beds, bringing Christ's love and care to us, in our hour of need.

### Sylas' story

Last week during the Anzac Day sharing, Rev Sue asked the congregation to pray for Sylas, from New Jersey, who had come to a firm faith during a 5 week stay in Adelaide with Christian family friends. Sylas is 18 years of age, has suffered Hodgkin Lymphoma, and as a child watched many friends made during extensive chemotherapy, die. He later suffered depression and anxiety and began to self-harm. He struggled with gender identity, finally identifying himself as a man. Raised in a Christian home, he gave up on God and became an atheist, then agnostic and then searched for meaning in Buddhism, and crystals, before being drawn back into a journey with Christ. Last Monday afternoon, Rev Sue and Rev Sandy Boyce baptised Sylas at Seacliff beach, with members of the Pilgrim Uniting Church present to welcome him into their online congregation. Sylas returns to the US to attend University in Pennsylvania this week. Please pray for God to protect and guide him to a welcoming congregation.



Photo: from left, Rev Sandy Boyce (Pilgrim UC), Sylas, Rev Sue Ellis.

**The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship National Consultation** took place in **Adelaide** last week and this weekend. In South Australia, Fellowships and World Mission operate as UCFAM's, with Rev Brian and Mrs Jill Polkinghorne the current Presidents, and a theme of "The Earth is the Lord's." SA Frontier Service support, Red Dove Cafe, Sally Stamp, Packing Days, Uniting World advocacy all operate out of the oversight of UCFAMs, who connect to World Day of Prayer and Australian Christian Women. Janet Woodward and Max Howland have served as the National President and Secretary for the past triennium. Mrs Margaret Pedler and Pamela Grant, from Vic-Tas have been elected as incoming President and Secretary, respectively.

**The President's Conference "Called by God 2"** has also been held in Adelaide and speaking in the segment "Living our Christian Vocation - exercising our everyday member ministry" were Emma Dubrich and Joanna Palmer from Rosefield congregation.

**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.

### The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide for May – July 2021

Is now available in the foyer. Please note that the cost is now \$10 per copy.

## 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>

**Have you had your photo taken?** 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.

**Celebrating Ruth Murchland.** It's now just over a year since my daughter, Ruth Murchland, died. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic constraints, only Ruth's immediate family were able to participate in her funeral. Since that time, Ruth's extended family, friends, work colleagues and community connections have managed their sense of loss and grief in varying ways. I have become aware that there are some people who would appreciate the opportunity to gather to celebrate and honour Ruth's life through the sharing of memories and reflections.

With the help of my sisters and several of Ruth's close friends, we are organising an occasion for celebrating Ruth's life and sharing some of those memories ... gathering at Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton Street, Highgate, South Australia at 2:30 pm on Sunday 16th May. Weather permitting, we will continue the commemoration at Scammell Reserve accessible from Fisher or Culross Streets, Myrtle Bank around 3:30 pm for those wishing to continue sharing memories and stories, or unable to attend Rosefield. The gathering at Rosefield will be livecast (using this link - <https://vimeo.com/535184930> ) and recorded for those who are unable to attend and/or to assist in managing numbers attending.

Not knowing how many people might want to participate, we have established a “registration” process (please use this link - <https://form.jotform.com/210971822125047> ) where you can indicate your desire to participate, whether in person or virtually. We will acknowledge your registration in the preceding week once we have time to assess the level of interest, so we would appreciate your "registration" by 07-May-21. The acknowledgement will confirm participation arrangements and livecast details. Both the activities at Rosefield and Scammell Reserve are covered by COVID-Safe Plans.

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you believe might appreciate the opportunity to participate in this celebration of Ruth's life.

Whereas Meg, Iain, Rachel, David and Milana are supportive of this occasion, they are not intending to be there. Accordingly, any queries or communication should be directed solely to Peter Murchland.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

**Sally Stamp** Sally stamp is an initiative which has been going for over 30 years, under the umbrella of the Mission department of the Uniting Church. It raises funds to support Mission projects, such as South Pacific School Aid inc. and Frontier Services, by collecting and sorting stamps then selling those stamps to collectors. In 2020 Sally Stamp contributed \$1000 each to the UCA Bushfire Appeal and to Frontier Services, over \$4000 to South Pacific School Aid inc, and \$400 to 'Oodnadatta delivery'. More information on the church noticeboard.

We also have a box for stamps in our Church foyer too.  
Joan and Peter Kirk.