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Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing
Sunday 4th April 2021
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Thursday April 1st 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

1 Cor 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b - 35

Friday, April 2nd 9.00am

Good Friday

Isaiah 52: 13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 or

Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

John 18: 1-9: 42

Sunday April 4th 9.30am

Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 or 25: 6-9

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18 or

Mark 16: 1-8

Alleluia! Jesus is Alive!

After weeks of drawing nearer to Jerusalem, and a Holy Week filled with varied experiences of joy and betrayal, meal sharing and death, this day brings a new and an entirely unexpected situation. The tomb is empty! What are we to make of it? Those closest to Jesus were shocked and frightened, amazed and fearful. How are we to respond, remembering that our journey through Easter is not yet complete?

Tradition has it that Easter Sunday is the pinnacle and culminating event of the Christian church calendar, full of celebration and joy at death conquered.

And yet on that first Easter Sunday morning, was it so certain? Can we relate to the fear and surprise of finding unexpected things? With grieving hearts and ready to administer burial rites following tradition, the women disciples are confronted by a radical new reality. The stone is rolled away, and a strange man wearing white dazzling clothes speaks to them! Already a new transformational journey has begun— a journey that cannot contain the Spirit of Christ within normal plans, traditions, and expectations of how things should be. It is a journey of the heart.

Can this be an Easter message for us today? Encounters with the Christ draw us into new perspectives, new directions, new understandings, new ways of compassion. Jesus is alive - his Spirit transforms our hearts and our minds, and empowers our capacity to love and serve the kingdom of God in new and creative ways. Empowering Rosefield, in the heart of Highgate to discover where Jesus might be at work here in Highgate, out among the community, and to not only offer Jesus' love in this place, but in every place where we see the risen Christ at work!

Seasons of the Spirit & Rev Sue Ellis

Heart of Highgate Art Project

Please share our art project with any visitors today and invite them to add a fabric ribbon and join the many others. The heart is filling with signs of the people we know and love and others we can get to know. It has been a blessing to see the project unfold. The artwork will remain in place until Pentecost.



Presbytery of Southern South Australia (POSSA)

The Presbytery has advised congregations of the successful applicant for the role of Presbytery Minister. Rev Ian Dow is the new permanent Presbytery Minister. Ian has been the acting Presbytery Minister until this time and before then, was a Resourcing Minister in the former Presbytery & Synod of SA. Ian's role is to connect with congregations in a pastoral way and to help with our strategic priorities.

SPECIAL THANKS from Rev Sue Ellis.

The Easter Services that have helped us remember the events of Holy Week, allowing us to journey with Jesus to his destiny, all the while 'Looking' and noticing people and events on the way, have been enabled by the wonderful gifts of so many of our congregation members. I would like to thank our worship leaders Jill Fuss and Bev Butler, and ministry colleagues Rev Robyn Caldicott and Rev Tony Eldridge for their coordinating leadership. Thank you to people who responded so willingly to the call to serve, with such enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you to Belinda Smith for coordinating the choir, and to all who gave music gifts, media gifts, floral gifts and other contributions to make these services such special expressions of the Christian Faith.

Behind the scenes has been our administrator, Lorraine Schroder, preparing power points, booklets and answering queries with her usual grace and smile. God has blessed us with each other. Thank you.

Following the recent Meeting of the Congregation we are delighted that **Richard Telfer has accepted the call to be our next Minister.**

Richard's first worship service will be on 4th July 2021.

Richard is a personable, intelligent and engaging person with excellent interpersonal communication skills and understandings. He has a real heart for people and pastoral care and a love of preaching.

He is currently an Ordinand and will be Ordained as a Minister of the Word at a service at the Palmerston Uniting Church in Darwin on 15 April 2021

Richard completed a Bachelor of Theology at Wesley Institute in 2007 and is currently enrolled in a Master of Ministry at Adelaide College of Divinity. He intends to continue his academic life by studying for a PhD.

Whilst serving at Palmerston Uniting Church, as a Pastor for the past four years he has also been working as a Chaplain at Somerville Community Services

Richard's passion for the Uniting Church is displayed by his work within the wider church. He is currently the NT rep on Uniting Network National Executive and is an active member of the Northern Territory Council of Churches. He spent 2 years as Deputy Chairperson of the Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia and as Convenor of the Emergency Response Chaplaincy.

We look forward to welcoming Richard into the Rosefield Community.



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 - to 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 - to be returned by Sunday 28th March 2021.

For more information, see Heather Williams.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday, 11 April at 10.45 am immediately following the Church Service.

Please collect the Agenda, Annual Report, Financial Statements (2020) and the Annual Budget (2021) from the foyer.

Brenton Schulze, Chair, Congregation
Belinda Smith, Secretary, Congregation

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=ZVJZeWVPRUlR2xuZENQVjJlcWk0dz09>

COMMUNITY NEWS

EASTER SERVICES

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)

Women's Breakfast Tuesday April 6th at 7.30am. Will be meeting at the home of Jill Fuss. The speaker is Marilyn Kyrylenko. All Ladies Welcome

Saturday Nighters

We are meeting at the home of Jill and Barry Fuss, 2A Rowallan Road, Torrens Park on Saturday, April 10th at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome; please bring a savoury dish or a sweet to share.

Please advise Jill if you are able to come and whether you are bringing a sweet or savoury plate.

South Pacific School Aid wishes to thank the Rosefield Community for their generous support of our book stall last Sunday. We were overwhelmed for 45 minutes after church when sales resulted in \$399.00, and the retiring offering raised \$896.00 totalling \$1295.00 for shipping freight costs. It was wonderful to be part of the Lenten journey with our locally based Mission project. Thanks to Rev Sue Ellis for the suggestion and Derek Nash and Lorraine Schroder for their promotion.
Joan Kirk

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 jcooper@adam.com.au.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart. You are invited to attend a public meeting on Sunday 11th April 2021, 2pm – 4.30pm at the Living Choice Auditorium, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton. The aim of the meeting is to launch an ongoing Uluru Statement Support Group in the Unley Council Area. See flyers on information table and on the notice board in the foyer of the church.

The Uniting Church in Australia, South Australia Historical Society invites you to hear Dr Meredith Lake speak on 'Under the Skin? Contesting the Bible in Australian History' on Sunday 16 May 2021 at St John's Anglican Church, Halivax Street, Adelaide. Please see the flyer on the Church notice board for more information.