



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

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# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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## Readings

### May 16<sup>th</sup>

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5: 9-13  
John 17: 6-19

### May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
Psalm 104: 24 -34, 35b  
Romans 8: 22-27, or Acts 2: 1-2  
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

**We welcome 9-month-old Caleb Browning-Dey today, with his parents Jeremy and Pritika who are from Brisbane, along with their wider family and friends. Rev Dr Phil Carr (retired) will assist Rev Sue Ellis with the baptism.**

Morning Tea is not served due to Covid Restrictions on our numbers. Please join those who gather at Damiens on Fisher Street for coffee following the service, or around the corner at Mad Good Cafe on Fullarton Road.

## A Heart for Witness

This last Sunday of Easter (which is the week before Pentecost) closes out the Easter season. Each Bible reading for today talks about the witness of testimony. In Acts, the apostles seek to complete their number again in order to continue Christ's witness and work effectively, and the two men chosen are those whose testimonies can bear witness to all that has happened with Jesus, from the beginning. In John's letter, the holy person is shown to be one who receives God's testimony about Jesus and who receives life from Jesus.

The question for each of us is how to be witnesses in our time with our talents and gifts. Vocation begins by asking the question, "Am I doing what God wills for my life?" and having the courage to hear and act on the answer. It is to know ourselves and to allow the Spirit of God to empower us.

Whatever we are called to do – a minister, a salesperson, a doctor, a florist, a teacher, or a businessperson – God gives us spiritual gifts with which to build up the Body of Christ and to reflect God's presence in the world.

**Prayer: Loving God, thank you for all those past and present who have shared their testimony with us. Help us live as faithful witnesses in our time and reflect your redeeming love. Spirit of God, fall afresh on us today. Amen.**

(Seasons of the Spirit)



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**Rev Cyrus Kung** shared his story as a second-generation Chinese growing up in the

eastern suburbs of Adelaide, at the **Pastoral Partners Evening** held last week.

He shared how Chinese churches were very strong in Adelaide, with 160 different Asian congregations present, some with many hundreds of attendees. Highgate has a demographic of just over 9% of the population who are Chinese. Cyrus challenged the meeting to focus on the 90% who were secular as our outreach target, since most Chinese may already be connected to a Christian Church. He described Chinese churches as relational rather than program-based congregations, like Rosefield. However, the programs that Rosefield have developed over the years do reflect the strong relationships within our congregation, and our inclusivity enable them to become vessels for outreach. Our family ministries of Playgroup and mainly music do reach people of various ethnicities from our community. Perhaps we could be intentional in inviting families from other churches to connect with our programs and extend our ecumenical fellowship. Warren presented Cyrus with the first of the cheeseboards, now being produced at the Community Shed, as a thank you gift.



**SAVE THE DATE:** The next Pastoral partners is a must to attend. Pastor Wendy Perkins is the Disaster and Recovery Ministries Coordinator in South Australia. On Tuesday July 13th she will address the Rosefield community on the important ministry of Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy, which exists as part of the State Disaster Plan, operating alongside Department of Social Security and Red Cross teams at Recovery centres. If you have been part of Blaze Aid or Red Cross or Rubicon, you will want to hear Wendy.



**National Volunteer Week** is being celebrated this week, with a parade in the city on Monday. The Theme is **Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine**. This week, find an opportunity to recognise the voluntary work of someone in our congregation, and thank them. Volunteering helps us reconnect with people and can help give our lives meaning, and it is part of the Christian ethic to serve expecting no reward. Sometimes volunteering can become wearing. If this is you, it may be time to reimagine how to best give your time and help.

Thank you to the members of Rosefield congregation for your voluntary service of the Gospel through the activities of our church. You are deeply appreciated **#NVW2021**

## 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=ZVJZeWVPRUlvR2xuZENQVjJlclWk0dz09>

**Have you had your photo taken?** our "official" photographer (Richard Clarkson) is taking some photos of the Rosefield congregation in the courtyard over the next few weeks. These will assist our new minister to get to know our names. This will be done according to the privacy guidelines of the Uniting Church.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

SACC Ecumenical Prayer Service  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"

**Thursday May 20th**

**7.30pm**

**Blackwood Church of Christ and available online [here](#):**

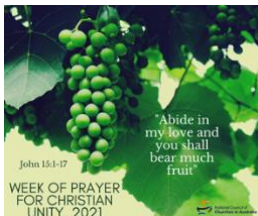
<https://youtu.be/zgy0YxAVOcl>

**367 Shepherds Hill Rd, Blackwood**

Blackwood Church of Christ enables ROOM and ZOOM capability, so that we can live stream the service for those in country areas or who are unable to be there in person due to family commitments or ill health.

### **Resources:**

*The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family.*



NCCA RESOURCES are now available. The NCCA's Faith and Unity Commission have graciously adapted the following resources for Australian use, you will find these on the [Faith and Unity page of the NCCA website](#).

**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 (TODAY). 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.

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.