



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



# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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## Readings

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

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

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

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

**Rev Dr Tony Nancarrow is our Preacher today and we thank him for his leadership.**

Culturally across Australia, today is the day **we remember those who have Mothered us:** our birth mothers, adoptive mothers, and as life carries us away from our original homes, those who have stepped into mothering roles at various times in our lives.

Jesus refers to himself as a mother hen in Matthew 23: 37 and Luke 13: 34. Mother hens are overprotective, interfering, and overbearing! They cluck and pick and watch constantly. No one likes a mother hen....unless you are a vulnerable chick in need of protection. Unless all your life you have been deprived of a mother's care and all you have known is the feeling of abandonment, being left to your own devices or stranded to face the predatory fox all by yourself! Then, we long for the enfolding care and love that Jesus offers. Rejoice if your mother's care and love was like that. Here is a poem, written by a woman at Ceduna UC for her mother's 90th birthday back in 2013. I suspect her mother was the mother hen type! Sue Ellis

### **A Mother's Worth**

I humbly appraise my mother's worth.  
It began with pain to give me birth,  
which triggered off a love so strong,  
that blossomed into a life-long bond.

When needed, she was always there;  
someone I realised who would always care.  
The older I got, the more I knew,  
a mother's love, sincere and true.

Now as I watch mum age in years,  
I'm happy to help and ease her fears.  
Privileged now to play my part,  
as she did for me from the very start.

**A reminder that Rev Sue Ellis is taking the annual leave from her time with us, in the coming week. Please contact the Pastoral team for your personal care.**

**Next week:** May 16th We will celebrate the baptism of Caleb Browning-Dey, infant son of Jeremy and Pritika, from Brisbane, and whose grandparents Sujoy and Ragani Dey live at Unley.

## President's Conference

At the President's Conference "Called By God: Living our Christian vocation in daily life" those gathered explored the meaning of call and vocation. Vocation has changed in meaning over the past 2000 years. It is not the same thing people have had in mind: when the early church spoke of calling, it was into becoming a Christian. In the Middle Ages, the call to vocation was into the priesthood. In the Reformation it was being called to a lay occupation within the church as one's vocation. In the time of Post-Enlightenment since Vatican 2, the call to vocation became spread out so that it now embraces training for all sorts of jobs. Some theologians reject the notion that one's job is a Christian call to vocation. We are all called as disciples of Jesus to serve Christ in the mission of the Church. The Basis of Union lifts up "every member ministry", whether lay or ordained as being of equal value. It was a joy to have Emma Dubrich and Jo Palmer share their stories of call as lay Christian women into service upon recognising their passions and skills. Sarah Bourne joined them as part of the Minim choir as vocations in the Arts were explored in response to God's call and as part of God's call to us.



Pictures of the Lay speakers and of Minim choir.

**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>

### "It's not just new Food" Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Rev Cyrus Kung is passionate about second generation multicultural ministry, and he will be sharing his insights about connecting with families from Asian backgrounds. This evening will be particularly helpful in our Playgroup and mainly music programmes. Pastoral Partners and all who are interested are invited to this educational session.

**Have you had your photo taken?** our "official" photographer (Richard Clarkson) has been 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.

## 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](#):**

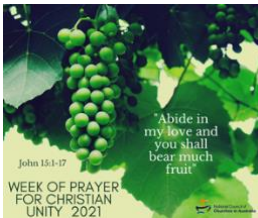
<https://youtu.be/zqy0YxAVOcl>

**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 those 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. 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

**Thursday Girls** (May 13<sup>th</sup>) get together for this month will be meeting at Living Choice from 1.30pm

**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.

### **Quilts to Modbury Hospital from WOW.**

The WoW group have delivered 21 Quilts to Modbury Hospital and 13 to Ronald McDonald House. They were loved and very much appreciated!  
Well done Women on Wednesday!!

