



# Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Sunday 5 September 2021

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# Readings

5<sup>th</sup> September

Prv 22: 1-2, 8-9,22-23

Psalm 125

Jas 1: 2:1-10 (11-13)14-17

Mk 7: 7: 24 -37

12<sup>th</sup> September

Prv 1: 20 - 33 Psalm 19

Jas 3: 1 - 12 Mk 8: 27 - 38

# G'day folks,

Spring is here! What a glorious time of the year. I started spring with a beautiful walk in Belair National Park, full of birdsong and wattle. This is my first 'springtime' in many years. Up north, we have 6 different seasons. These seasons don't really correlate with 'southern' seasons, so I have been looking forward to the changing seasons from winter to spring for a few weeks now.

Spring also marks the beginning of the Season of Creation (or Sustainable September). This is a month-long focus on God's presence in and love of creation. We aren't really going to use the Season of Creation liturgies in worship this month. Still, I thought it might be helpful to include a prayer in the newsletter from the Season of Creation resources.

The first Sunday in Year B is Planet Earth Sunday. The prayer for the week is below. Pray it. Work through it slowly and meditatively.

#### Blessings, Richard

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mystery of our fragile planet, we celebrate the wonders of Earth as our home. Help us to discern how we have polluted our planet and to empathise with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to sense the presence of God pulsing through Earth as a living green blue sanctuary. Teach us to love Earth as our home. In the name of Christ, the Word of God, who is the creative impulse in all creation. Amen.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

<u>Singing</u> Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.

### Density requirements and additional directions:

- Density requirement for seated activities is now 3 per 4 square metres. This applies to churches services
- Density requirement for standing activities remains at 1 per 2 square metres
- Gyms and indoor fitness activities remains at 1 per 4 square metres
- Private gatherings in homes remain limited to 20 people
- Weddings, funerals and birthdays are capped at 50 people (at non-residential premises)
- Wearing of masks remains mandatory in high risk settings, personal care and health care services,
   passenger and public transport, secondary schools, and indoor public places this includes churches

Churches are advised to continue to follow their updated COVID Safe Plan that they will receive from the government.

Please collect your new directory from the foyer, please return or shred your current copy, thank you.



# Church Picnic Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 11am ish (after Church) Watch this space for more details!!

**Locking the Church** just a reminder that if you are the last person leaving the church premises could you please ensure all doors are locked. Thankyou Bob Simpson (Property Officer)

### **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=ZVJZeWVPRUIvR2xuZENQVjJIcWk0dz09

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

We are gathering on Tuesday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> September, in the Church Foyer at 7.30 am. Dianne Peberdy is hosting, and our Speaker will be Jo Bourne.

All Women welcome.

## Girl Guides SA Grow a Seed project

Girl Guides South Australia is shining awareness on the significant environmental loss due to the devastating destruction of bushfires. We have made kits that contain all you need to grow a Eucalyptus tree.

The purchase of a seed kit will raise funds to help Girl Guides protect our koalas in bushfire affected areas, and assist our Girl Guides koala rehabilitation program at Douglas Scrub, McLaren Flat.

When your seeds sprout, you can plant the seedling/s yourself or return the seedling in April 2022 to Highgate Girl Guides and we will plant it/them for you at Douglas Scrub.

Each kit costs \$4.95. Wendy will have some kits available for purchase on Sunday.