

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week is Wilderness or Outback Sunday, part of the Season of Creation.

Rev Cate Baker, who is Chaplain for Resthaven at Paradise and Leabrook, will be preaching to us this Sunday.



**Season of Creation**

**Pentecost 2 2020**



**September 20, 2020**

Joel 1:8-10, 17-20; Psalm 18:6-19; **Romans 8:18-27**;

Matthew 3: 13-4:2 or Mark 1:9-13

## Worship Onsite

It is so important for us to remain vigilant with regard to our response to COVID-19. There are things we miss and changes we don't like. We are currently blessed to be able to worship together, so let's take on these temporary changes as a demonstration of the love we have for one another.

As you prepare to come to worship onsite, here are some important things to remember...

- Please don't come if you are unwell.
- Wear warm clothes! We aren't kidding when we say you'll need this! We'll have the exhaust fans on and windows open to keep the air circulating - this reduces the risks of COVID, especially as we will be singing.
- Avoid parking next to the top hall – this space is still being used by Medical HQ.
- Once you enter, you will be welcomed with a warm *Hello*, and possibly an elbow or toe tap. (Please refrain from handshaking, kissing or hugging at church for the time being).  
Please remember that we are still being encouraged to maintain the physical distancing of 1.5 m when gathering with others outside of our immediate household.  
You'll be signed in (as we need to keep a record of attendance) and please use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Seating is spaced out to allow for physical distancing. Those who come from the same household can sit together (if you wish to!)
- The Offering will be received at the end of the service. A receptacle will be provided near the exit. We continue to encourage regular giving through direct debit or electronic transfer.
- Morning tea will not be provided. We encourage you to connect with others by either having a coffee at a local café to support their business (many of our folk frequent Caffe Settebello and the Rezz on Sundays) or consider inviting others to share a coffee in your home.
- We encourage you to approach the 'Zoom screen' at the back of the church before and after the service and interact with those who are connecting online. It's important for us to help everyone feel welcome and included wherever they are.
- More details are in the letter from Jeff Dry (Church Council chairperson), sent out on July 11.

## Worship Online or at Home

- If you choose not to attend for whatever reason, you can view the service as it is happening, using the same Zoom link as before: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912199103>
- Meeting ID: 869 1219 9103
- We will also provide a lectionary-based Worship at Home resource.

## Update on Linda

As you are aware, Linda's father passed away last week and Linda has been granted compassionate leave. She will be away supporting her mother and her family in this time.

For pastoral concerns during Linda's absence, please contact any of the pastoral care team or Jeff Dry.

Our Pastoral Care Team are:

Brenton Summers: 0400 632 829,

Bob Stevenson: 0400 641 242

Ann Brown: 0413 581 554

Lee O'Connell: 0438 865 508

Please let them know if you are need of support.

## Office Assistance Required – Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

Both Linda and Carol will be on annual leave and therefore away for two weeks at the end of this month and in to October. Church Council is keen to keep the Church Office open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. If any congregation member is willing to volunteer an hour or so of their time to assist in just being in the office one of these days it would be most appreciated. Please contact Jeff Dry if you can help.

*Jeff Dry*

## Season of Creation

If you have a Smartphone, we encourage you to download the **Just Earth app**. This is a beautiful free App to use as a daily devotion during The Season of Creation. More info

here: <https://www.environmentalaction.org.au/post/2018/12/10/just-earth>

The Season of Creation provides for **different Bible Readings** than the Revised Common Lectionary. You will find these texts listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

## COVID Marshal Update

In order to comply with COVID Marshal requirements, any future activity held on site **must have** a covid marshal in attendance. The training can be completed at <https://marshal.clickontraining.com.au/>. The training should take you no more than 15 minutes to complete. Please notify Carol once you have finished the training and email the office a copy of your certificate of completion. Covid Marshall badges are located in the cupboard in the vestry for you to wear, along with a hard-copy record of the COVID Marshal certificates, should you need to produce them during an inspection.

## Street Library

Our first Street Library has been installed in the Wirra. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the design, creation, and installation. It looks fantastic! What is a Street Library you may ask? It is an opportunity to recycle books in our community. It helps our environment by passing books that you have finished with, onto other people to read. People take a book and can give a book. Street Libraries are a means of bringing neighbourhoods together. There are around 1800 street libraries across Australia. As part of an international movement that has gained more traction recently, they are one way for churches to get involved in the life of their local community and to offer generosity and neighbourliness. This Street Library is for books for children. If you have any children's books at home that are gathering dust, consider donating them to the Street Library. They will be taken and not returned so don't donate any family treasures. Children's books can be placed directly into the Street Library. Our next project is to have another Street Library for adults.

You can read more about street libraries here: <https://www.insights.uca.org.au/give-the-gift-of-reading/>

*Sheralyn Robertson*



## TOFS

Our next TOFS catch up will be in the Lower Hall of Athelstone Uniting Church. We will be packing shoeboxes to be sent to children overseas. If you have been collecting or making items to go into shoeboxes please bring them along. Each shoebox costs \$10 to transport overseas so cash towards this fee is also welcome.

Under the current rules, we will be either bringing our own thermos of tea or coffee with an individual snack or else picking up a takeaway on the way to Church.

If you have any questions please contact Sheralyn 0418404018.

## An update on the Shoeboxes!

Now that September is here, it is time we again think about filling those shoeboxes. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. I will have the shoeboxes and pamphlets on hand each Sunday for you to take. ToFS will again use their October meeting to pack shoeboxes.

Due to COVID I will not have a display up each week but am happy to answer questions you might have. If you feel you cannot pack a box, remember that we still need donations, not only of goods, but also of money. It costs \$10 for each shoebox and our congregation has been wonderful in the past in helping to cover these costs for us. Thanking you all.

*Friederike*



## Threads

If you enjoy creating with thread, or would like to learn, and/or enjoy a chat over a cuppa, come join us 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2-4pm. The Indigo café owners are spreading us out due to their covid-safe plan, so please come with the understanding that they are doing this as part of meeting their own covid-safe requirements.

## TRIPLE C'S: Chaps, Coffee, Chat

Following a successful get together on 9/9 at VA BENE we will gather there again on OCTOBER 14 at 1030.

Our numbers were a little down and to those who missed through ill health, we pray life as far as possible will return, or has returned, to normal ASAP.

ARE U OK? If not let us know.

PLEASE DIARISE Oct 14 now as there will be only one more newsletter published b4 we meet.

By the way a lady at Va Bene on leaving said to me, "They say women make all the chatter, you lot gave a good try at out doing us". I then advised her she was only quiet 'cos she wanted to get our gossip.....she slunk off with a smile. Keep on chattering chaps.

*Regards Ray*

## Ladies Clothing Donations to Eastern Domestic Violence Shelter

Thank you Ladies, for your generous clothing donations!

The Domestic Violence Shelter was most grateful to receive around 10 large plastic garbage bags of clothing in very good condition.

No further clothing donations are required at this stage, but I will let you know if any further requests are made at a future time.

*Sylvia Maywald.*

## Food Donations to Uniting Communities

Food or cash donations for Uniting Communities Eastern Services Branch Emergency Relief Program are welcomed at any time. For more information contact Brenton Summers. Phone 0400 632 829.

## Gift of Love

I feel that I must tell you about a beautiful gift of love I received from the Royal Adelaide Hospital Spiritual Care Team (Chaplains) recently.

I was invited to a gathering of the team at which, among other matters, Barbara's contribution to the hospital patients, staff and team members over a period of more than 8 years was spoken about in very positive terms. I was then presented with an attractive hand painted candle.



The attached card included the following words:

*The white candle symbolises peace and healing.*

*The painted Sturt's Desert Peas symbolises our state.*

*The RAH Spiritual Care team offers this candle to you with the prayer that you will be given:-*

*Comfort from distress,*

*Courage to face the difficult days and,*

*Loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

After the presentation we were all led in a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving. I then spent the next hour or so speaking to Barbara's close friends over lunch.

For me this was a most spiritually uplifting time even if it was difficult for me to control my emotions.

I want to acknowledge that God is Love and that I am very often aware of His close presence with me. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and loving care!

*Eric Hurrell*

## Interfaith Celebration of International Day of Peace

Where: Pinnacle College, 10 Anderson St, Elizabeth East in the Gym

When: **Saturday 19th September, from 2pm - 3.30pm**

This enjoyable family-friendly event will include excellent First Nation and interfaith speakers, musical performances and a fun Kahoot led by student leaders from Pinnacle College

RSVP preferred by Friday, 18 September 2020 to Dr Mehmet Aslan or Philippa Rowland.

It would be great to have someone represent our congregation. Please let the office, and the people from Pinnacle College know if you plan to attend as our representative..

## Festival of Nature "A volunteer opportunity"

Here is an opportunity for us to connect with our local community *and* do something that connects with The Season of Creation: We are invited to join LOVE Campbelltown who are participating in a *community led* event with CLEAN (Campbelltown Landcare Environmental Action Network).

**Saturday 26th September**

**CLEAN\* Amongst It – Festival of Nature**

**It will include:**

Welcome to Country – Ivan 'Tiwu' Copley – Kurna/Peramangk elder (10.00)

Native Bee Hotel Workshop, installation and planting with Sophie Thomson (10.30-12.30)

Stobie pole painting workshop featuring endangered plants and animals with the Campbelltown ArtHouse

Workshops by Birds SA (1130), Butterfly Conservation SA (1230), Friends of Black Hill and Morialta and 2030 Species

Catering by Athelstone Kiwanis (including vegetarian and halal options) and Franks Coffee van (with compostable cups). Please bring your Keep Cups and refillable water bottle. This family friendly event is supported by

Campbelltown City Council and the Nature Conservation Society of SA. Register here for a free

ticket. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/clean-amongst-it-festival-of-nature-tickets-118261520391>

## Wider Church news - <https://sa.uca.org.au>

You can also subscribe to receive UC E-News personally at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

The New Times is available online as well at <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

Wimala Presbytery News: <https://www.facebook.com/Wimala-Presbytery-109646960529095/>

## Prayer Requests

Can we support you in prayer? Here's how:

**Prayer Chain** - send an email to, or call Brenton Summers, who will pass your prayer request on to a group of people who faithfully pray in response to Prayer Chain emails.

**Confidential Prayers** - if the issue is more personal you are invited to contact Linda for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda). All prayer requests going to the team will be kept strictly confidential within this team.

**Prayers for Others (Sunday Worship)** If you have something you would like to be included, please contact Linda.

"We are all called to pray for one another, and so we are all encouraged to offer to pray for, or with others, especially if they share a concern with you." (James 5:13-16)

## Lectionary readings

Refer to your Uniting Church Calendar for lectionary readings and key dates. Season of Creation readings are on Page 1 of this newsletter.

## Practice Good Hygiene



## Church Bookings

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Sundays	Evenings – 6.30 pm unless told otherwise, then can come later	Main building	VIP Cleaning Service
Mondays	4.45 - 6.45pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mondays	6.30 - 8.30pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesdays	9.30 - 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesdays (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> )*	9.00 – 10.30 am	Main auditorium	Book Club
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>7.00 – 9.00 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
Wednesdays	9.30 - 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.30pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Thursdays	6.30 - 7.30 pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursdays	7.30 -8.30pm	Main auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturdays	9.30 – 12.00 pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturdays	9.30 - 11.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>12.00 pm – 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Main auditorium</b>	<b>External Hirer</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>1.30 – 4.30 pm</b>	<b>Main auditorium</b>	<b>External Hirer</b>
At all times	Clinic operates Mon-Fri 12.30-5.30pm and Sat mornings but top hall remains out of bounds <b>at all other times</b>	Top hall & Top carpark	Medical HQ

\*Held fortnightly on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month

## Church Roster

	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Prayer with Preacher</b>	Di Curtis	Bob Stevenson
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Cate Baker	Lielle M <sup>c</sup> Laughlin
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jeff Dry	Di Curtis
<b>Sound</b>	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
<b>Data</b>	David Walker	David Walker
<b>Chair Steward</b>	Brenton Summers Jeff Dry	Howard Jacob Bob Stevenson
<b>Flowers</b>	Marie Hickman	Raelene Anderson
<b>Building Steward</b>	Paul Howland	Noel Maywald
<b>Door Greeter</b>	Jan Robin Gus Robin	David Riggall Jenny Riggall
<b>Tick and Flick</b>	Brenton Summers	Brenton Summers
<b>Notices</b>	Lee O'Connell	Lee O'Connell
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Ray Walter	David Walker
<b>Count Offering</b>	Sylvia Maywald Paul Howland	Friederike Ashby-Weiss Gus Robin
<b>Cleaning</b>	VIP	Jean Richardson Carole Walter
<b>Communion Prep</b>		
<b>Communion Servers</b>		

Please swap with someone if you can't do the date you are assigned and if possible, please also notify the office of the change. It is very important during this pandemic that you do not attend services when you are unwell. Please swap with someone, or if late notice on the Sunday morning, then contact Linda Driver (0458 500 656) or the worship leader for that service. Thank you.