



## Welcome to our Multicultural Church

## October 2023 Newsletter

### September Council Report

At our September meeting Council was pleased to welcome back Elder Heather who is now feeling well and ready to contribute to our decision making. Heather is also one of our reps to Presbytery and we look forward to hearing from her about Presbytery matters. The meeting was a productive one with Council taking note of the success or otherwise of decisions and actions to date and fine tuning our planning accordingly,

Our Treasurer (Financial Officer) Carole presented the accounts till August and reported that we are doing reasonably well financially so far this year.

Decisions of particular interest included:

#### The referendum

The hall will be used as Polling Station on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Tania who is liaising with the officers from the Australian Electoral Commission.

This creates an ideal fund-raising opportunity our customary Sausage Sizzle. Russell has volunteered to organise this and will need people to help on the day.

#### Sunday School

James is continuing to offer Sunday School activities each week. He has also planned several activities to encourage the engagement

of local families. These include multicultural get to know you Morning Tea in the kitchen each Saturday. Why not drop in and have a chat.

An end of year celebration and a Christmas Carol night are also on the calendar.... Check out the weekly newsheets for details.

#### Board Games and Pizza

Back by popular demand the board games and pizza night will be from 5 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. Check with Woody about details of this 5 star event.

#### Open for Meditation

We are continuing to open the Church on a Thursday morning for quiet reflection and meditation. The process is simple: put out the sign, open the doors, light the candle and its done. There has not been a crowd of people filling the pews but occasionally someone comes in for a look around and a quiet sit down. The sign and the open door sends the message that we are here, an active congregation. If you have the occasional free Thursday morning talk to Lesley or Heather or Sharon.

#### Placement profile

Council has been preparing the required

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placement profile for Synod to use when selecting our next minister. The profile consists of questions about us as a congregation, where we are now and our goals and plans for the future. On the basis of our Life & Witness report, discussions between council members and input from some congregation members we are preparing a placement profile for PRUC. Want to contribute? Contact Lesley or your Care Cluster leader.

### Stewardship

October is the month to be thinking about Stewardship; using your gifts of love, time, enthusiasm, money and participation to Love and Serve our God

The envelopes for November 2023 to October 2024 will be available this month

### Congregation meetings

We have had a number of usual and special meetings of the congregation already this year. Council members have agreed to provide continuity by serving through the new year until the Annual General Meeting due in Late February/ Early March at which time the annual financial report should be available, election of officers can be held and we will be in a better position with regard to possible placements. Congregation Chair, Jan is in agreement with this timetable.

### Date Claimers:

**Organ Concert Saturday 25 November 7 pm**  
**Christmas Carol Night Saturday 9 December 7 pm**

Watch this space for details.  
Lesley Warner

Lesley Warner, Chair of Council

## Board Games



## and Pizza Night

Come and join our next Board Games Night. Saturday 7th September at 5pm-9pm in the church hall. For more details contact Woody.

**Pastoral Care: Communal Response**  
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The Pastoral Care: Communal Response intensive is a great opportunity for professional development. Rev Dr Cathie Lambert from the Dayspring community in Western Australia will teach this intensive. She has completed Doctoral studies at the University of Divinity and is a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church. This event will take place from October 3rd - October 6th. Further information is available by emailing Uniting College for Leadership and Theology at: [info@unitingcollege.edu.au](mailto:info@unitingcollege.edu.au) or by phoning (08) 8416 8420.



With just under two weeks until referendum day, we invite you to join in 14 days of prayer as we reflect on the significance and potential of a national vote on the Voice to Parliament. Beginning this Friday 29 September, you can sign up to receive the prayers on [email](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#). The two weeks of prayer will culminate in a national Referendum Eve Vigil on Friday 13 October. Bringing together Uniting Church members from across the country, both in local communities of faith and online, this will be an opportunity to centre ourselves in faith and unity before referendum day. You can register to connect to the Vigil via Zoom [here](#).

The Uniting Church has continued to share its strong vocal support for a Voice in public and ecumenical spaces this past week. The Uniting Church in NSW/ACT launched a [powerful video](#) in support of the Voice at The Rev Bill Crews Foundation in Sydney on Sunday where church leaders were [joined by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese](#), Liberal MP Julian Leaser and NT Senator Malarndirri McCarthy. Meanwhile, last Thursday Vic/Tas Moderator Rev David Fotheringham was [one of 14 Church Leaders](#) who gathered at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne affirming their support for the Voice as a first step to a fairer, more truthful and more reconciled nation. Their statements are [recorded in this excellent video](#).

(My apologies to those that do not receive the monthly newsletter online)

## CARE FOR CREATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA on Tarntanya, Kurna Country and surrounds

Sunday, 1 to Thursday, 5 October  
~~See poster on our noticeboard for more information.~~

Book online <https://wellspring-community.com/events-1>



## Music for a Springtime Afternoon

at Morialta Uniting Church - 2.00pm on Sunday 15th October.

Presented by the Adelaide Male Voice Choir, plus The Octet (the AMVC's a cappella ensemble) with guest pianist Jacob Fabich. Tea/Coffee available after the concert.

Tickets \$20 @ Trybooking - <https://www.trybooking.com/CLZAJ>

## Join us in prayer for

- Assembly General Secretary Colleen Geyer as she prepares to step down from her role after eight years of faithful and courageous leadership. We give thanks to God for her legacy and her dedication to the Uniting Church, and pray God's blessings now and in the time to come.
- Older people in our Church, families and communities as we celebrate Older Persons Sunday this weekend. May we honour their contributions, faithfulness and wisdom.
- The Uniting Church Niue National Conference, meeting this weekend in Sydney.
- **Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru** as part of the WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle.

Resource: Uniting Church in Australia,  
National Update



6th - Lyle S.  
11th - Nessie  
17th - Ephriam  
19th - Lois O.  
25th - Haryne

Lorin & Steven  
Aldous & Yana  
Trent & Norma  
Roger & Pam



## it's OK:

TO MAKE MISTAKES

TO HAVE BAD DAYS

NOT TO KNOW  
EVERYTHING

NOT TO BE OK

TO DO WHAT'S  
BEST FOR YOU

TO BE YOURSELF

Also Congratulations to Dana & Do Young who  
celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary  
on 27 September.

Please send any photos or  
stories/events that you would like to  
share with the  
congregation. Looking forward to  
hearing from many of you!