



Welcome to our Multicultural Church

May Newsletter

April Council Report

At the Council meeting on the 18th April we reviewed on going items such as property upkeep hall hire policies roster arrangements and the like. Any ideas? Let a Council member know. See something that needs doing? Tell a council member.

We also talked about how we can best make sure that all the congregation knows what is happening. Information is available on the web and in the newsletter and newsheets. But our plan is to use the network of Care Clusters to both spread the word and make personal connections. Your leaders are Jan C, Russell S., Meng T. and Sue Y. I know they have been talking to you/messaging you about the Life & Witness consultation. By now you should all know who your cluster leader is and the follow up is to get to know the other people in cluster better.

Our main focus for May is the Life & Witness consultation. Council prays that as many of you as possible are able to join together in worship on the 29th and meet together to talk to Geoff and Christine afterwards at lunch. You will have seen in the messages in the news sheets and from your cluster

leader that they have been appointed by Presbytery to work with us to plan a future for PRUC. Geoff and Christine will be getting to know you and talking to you especially about what you would like to have happening here, through worship and fellowship. What is your dream? They will then prepare a report on their findings about us with recommendations as to the way forward. Council will be taking the report very seriously and will be working through the months to come to implement the recommendations. Council will need your help and support to do this.

My theme for the month is from TIS 409:

*O breath of life come sweeping
through us*

*Revive your church with life and
power*

*O breath of life come cleanse renew
us*

And fit your church to meet this hour

Lesley Warner, Chair of Council

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PRUC Shed Clear out

The church would like to express gratitude to the Rhonda, David and the St. Peter's Rotary Club who generously donated \$100 towards our garage sale and arranged for most of the remaining items in the Big Shed to be cleared and taken away. As a result, only books, magazines and a few small items remain. All the support and care from everyone who contributed to making the garage sales a success is greatly appreciated.



Horse Riding



As some of you know I enjoy horse riding and go riding twice a week. As a special treat I took two days off and went to the Adelaide Equestrian Festival at Victoria Park to see top horses competing at dressage and cross country events. I wish I could ride like that.

Lesley

Athelstone UC Packing Day

Athelstone Uniting Church is packing goods to be sent to remote aboriginal settlements near Darwin. The packing of the goods will be held at Athelstone Uniting Church on **Sunday June 4th** and **Monday June 5th**. We would appreciate donations of the goods listed below. Donated goods can be dropped at Athelstone Uniting Church in June with prior arrangement with the co-ordinator. Please contact Jayne (0418 836 266 nichjl@bigpond.com) to arrange a convenient time



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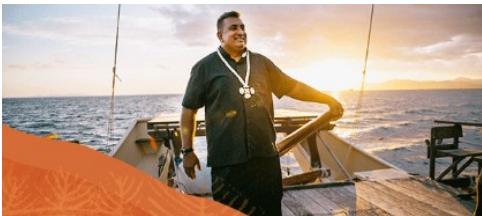
UnitingWorld Sunday

The Uniting Church is connected in partnership with churches across the Pacific, Asia and Africa. They are vibrant, inspiring, and formidable people who are transforming lives and communities for the better. As the international aid and partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia, UnitingWorld works together with the global church to address poverty and injustice.

UnitingWorld Sunday is an opportunity to be part of this movement. Sign up to receive excellent resources for hosting a service, including a sermon from a sailing canoe by Rev James Bhagwan, General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches!

Resources and more information available at www.unitingworld.org.au/sunday

Sunday, 7th May is UnitingWorld Sunday, or any day that suits your church congregation.



Rachel Collis in Concert

Rachel Collis is a Sydney-based singer songwriter. Her trademarks are finely crafted, heartfelt lyrics, whirlwind virtuosic piano playing and Celtic-like vocals. Rachel will be supported by Leigh Newton, well known to South Australian audiences as an extremely accomplished musician himself. Up to 50% of the night's proceeds will go directly to supporting Pastoral Care Workers in our local schools. The event is being held on Friday, May 12th, from 7.00 pm (for 7.30 pm start). This is a relaxed, cabaret-style eventing. Tickets are \$30 each.

Enquiries to Julie on 0418 811 556.



Grant Opportunities

Multicultural Grants Program 2023-24 currently has *Expand Together* funding open to support multicultural communities.

The *Expand Together* grants assist multicultural organisations to expand their capacity by upgrading community facilities or purchasing equipment to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Apply for up \$100,000. Applications for Round 2 open on 1st June 2023 and close on 30th August 2023.

Reflection

Jesus makes our deepest self known

Our heart is at the centre of our being human. There our deepest thoughts, intuitions, emotions, and decisions find their source. But it's also there that we are often most alienated from ourselves.

We know little or nothing of our own heart. We keep our distance, as though we were afraid of it. What is most intimate is also what frightens us most.

Where we are most ourselves, we are often strangers to ourselves. That is the painful part of our being human. We fail to know our hidden centre; and so we live and die often without knowing who we really are. If we ask ourselves why we think, feel, and act in such and such a way, we often have no answer, thus proving to be strangers in our own house.

The mystery of the spiritual life is that Jesus desires to meet us in the seclusion of our own heart, to make his love known to us there, to free us from our fears, and to make our own deepest self known to us. In the privacy of our heart, therefore, we can learn not only to know Jesus but, through Jesus, ourselves as well.

Henri Nouwen, Meditation Landing



May Birthdays

Felicica R. (5th)

Dana (25th)



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