



Welcome to our Multicultural Church

November Newsletter

October Council Report

Council met as usual on the third Tuesday evening of the month. Financial Officer (Treasurer) Carole presented the accounts to date and was as optimistic as any treasurer can be about our finances. Carole did remind us though that next year's budget will sustain pressures from rising costs especially from items such as our building insurance. A draft budget for 2024 is in process and will be presented to the congregation for ratification as soon as it becomes available. Rev Geoff Tiller, Presbytery's representative to oversee us through the Placement process, attended the meeting to discuss issues surrounding the tenancy of the manse. This will be an ongoing matter over the next week or so.

Other matters discussed included the successful hiring of the Hall for the Referendum Poll, thanks to Hall Hire Officer Tania and a very successful Sausage Sizzle on the day as has been reported elsewhere. Other successful activities over the past month have been reported in the weekly news sheets.

We noted the missional activity of

James as he publicises our Grow Kids initiative and seeks to engage the local Multicultural Community.

Attention to maintaining our lovely property, keeping up the garden and surrounds and watching over matters of Pastoral Care were also discussed at the meeting. From the 5th November, Rev Do Young's final Service at PRUC there may be some adjustments to the usual Roster. Please be alert to any changes and support Sharon as she prepares the roster for the next few months.

Of special note for your diary:

- Sunday School end of year social activity Sunday 19th November after Church
- Organ Concert Saturday evening 25th November
- Carol night Saturday 9th December.

The November Council meeting will be the last formal meeting of Council for the year so if you have any ideas or concerns please talk to your favourite Council Member before Tuesday 21st November.

Lesley Warner, Chair of Council

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Graduation

Hello my name is Val Watkinson and this is my adventure to enrolling in university as a senior student. I left school at 14 years of age on the condition I attended night school after work. Employment was easy to get in the 1950s so I enrolled in typing, shorthand and French, at the School of Mines on North Terrace after work. This led to employment in a law firm and later the Commonwealth public service. In later years I returned to school for year 12 English, Geography, and TAFE for Community Services certificates 3 and 4, and Enrolled Nurse qualifications. On retirement a friend and I enrolled at Marden Senior College to do Year 12 to complete our high school education. In 2016 I decided to enrol for a Bachelor of Arts course at Charles Darwin University (CDU). My studies were online but over the seven and half years, the internet and communications improved, meaning many lectures and all tutorials were conducted as if one was in class. We were able to make friends, assist one another via the discussion boards and emails, access research and reading materials and access lecturers when needed.

University was the best thing I have done. I majored in Southeast Asian and Australian History and Politics, mainly Indonesian politics. I also studied Sociology which was extremely interesting. My degree consisted of twenty four subjects including Plato, Wars and Rebellions, Ethics, learning about IT, in all much more than history and politics. My IT is about trees. Did you know they 'talk' to each other?

As I travel to Darwin often to see family I was able to visit the university on occasions.

Graduation at the University in Darwin on the 20th September, was awesome. The faculty and staff worked hard to ensure everyone felt special on their achievements. I was honoured to be asked to represent fellow graduate students by giving the Valedictorian speech on their behalf.

My friend Bill, youngest son Andrew, my two granddaughters Rachael and Brodie and baby great granddaughter Isobel, all attended and enjoyed the morning.



Organ Concert

Payneham Road
Uniting Church
**Organ
Concert**



FEATURING:

ORGAN SCHOLAR, CASEY McEWAN

AND SUPPORTING ARTISTS

WHEN: 25TH NOVEMBER 2023 - 7PM

(FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER)

WHERE: 343 PAYNEHAM ROAD, MARDEN
(ENTER FROM BROAD ST.)

TICKETS ONLINE www.trybooking.com/CLSPZ

Or buy at the door

\$25 adults
\$10 children
\$50 family



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The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia

Healing and Hope Post Referendum

It is with sadness we note the impact of the Voice Referendum within the Uniting Church and wider community.

We acknowledge the hurt and disappointment that many people will be feeling at this time, and we continue to pray for all, and for our Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian

Congress and all Indigenous communities across Australia.

We also acknowledge that members of our Indigenous community may be engaging in a period of silence as Aboriginal communities need time to heal and reflect.

We call on the Spirit to be with us at this difficult time as we work towards hope and healing, and we ask for kindness in conversations going forward.

Rev Philip Gardner
(General Secretary)
and
Rev Peter Morel
(Moderator)

Christmas 2023

They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people.' (Luke 2:10)

The Moderator's Christmas theme has been designed with a focus on messages of Hope, Love and Joy.



Praying for Peace in the Holy Land

Uniting Church in South Australia Moderator Rev Peter Morel has urged all members of the Uniting Church in South Australia to join in prayer for a just peace in Israel and Palestine as violence and conflict continues to devastate the region.

“We, as members of the global body of Christ, are shocked by, and grieve the loss of life and suffering of Israeli and Palestinian people in the Holy Land as a result of recent atrocities committed by members of Hamas in Israel and the effects of the Israeli retaliation in Gaza, noting that all lives are sacred and everyone deserves the right to live in peace and freedom and to be able to enjoy basic human rights.” said Rev Morel.

“The use of violence and commission of acts which amount to war crimes, cannot be condoned or tolerated regardless of who commits them. We acknowledge that Israel has the right to defend its people. At the same time, we note that underlying this recent increase in violence, is 75 years of occupation of Palestinian territories by Israel and that an Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip has been in place for 16 years.”

“We pray that God's Spirit moves in those who work for short and long-term solutions - for the leaders of the United Nations and the international community, that they may work for reconciliation rather than escalation, an end to the violence committed by Hamas and Israel and the restoration of human rights for Palestinians and a recognition of a Palestinian state.” he concluded.

At the annual meeting in June 2023,

the South Australian Synod has resolved to endorse the statement ‘Seeking Justice and Peace for all in the Middle-East’ of the World Council of Churches (WCC) 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany in September 2022 and commend it to members, congregations, and agencies in the Synod of SA in their advocacy for a just peace in the Holy Land; justice for the people of Palestine/Israel and the restoration of rights for Palestinians living in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza.

Rev Dr Paul Goh
SA Synod Justice & CALD
Multicultural & Cross-Cultural Officer

November Birthdays

Trent S. (5th)
Roger W. (10th)

November Anniversary

Richard & Jennifer (10th)
27 Yrs

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