



HENLEY - FULHAM UNITING CHURCH

'Sharing Christ's love with everyone'.

WELCOME

SUNDAY	24th March	Passion Sunday	Rev. Christa Megaw
10.00am	Worship	Fulham	
FRIDAY	29th March	Good Friday	Rev. Christa Megaw
9.30am	Worship	Temple	
	Then 10.30am at Catholic Church, Seaview Road.		
SUNDAY	31st March	Easter Sunday	Rev. Christa Megaw
10.00am	Worship	Fulham	

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 **Sunday 24th March** **Passion Sunday**
Philippians 2:5-11 **Mark 14:1-15:47 or**
Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

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Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 **Sunday 31st March** **Easter Day**
Isaiah 25:6-9 **Corinthians 15:1-11** **John 20:1-18 or**
or Acts 10:34-43 **Mark 16:1-8**

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Fasting, along with practices such as prayer, Bible study and meditation are ways in which we can draw closer to God. Pope Francis asks 'Do you want to fast this Lent? Then...

- Fast from sadness...and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from hurting words... and say kind words.
- Fast from anger...and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism...and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries...and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints...and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures...and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness...and fill your hearts with joy.

- Fast from selfishness...and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges...and be reconciled.
- Fast from words...and be silent so you can listen.'

PRAYER POINTS:

- This Palm Sunday, we pray for all people around the world who are advocating and working towards peace, which includes us!
- We pray for those suffering in the wars in Gaza/Israel and Ukraine. May food, medical supplies and other essential items be given to all who are in desperate need of help.
- We give thanks for our church community and pray that we may continue to discern ways in which to go forward, **'Sharing Christ's love with everyone.'**

QUIET TIME for reflection.

A suggestion has been made that our congregation spend a few minutes prior to commencement of our worship services to reflect, pray or sit quietly. Many in our congregation find this is a helpful way in which to begin our worship services.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Time Out Ladies are planning to support the Western Adelaide Domestic Violence Service by collecting shelf-stable pantry meals for their clients who are accommodated in motels. **Everyone in the congregation is invited to bring a pantry meal on Palm Sunday, March 24th.**

Alternatively bring a gold coin donation to be used by the Time Out ladies to purchase more meals. Meal prices range from \$1.30 to \$7.00. A list of the suggested items is available in the foyer.

ADELAIDE PEACE RALLY – SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

Sunday 24th March 2-4pm
Parliament House steps

In June 2023, the SA Synod endorsed a proposal 'Seeking Justice and Peace for all in the Middle East' that was proposed by Andrew Telfer and Rev Christa Megaw. In the current New Times there is also an article written by Andrew about his time as an Ecumenical Accompanier with the Palestinians (through Act for Peace.)

EASTER SERVICES

The Good Friday service is 9.30am at Temple followed by the 10.30am service at the Catholic church. Easter Sunday is 10am at Fulham. Please bring flowers for the flower cross.

Also **bring your Lent Event donation**. This year the focus is on helping our partner churches in the Pacific struggling with issues brought about by climate change.



ENCOUNTER HENLEY PROPOSAL

At our recent AGM a vote was taken on the following proposal: *That Encounter Henley hire the Temple worship space on Sunday afternoons, as well as have limited access to a prayer room, for a trial period of 6 months.* The result of this vote was as follows: 21 for, 25 against and 3 informal. As a consequence, the motion was lost and as such, at the last Church Council meeting it was decided that no further action would be taken at this time apart from personally informing the leadership of Encounter Henley about the decision.

Certainly, at some point in the future this issue may be reconsidered. However, whether that happens or not, we all need to take very seriously the challenge to earnestly seek God's guidance and direction for our future as a congregation.

Jeff Dart, Chair of Church Council

HAPPY RECYCLING DAY

March 18th was Global Recycling Day. Remember to bring your items for recycling to either worship site and put in the boxes in the foyer, as well as taking your tablet blister packs to National Pharmacies chemist shops.. This is one way in which we continue to care for God's creation.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL 13/3/24

- An election of officers was held. Jeff Dart has been re-elected as Chair, Graeme Bond as Secretary and Leanne Smith as Treasurer. Sincere thanks to these people for their ongoing contributions.
- Murray Zanker has resigned from Church Council. We have appreciated his thoughtful consideration of issues.
- Much discussion about Encounter Henley and the AGM. A number of meetings have been held.
- Friends for Life was cancelled on the 2nd March due to low numbers.

- The KOWS (Kids of the Western shores) event is cancelled in April due to leaders and families being away. The next event is on Friday 19th July at Temple.
- We noted that at the AGM of the Pastoral Visitors group, Jennifer Brown was re-elected as President, Reva Luscombe as Secretary and Jeanie Tomlin as Card sender.
- A number of new members have joined our congregation recently. We will have a Welcome to them at our Palm Sunday service, 24th March.
- Work on the air-conditioning in the hall at Temple was approved
- A pre mothers' day stall will be held at Fulham on Sat 4th May 10am – 12 noon. Plants, crafts and morning tea. Put this date in your diary!

SHARING THE LOVE

There will be an edition of the quarterly magazine coming out soon for your Easter reading. Thanks to Elaine J for compiling the news sheet each week as well as the quarterly Sharing the Love magazine.

MCLAREN VALE CHURCH CAMP, MARCH 2024

We have returned home from McLaren Vale Church Camp, after sharing a weekend sojourn of good company, food (and a little entertainment). Many thanks to everyone for their support in providing food and for their cooperation in helping with the organisation. A more detailed account will follow in the next "Sharing the love" publication.

Jane & Graham Bray

JOKES FOR THE WEEK

The Pilot's Hymn: **I'll Fly Away**

The Paramedic's Hymn: **Revive Us Again**

The Judge's Hymn: **Almost Persuaded**

The Architect's Hymn: **How Firm A Foundation**

The Telemarketer's Hymn: **A Charge To Keep I Have**

The Postal Worker's Hymn: **So Send I You**

The Waiter's Hymn: **Fill My Cup, Lord**

The Gardener's Hymn: **Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming**



FELLOWSHIP - TUESDAY 2nd APRIL AT 10AM

Our post-Easter Devotional and speaker will be Janet Woodward of Fellowship and Mission Services, and as usual the meeting is open to any women or men who would like to join us for all or part of the morning.

9.30am set up time for Boronia hostesses on the day

9.30am short planning meeting time for Waratah Group members in side room.

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