



Mountview Uniting Church, Mitcham

A congregation of the Whitehorse Uniting Cluster

Nurturing our people in the Christian faith and reaching out
to the local community in the power of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 16 May, 2021

9.30 am

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Easter: The great fifty days of Easter includes eight Sundays. It begins with the Easter Vigil and concludes on the Day of Pentecost. The season celebrates the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Rev Pete's Perspective

In 2016 I was fortunate to go on a clergy trip to Palestine and Israel. The purpose of the trip was to explore the areas and politics of the ongoing conflict. I was excited and yet suspicious that, given the trip was organized by the Australian Jewish community I would be subjected to a pro-Israel commentary. Fortunately this was not the case. We toured conflict areas, spoke to Israelis, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Arabs, young people and old people. We went into dangerous places and heard difficult truths, and some propaganda.

After we came back home we were asked to present our experience to the Jewish community who supported the trip. My response was that the journey highlighted to me that there is not an easy truth to be found. Israel is protecting itself, but the Palestinians are protecting themselves. Both feel forced into the conflict, some profit from it, many are crushed by it, and far too many die in it. While I braced myself for argument, I realized that most people in the room were nodding with resignation. There is nothing clear and easy about this violence.

As we watch rising violent conflict in the region, we are reminded that it was on that land that Jesus announced the greatest commandment. Love Your Neighbour. For God's sake, love your neighbour.

Notices

Christmas Bowl Thanks

Act for Peace thanks Mountview for our support of the 2020 Christmas Bowl Appeal. Our donations (where they were linked to the congregation) totaled \$394. A thank-you poster is on the foyer noticeboard.

New System for Name Tags

As part of our new worship arrangements, it is important that we resume wearing our name tags. When COVID precautions permit, we hope to be moving between Churches but for the time being joint services are at Mountview so please wear your name tag. To assist in always having your name tag on hand, since shortly they will no longer be stored at Mountview, please take your name tag home. Some are finding it convenient to keep their name tags in the car. There have been reminders as to how to obtain a new name tag from Don Bain and if you just require a new cover they are available at Mountview on Sundays.

Thanks for your cooperation. Heather Barnes

Some changes at Centre 81 from Tuesday May 11, 2021

Masks are now not required to be worn at Centre 81; however hand sanitizing and QR Code registration must be done by all Receptionists, and anyone else who attends. Because we now have the safety of the QR Coding, morning tea may now be served, in a COVID friendly manner. Details of how to serve morning tea may be found on the desk at Centre 81. Thank you, Jill Kidd

Mission and Outreach - "Marrageil Baggarrook" (Mountview House)

You will be aware that the 'Mountview House' project, next door to our church, is nearing completion. This new building will provide short-term accommodation for people in need and will be managed by Uniting. Uniting has chosen the indigenous name 'Marrageil Baggarrook' for the facility, which means 'divine women'.

There is still an opportunity for members of all congregations to see this facility on Tuesday 18 May from 9.30 to 11.00 am. Centre 81 will be open between 10.00 am and 12.00 for people to drop in for a 'cuppa'. All are welcome to call in.

Lynne Rosenthal, Secretary, Whitehorse Regional Council.

Pastoral Partners Meeting TODAY Sunday 16 May

We will meet following the Worship Service. Looking forward to seeing you.

Heather Barnes, Pastoral Partners Co-ordinator

NEXT Sunday, Pentecost Sunday

On Sunday 23rd May, Pentecost Sunday, there will be a combined service for the Whitehorse Cluster at Mountview Uniting Church. Start time for the service will be 10am.

Lynne Rosenthal.

Sunday Evening Forum at Forest Hill – Sunday 30th May at 4.30 – 6.30 pm

This is an opportunity for members of the Whitehorse Cluster to meet together informally and listen to a speaker on an important subject. The Rev Dr Sunny Chen, Presbytery Minister, Congregations, will present on 'The role of Presbytery and Strategies for the Future of Congregations' followed by Q&A. A light meal will be served (COVID Safe). Please indicate your intention to attend (for catering) to message on 98773562 or email : fhuc.contact@gmail.com. Details are on the flyer attached and on our Notice Board.

Worship Roster

This Sunday 16 May Rev Tina Ng (Leader)

Denyse Ward (Vestry/Fellowship) Jenny Balshaw (Fellowship) John Cosstick (Lead Steward)

Next Sunday 23 May Combined Service (Pentecost) All ministers

Jill Kidd (Vestry/Fellowship) Colleen Rowe (Fellowship) Peter Cox (Lead Steward)

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday 16 May: Helen Jackson

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalms 1 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19

Next Sunday 23 May: David Rowe

Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b Romans 8: 22-27 or Acts 2: 1-21
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

Prayer Cycles

Rostered members for 'Prayers of The People' – please email your prayer (for your upcoming Sunday) to multi-media@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au before 6pm Thursday

This Sunday 16 May:

Margot Kemke

World: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

Ecumenical: St Luke's Anglican, Vermont

UCA: Blackburn (The Avenue); Uniting's East Burwood Centre

Next Sunday 23 May:

John Williams

World: Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles

Ecumenical: St Philip's Catholic, Blackburn North

UCA: Boronia Road; Epworth Hospital Chaplaincy

Lawn Mowing Roster

May: Bruce McCann and John Gerrand

Mountview Contacts

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