



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 5 September, 2021

Pentecost 15_B

After Pentecost: A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late.

In this period, the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity.

It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world.

It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Notices

The Whitehorse Cluster – where are we up to?

As this year has unfolded, our efforts to meet together as a congregation have been few and far between due to the COVID lockdowns and I think we're all missing the closeness we feel when we sit in church to worship together and then share morning tea afterwards; this is often the time when we share our news with each other, both personal and as a congregation. We mustn't lose heart, those days will return!

It's been a difficult year but the team of 12 people on the Regional Council, representatives from each church plus the ministry team, has continued to meet each month to coordinate matters relating to the ministry team and the pastoral care of our congregations.

Our two permanent cluster ministers, Rev Peter Cannon and Rev Tina Lyndon Ng have been with us since the beginning of April and they were joined later that month by Rev Pete Rivett as our supply minister. They are guiding us in new and creative ways to strengthen our faith and help us to share love and care for each other and the wider community. Together with the multi-media team they have adapted 'on the run' to recording worship videos, delivering sermons from home, developing paper resources for those without computers, to help us worship in a different way and we've adapted too!

The Cluster Joint Nominating Committee still exists, and its role is to find a third permanent minister for the Cluster; we must wait for ministers' names to be put forward to us by Synod.

It has been difficult for ministers to get to know each congregation and vice versa. We're missing opportunities to gather in our own congregations as well as all together but let's hope we will be able to do that soon. In the meantime, Zoom meetings and phone calls by our pastoral partners/contacts and the ministers are certainly helping us to stay connected and in touch with each other. If you are feeling a bit isolated or lonely, please reach out to a friend, a family member, or your pastoral partner or contact. Help is at hand.

When restrictions permit we will be able to meet together again and listen to each other's stories. Meanwhile, the Regional Council and the three Church Councils continue to work closely together in partnership and friendship to support the ministry team and map the way forward for us all.

Lynne Rosenthal, Regional Council Secretary

Cluster Zoom Worship (Understand Your Zoom)

Please be aware that Zoom software automatically amplifies and shares even quiet whispers and comments. Before making a comment to someone within your household, please firstly mute your microphone. Thank you.

Topic: Cluster Worship using Zoom

Time: Sunday 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94193588127?pwd=dXRmR0NKU3lTMWRlbnGR3QlljdnBEQT09>

Meeting ID: 941 9358 8127

Passcode: 444726

Something To Celebrate

Rev Tina is very happy to be celebrating the 10th anniversary of her ordination on Friday 3rd September and this is also her birthday. Hearty congratulations and warm birthday wishes from us all, Tina. We look forward to congratulating you, belatedly, in person as soon as we can.

Lynne Rosenthal

Technology Share and Learn

Around the Cluster there are a number of people with a range of technology skills and experience. The current era of COVID restrictions requires a greater technology capability of each of us.

In response to an expressed need to meet and share ideas, skills and questions, we are running a **Technology share and learn group**. It will have its first meeting on Tuesday evening 7th September at 7:30pm and will be on Zoom. If you would like to attend, the Zoom link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/94851246372?pwd=V2JzNVRnWTltdEJwZFJLdnQ4QnV4UT09>

The topics suggested include (not in any order):

- Zoom
- Video recording (and production?)
- Downloading video and music material from the internet (including YouTube) for use in worship
- Sending, transferring and storing large files. Use of convenient on-line (cloud) storage
- Help and comparing ideas and notes re audio and visual equipment
- Copyright for in-person as well as streamed and recorded worship (posted to the internet)
- All things to do with PowerPoint! This includes but not exclusively ideas, tips, simplifying putting PPT together, inserting video and music for presentation, presentation sharing ideas, and many other suggestions!

Tuesday's program will invite participants to identify their priorities, share a few easy tips and ensure we can all work well on Zoom. We will then proceed to tailor sessions to suit interested participants.

The program has been devised in the first instance to assist those involved in using each congregations' technology. If you are not currently involved but would like to learn more, you are also welcome to attend and we will tailor a program to suit.

If you would like to know more, please contact Rev Peter Cannon on 0434310862 or revpeterc@gmail.com.

Samaritan's Purse

At this time of year we would usually be thinking about Christmas boxes to bring happiness to children of the world and that activity is still going ahead this year, although it is difficult to shop for items, obtain the boxes, return them, etc. Samaritan's Purse will pack a box on your behalf for approximately \$30 and see that it is delivered to a child in need. This can be arranged via their website:

<https://samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Samaritan's Purse also has a Disaster Assistance Response Team in Afghanistan to determine how and where they can best help those who have fled with only the clothes on their backs. Perhaps a donation to either cause would be greatly appreciated at this time.

www.samaritanspurse.org.au

Lynne Rosenthal

Afghanistan Emergency

In the last few days, Taliban forces have taken control of all Afghanistan's major cities. Families hurriedly left their homes, without time to bring essential items with them. Almost 390,000 people have been displaced and many thousands now need urgent humanitarian assistance.

Act for Peace (organisers of the Christmas Bowl Appeal) have launched a special appeal for funds to help their partner, Community World Service Asia, provide urgently needed aid. They are preparing to assist up to 50,000 displaced families with food, shelter and vital health supplies. For example, \$225 can help provide food aid to a family for the next six months. Donations to this appeal may be sent to Act for Peace, Reply Paid 66886, Queen Victoria Building, NSW, 1229, or you can give online at: <https://afp.org.au/afghanistan>

Geoffrey Willis

Cluster Chat Group Invitation

Here is the link for the Chat Group on Tuesdays @ 3:30pm. (I've made this a recurring meeting so that we can use the same link each week.) We've had members from across the Cluster and all are invited to join for afternoon tea and a chat together. *Julie Hawkey*

Join Zoom Meeting - Chat Group:

<https://zoom.us/j/97002156121?pwd=NDJtME5ZcnhBaENHY1V2OTNVT3RWQT09>

Worship Roster

This Sunday 5 September:

Suspended due to restrictions

Next Sunday 12 September:

Suspended due to restrictions

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday 5 September:

Peter Cox

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 7: 24-37

Next Sunday 12 September:

Helen Jackson

Proverbs 1: 20-33 Psalm 19 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38

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 5 September:

Geoffrey Willis

World: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

Ecumenical: Mitcham Baptist

UCA: Heathmont;

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Chaplaincy

Next Sunday 12 September:

Derek Moore

World: Ghana, Nigeria

Ecumenical: St Mark's Anglican, Forest Hill

UCA: Emerald, Gembrook, Tecoma;

Pilgrim College (CTM)

Lawn Mowing Roster

Suspended due to restrictions

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Mountview's YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9513LWuFptWld392FOIEIq>

Cluster's Resources: <https://www.mountviewuca.org/cluster-worship-resources.html>

Cluster's YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeSI8WfNEMOZilynnjxW9wg>

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