



## **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 24 October, 2021**

**Pentecost 22<sub>B</sub>**

**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**

#### **Mountview Rosters**

As most would be aware, recently on Zoom Church we were invited to offer to take part in the Zoom Worship. This could involve Scripture reading, a responsive reading or reading prayers provided for you. Thus, on the Noticesheet in future I will omit the reader listed on our Scripture Roster. If you have contacted Lynne Rosenthal to offer to participate, you will be notified by one of the ministerial team when required. You are still very welcome to contact Lynne with offers to assist.

For Prayers of the People, I have continued the roster, as the listed person will prepare this section of worship. We cannot be certain whether the prayers you have prepared will be used as part of the Zoom service or perhaps used in the printed worship resource. It will be your choice whether you read the prayer on Zoom (simply by unmuting) or asking if someone else would read it for you.

I hope this clarifies the "new" system that has evolved.

Margaret Cosstick

#### **Whitehorse Cluster Op Shop @ Forest Hill – Volunteers**

The Op Shop will be re-opening (fingers crossed) around the end of November. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

The Whitehorse Cluster's Mission and Outreach group has this as a cluster mission project and members of all 3 congregations feel some of their members may be interested to volunteer. The commitment is not onerous as each volunteer can select what days they can work and how often.

Please contact David La Fontaine for more information. He is waiting to hear from you.

#### **All Saints Day**

All Saints Day is on 1st November, a Monday, so we will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday 31st October. Please email Rev Tina with the names of people you would like remembered during worship on 31st October.

#### **COVID Vaccinations Evidence**

With the expectation that we will soon be able to return to worship in our churches, we feel it is a good time to advise that those attending worship in person will need to be fully vaccinated.

People are required to provide evidence of being fully vaccinated, such as the Services

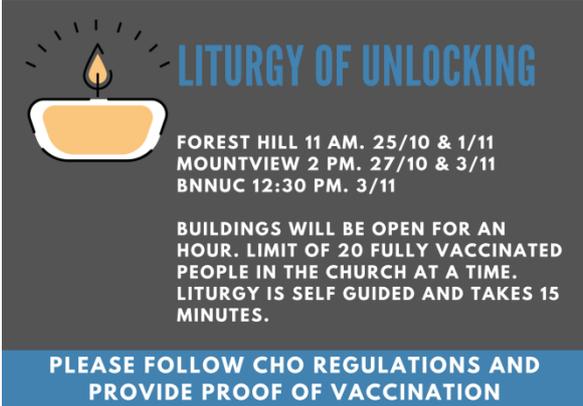
Victoria QR check-in on a phone, or else by carrying a copy of an official vaccination certificate; or else a medical exemption certificate if you are medically unable to be vaccinated.

We thank you in anticipation of your help with this when services resume,  
Lynne Rosenthal, Secretary, Whitehorse Regional Council.

### **Quiet Personal Reflection Time in Church**

The ministry team welcomes you to return to church for brief contemplation and prayerful meditation prior to worship resuming. Our 3 churches will be open for an hour on a different day of the week during next week and the following week so that you can enter, be still, and feel at home again in a sacred space. This will be a self-led personal quiet time and you are able to use a special written liturgy prepared by the ministers; and candles will be provided for you to light if you wish.

A minister will also be present on site. There is a requirement that all attendees must be fully-vaccinated (see separate notice about Vaccinations Evidence). We warmly invite you to use this time at any of the churches. Those who require transport are asked to contact their Pastoral Partner or Pastoral Contact, who will be happy to assist. Opening times are shown on the graphic to the right.



**LITURGY OF UNLOCKING**

FOREST HILL 11 AM. 25/10 & 1/11  
MOUNTVIEW 2 PM. 27/10 & 3/11  
BNNUC 12:30 PM. 3/11

BUILDINGS WILL BE OPEN FOR AN HOUR. LIMIT OF 20 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH AT A TIME. LITURGY IS SELF GUIDED AND TAKES 15 MINUTES.

**PLEASE FOLLOW CHO REGULATIONS AND PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION**

### **Rev Tina's study leave**

Rev Tina will be unavailable during the first week of November as she takes study leave for exams, plus is utilising a quarterly Sunday absence.

### **Preparing for In-person Worship**

You will be aware that the Victorian Government is announcing a relaxation of some pandemic restrictions which will be introduced as the level of community vaccination improves. At this stage, indoor religious gatherings are limited to 20 people (subject to the density limit of one person per 4 square metres) but only if all people are fully vaccinated. Our Stewards, acting as COVID check-in Marshals, will be required to ensure that all people attending worship have checked in and that all over 12 years of age are fully vaccinated or medically exempt. This will mean that our Marshals will need to see proof of everyone's vaccination status during the entry check-in. Your vaccination record may be provided on a smart phone or on a printed vaccination certificate. Medically exempt people will need to show a doctor's certificate of exemption. Hopefully it may only be necessary for a Marshal to confirm vaccination information on your first visit. Please note that it will not be possible to admit anyone without vaccination proof. It may also be possible to collect and register vaccination information before church services resume; we will let you know further details soon.

Geoffrey Willis, Secretary of Mountview Church Council.

### **Nominations for Presbytery Committees and Positions 2022-23**

The Presbytery of Yarra Yarra is calling for nominations to fill the various roles and places on its Committees and Working Groups. Nominations close on 8 November and those elected will commence a one year term in February 2022. The Committees comprise: Standing Committee, Pastoral Relations, Resourcing & Property, Ministry Formation, and Lay Preachers. Each Committee has a Chairperson and a number of members.

Three Working Group Convenors and the Presbytery Secretary position are also open for nominations. Details of the various roles and numbers of positions plus a nomination form can be sent to you by contacting Geoffrey Willis, Secretary of Mountview Church Council. If you know of someone whose skills, gifts and graces would fit them to one of these

positions, then talk to them about being nominated.

Geoffrey Willis, Church Council Secretary, [secretary@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au)

## **Uniting Christmas Cards**

Our annual Charity Christmas Card Shop at Centre 81 will not be operating this year but we can recommend the cards on sale by Uniting. They offer a range of designs in packs of 10 cards for \$11.00 per pack plus postage. You can place an online order at:

<https://unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards/>

## **Christmas card sales**

As well as card sales via Uniting, UnitingWorld's set of eight beautiful Christmas cards is ready to order. These cards bring hope and joy, not just to friends and family, but to people working hard to free themselves from poverty overseas. Order now for delivery in October.

[https://everythingincommon.com.au/collections/all-products/products/christmas-cards-pack-of-8-4-designs?fbclid=IwAR0cne9ZNORITB1yPTO7e34K5murlbMo2PQIRQiRaPogJQmrVpd2nUo\\_A](https://everythingincommon.com.au/collections/all-products/products/christmas-cards-pack-of-8-4-designs?fbclid=IwAR0cne9ZNORITB1yPTO7e34K5murlbMo2PQIRQiRaPogJQmrVpd2nUo_A)

## **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes**

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/>

For those who are unable to donate online and wish to help, you could ring me to make an arrangement to suit you. We're unable to take the boxes to collection points at present, but if you have items for them and we emerge from lockdown, I can pick them up from you.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Swain. Thank you for your interest.

## **Centre 81 – Christmas Hampers**

It seems very early to be thinking about Christmas, and Christmas Hampers. Given the uncertain nature of when Centre 81 will be allowed to re-open, we have decided to make an early start. If you would like to donate food/gifts suitable for the hampers, then, as you purchase, keep the items at home, and we will let you know how and when your gifts will be collected. More details later. With thanks and greetings. Centre 81 Committee.

## **A Quiet Day for Personal Prayerful Reflection:**

a gently directed opportunity to become still, restful and relaxed in God's presence

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October - 10am to 3pm at Forest Hill UC. BYO lunch** (12.30 – 1.20pm), with tea & coffee available throughout the day. Please let Tina or Corry know if you would like to attend. It is open to everyone.

It is a time for you to have a personal conversation with God ... in company, but with your own personal space and no expectation to share. The theme of the day will be **"On the Road – Life is a journey."** There will be periods of both fellowship (over lunch) and silence, with materials to assist your private reflection/relaxation available.

The day concludes with sharing Communion together and gathering the meaningful outcomes of the day by symbolic gesture or brief comment by any who choose to share. Corry Skilbeck

## **Justice and International Mission Convention – 6 November 2021**

Most of the social justice causes church members are concerned about require government action, from addressing climate change, modern slavery, and family violence to the treatment of people seeking asylum and justice for First Peoples. In order to see positive change in our society, we need to care about making government work for the betterment of our community and the world.

Globally, and in Australia, there has been declining trust in democracy as a system of government. On the positive side, people are looking for more meaningful ways to have a say

in how our society is run and the laws that govern us than voting in an election every few years. On the negative side, the declining trust in democracy is leading to greater cynicism towards elected governments and all that they do. Such cynicism makes it harder for reforms of any nature to be introduced by government.

The Justice and International Mission Convention will explore what the Christian faith has to say on the subject of government and trust in societies.

- What does the public good mean and how do we get people interested in it?
- How do we reduce corporate influence in subverting our democracy?

These are just 2 of the questions to be addressed at the Conference to be held online on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. For registration (\$10) and more details visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/justice-and-international-mission-convention-2021-tickets-167812958075>

## Worship Roster

**This Sunday 24 October:** Suspended due to restrictions

**Next Sunday 31 October:** Suspended due to restrictions

## Lectionary Readings

**This Sunday 24 October:** Roster of readers suspended

Job 42:1-6, 10-17      Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)      Hebrews 7:23-28      Mark 10:46-52

**Next Sunday 31 October:** Roster of readers suspended

Ruth 1:1-18      Psalm 146      Hebrews 9:11-14      Mark 12:28-34

## Prayer Cycles

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

**This Sunday 24 October:** Tim Joyce

World: The Caribbean: including Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, etc.

Ecumenical: St Luke's Catholic Church, Blackburn South

UCA: Melbourne (Gospel Hall), Melbourne (St Michael's)

Melbourne (Wesley Lonsdale Street); Retired Ministers

**Next Sunday 31 October:** Margot Kemke

World: Canada, United States of America

Ecumenical: St John's Catholic Church, Mitcham

UCA: Monbulk (Open Door Community); St Hilda's College Chaplaincy

## Lawn Mowing Roster

Suspended due to restrictions

## Mountview Contacts

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Weekly Notice Sheet: Margaret	Contributions by 6pm Thursday please: <a href="mailto:notices@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au">notices@mountview.unitingchurch.org.au</a>
Other Contact Details:	As listed on our 'Contact Us' website page: <a href="https://www.mountviewuca.org/contact-us--mountview.html">https://www.mountviewuca.org/contact-us--mountview.html</a>

Mountview's Website: <https://www.mountviewuca.org>

Mountview's Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MountviewUCA/>

Mountview's YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC95I3LWuFptWld392FOIEIq>

Cluster Worship Sunday 09:30: <https://zoom.us/j/94193588127>

Cluster Chat Tuesday 15:30: <https://zoom.us/j/97002156121>

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

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

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