



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 27 February, 2022

9.30am

Transfiguration of Jesus

Epiphany: An 'Epiphany' is a revealing, appearing or manifesting of something or someone, and in this season the Church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all people. The length of this period varies depending on the date of Easter.

Notices

Lenten Study 2022 - Notices

Please register early for the Lenten study so I can prepare materials. We are hoping 10 people can attend each group. Places are filling fast. The movies are inspiring, and the discussion will be great. Please phone or email Rev Tina 0423 715 590 to register. I need to finalise numbers by the next combined service. The study will be a movie followed by discussion and BYO snack or meal. It will be about 2 hours long.

Forest Hill

Sunday 6th March at 4pm - Babette's Feast
Sunday 13th March at 4pm - Julia and Julie
Sunday 20th March at 4pm – The Visitor
Sunday 27th March at 4pm – Molaki
Sunday 3rd April at 4pm – Les Miserables

Blackburn North Nunawading and Mountview

Wednesday 9th March at 10am – Babette's Feast – Blackburn North Nunawading
Wednesday 16th March at 10am - Julia and Julie – Mountview
Wednesday 23rd March at 10am – The Stranger - Mountview
Wednesday 30th March at 10am – Molaki - Blackburn North Nunawading
Wednesday 6th April at 10am – Les Miserables – Blackburn North Nunawading

It is ok to swap between groups if you need to.

Rev Tina

Whitehorse Cluster Website

The website includes information about our Cluster, our ministry team's contact details, our Cluster News bulletins, as well as all our latest '@ Home Worship' resources.

<https://www.mountviewuca.org/whitehorse-cluster.html>

Tid Bits

This week has been the first week I have been able to hear close to properly for something like 55 years! I never realised how wonderful it is to hear clearly. I should have got a hearing aid years ago. No more turning a deaf ear! 😊

Most of us over the years have had to put up with or endure some kind of difficulty.

Asthma, mental health issues, endometriosis, prostate, heart conditions, chronic pain, allergies, eyesight difficulties, traumatic experiences, grief or many other struggles. Most are not as easy to address as a new hearing aid. Some we have been able to sort through easily and others remain with us and we have to learn to live with them.

So often in our 1st World environment we gather an expectation that such struggles are rare or just should not be. We expect medicine to be able to fix things. We forget that for most in the world and for the generations gone before us, these struggles have been the norm. It is not always possible to “fix things”.

One of the things I have realised is that as I accept the “things that just are”, a weight is lifted. I find there are others who also share a similar journey. In sharing with them, the struggle becomes lighter, not always straight away. But I realise I am not alone. The companionship of shared struggles means our vulnerabilities strengthen us.

One of the aspects of our faith that is a constant encouragement to me is when I read between the lines in the stories of Jesus and the leaders of the early church. I recognise their foibles and struggles. In such “imperfections” and scars I see my story is shared. I am welcome in a community of flawed people. We share a journey across time and space. And we belong together.

It is not the elite, the perfect or the superhero that is at the heart of the community of God's people. It is those who know they are flawed and need the other. “Blessed are the meek... Blessed are the poor... Blessed are those who mourn...”
Rev Peter

Ash Wednesday

This year, Wednesday 2nd March is the day we know as Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent, a season set aside for us to reflect, go deeper into our faith and for many over the centuries, to engage in the final preparation for their baptism. Some people engage with Lent by fasting, others by giving something up and others by taking on a new spiritual or other discipline. Revs Tina and Pete are planning some exciting programs and opportunities to engage with Lent, involving film and journaling. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

To begin the season of Lent, we will hold an Ash Wednesday service for the Cluster at the Forest Hill campus at 2pm on Wednesday 2nd March. It will invite quiet reflection and meditation. Please join us.

Tech Learn and Share

We continue our Tech Learn and Share this week at the Forest Hill church campus. Marie Bartlett will share with us her experience of having a go at creating a meditation video for the first time. She put into practice the things she learnt from the Tech Learn and Share from late last year and had some ups and downs. She will also discuss the pros and cons of various free software programs she has explored since.

Anyone, no matter your experience or skill, is welcome to come as we are all in this together and help each other out.

UnitingWorld's Lent Event

This annual event allows us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus practising compassion, generosity and justice. Give something in solidarity with those who live with less and raise money for clean water, education or climate change advocacy. Visit www.lentevent.com.au for all the details. This year's theme is: “live simply so others can simply live”.

Whitehorse Cluster Survey ... Last Call!

Many surveys have been submitted, thank you, but we have been advised that there are still a significant number of Mountview members who have not provided their feedback by completing the survey. The closing date to submit your survey **has been extended to**

Sunday 27th February in an effort to gather as many of your views as possible as this will equip us to plan for our congregation workshops next month. If you haven't done the survey, we thank you in advance for completing one soon. This is the link to the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z9TRFBH>

Worship Roster

This Sunday 27 February: Rev Pete Rivett
David Rowe (VF) Margot Kemke (F) Peter Cox (Lead Steward)

Next Sunday 6 March: Combined at Mountview (Communion)
Jenny Balshaw (VFC) Heather Barnes (FC) Peter Cox (FC) Coleen Rowe (FC)

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday 27 February: Margaret Cosstick
Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Next Sunday 6 March: Combined at Mountview (Communion) David Rowe
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

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 27 February: Trevor de Run
World: France Germany, Monaco
Ecumenical: St Philip's Catholic, Blackburn North
UCA: Alphington/Fairfield; Christian Research Association

Next Sunday 6 March: Heather Barnes
World: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands
Ecumenical: St Timothy's Catholic, Forest Hill
UCA: Ashburton; Uniting AgeWell's Community Respite Services

Lawn Mowing

February: Dennis Cooper and Don Bain

March: Bruce McCann and Tim Menger

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

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