



**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 13 March, 2022**

**9.30am**

**Lent 2**

**Lent:** A season of preparation and discipline that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to Him in Christian discipleship. The season is the traditional time to prepare for baptisms and confirmations to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday, or during the season of Easter.

## **Notices**

### **Lenten Study 2022**

You're still welcome to register for the Lenten study.

Week 1 of the Lenten Sunday's study at Forest Hill and BNNUC was focused on Babette's feast. At Forest Hill there was a hearty discussion afterwards with three groups gathered around the table and a meal of BYO food and pizza and the Wednesday group gathered for their hearty discussion and a meal of BYO food and Wonder Pies.

The second week's study focuses on the movie Julie and Julia, an inspiring movie with themes of identity, calling, relationships, and hospitality and the role of food in our life. Again, you have the option of BYO food, or we can order pizza at Forest Hill and supply Wonder Pies at Mountview.

There is still time to register and plenty of places left for the Wednesday group. Please phone or email Rev Tina to register. We are encouraging flexibility. Just let me know if you're coming for the first time.

#### Forest Hill

Week 2 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm - Julia and Julie

Week 3 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm – The Visitor

Week 4 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm – Molaki

Week 5 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 4pm – Les Miserables

#### Blackburn North Nunawading and Mountview

Week 2 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10am - Julia and Julie – Mountview

Week 3 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am – The Visitor - Mountview

Week 4 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am – Molaki - Blackburn North Nunawading

Week 5 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10am – Les Miserables – Blackburn North Nunawading

The Ministry Team

### **Minister's Tid Bits**

### **Hospitality of the Heart**

Babette's Feast was an inspiring movie which the Sunday and Wednesday Lenten study groups enjoyed. Themes of gratefulness, acceptance, belonging, the power of hospitality to heal grievances and transform communities and for people to find meaning in using their gift to bring God's grace to others, have emerged from discussions and have been inspiring and thought provoking. Sunday's gospel about radical hospitality of the heart and God's abundant provision in the feeding of the 5000 added to the themes.



This is a picture of me holding up an enormous cheese from a shop at a small village called El Cebrero in Spain, along the Camino. The cheese is eaten with honey. My three friends and I went outside with our cheese, olives, bread, fruit, tin of tuna, and other food and we sat on a stone wall looking out over a beautiful landscape. It wasn't long before others joined us and we shared the cheese with two young women, a middle-aged couple, and a young man. The cheese went a long way and is a memory of offering hospitality to strangers.

Babette was a stranger who came from France to a tiny village in Norway where two sisters took her in when she had lost everything, and she worked for them as their cook and housekeeper for over fourteen years. The two sisters' father was strict minister, and their existence and others who belonged to their church, seemed joyless. He died many years before Babette arrived. One day Babette won a large sum of money in a French lottery, and she wanted to thank the two sisters for their hospitality by cooking a French meal to celebrate the anniversary of their father's death. She cooked a meal that transformed everyone's hearts and brought joy into their lives. Meals can do that sometimes ... especially the times when our lives seem joyless. An elderly man who was a member of the group kept on saying: Halleluiah! I think he spoke of the transformation and joy that Babette offered them.

### **Mountview Directory update**

Today is your last opportunity to advise Heather Barnes or Lynne Rosenthal of any changes you wish to make to your details in the Directory. We hope it will be ready to distribute next Sunday.  
Heather; Lynne

### **Pastoral Partners**

We will meet briefly following the Worship Service on Sunday 20th March and you will be able to collect the new Directories to distribute to your Cluster members. As usual we will check how everyone is managing.  
Heather Barnes.

### **Centre 81**

During Covid 19, we were not able to collect food in support of our "Monthly Food Basket". Now that we are again worshipping together in a Covid friendly way, we extend an invitation to you to donate items of canned food, savoury/sweet biscuits, tea/coffee, long-life milk, toiletries/toilet paper etc. This will be a regular part of our service at the Communion Service, on the third week of every month. A basket will be placed just inside the front door, in which your donations may be placed, and will be dedicated as part of our weekly offering prayer. Thank you for your ongoing support of Centre 81 and the work that is being done there.

Jill Kidd

### **Synod Nominations**

The 2022 meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania will be held mid-year and the Presbytery seeks nominations for a ballot to select members of the Synod. The opening worship will be held on the evening of Thursday 30 June at Wesley Uniting Church, 148 Lonsdale Street, and business sessions will be held at Box Hill Town Hall from Friday morning

1 July until the afternoon of Sunday 3 July. In addition to face-to-face meetings, members will be expected to participate in some on-line sessions prior to 30 June and to use technology to access the meeting papers.

If you would like to be nominated as a potential Synod member or if you would like to nominate someone else, please contact Geoffrey Willis who will supply, by email, further details and a nomination form.

### **Latest “Crosslight”**

Copies of the February edition of the Synod magazine “Crosslight” are available from the foyer table. It includes an article about the Rev Sandy Brodine’s experiment at the Banyule Network of Uniting Churches to keep alive their “messy church” ministry to children during the pandemic. Please take a copy.

### **Sunday Evening Cluster Forum 27 March @ 6pm at Forest Hill Uniting Church**

Our first forum for this year will be on 27 March. Our guest speaker will be Rev Liz McMillan, Presbytery Minister, Ministry (Rev Sunny Chen is on leave), who will be speaking about the future of congregations in the Presbytery and the Uniting Church and answer your questions. Everyone is invited to meet at 6pm. Bring some food to share, soup will be provided. If you have been concerned or wondering about what might be seen as the future for congregations in the Yarra Yarra Presbytery and more widely, this is your opportunity for questions and discussion as well as a get together with other members of the Cluster. *Julie Hawkey*

### **A Lenten Journey at Highfield Road**

The Drama of Lent will be presented through spoken word, music, art and poetry. A contemporary view of the significance of the Easter story will be held at Highfield Road Uniting Church, Corner of Highfield Road & Prospect Hill Road, Canterbury, on Sunday 3rd April 7:30pm. Free admission, and donations welcomed.

### **Social Justice and First People, at Koonung Heights TODAY**

Rev. Garry Worete Deverell, a Trawlolway man and the inaugural Vice-Chancellor's Fellow in Indigenous Studies at the University of Divinity, will be speaking at Koonung Heights Uniting Church, corner of Belmore Road and Winfield Road, Balwyn North, at 12.00 noon on Sunday 13th March 2022. The theme is Social Justice and First People. All welcome. BYO lunch.

### **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](http://www.lentevent.com.au) for all the details. This year’s theme is: “live simply so others can simply live”.

### **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>

## **Worship Roster**

**This Sunday 13 March:** Daniel Farnsworth  
Jill Kidd (VF) Margaret Swain (F) David Rowe (Lead Steward)

**Next Sunday 20 March:** Rev Tom Rose  
Margot Kemke (VF) Denyse Ward (F) Michael Plumridge (Lead Steward)

## **Lenten Readings**

**Theme of Hospitality**

This year, instead of following the Lectionary Readings in our worship services, the Lenten readings come from Luke's gospel and accompany the Lenten Movies series

The readings are as followings:

Lent 1: Luke 9:10-17 The feeding of the 5000 (Reader: David Rowe)

Babette's Feast

Lent 2: Luke 10:38-42 Martha and Mary (Reader: Margot Kemke)

Julie and Julia

Lent 3: Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan (Reader: Rhonda Goodall)

The Visitor – about illegal immigrants

Lent 4: Luke 14:1-24 The Parable of the Great Banquet (Reader: Peter Cox)

Molakai – About a Belgium Priest ministering to a leper colony on a remote island  
Molakai, Hawaii

Lent 5: Luke 24:13-35 The road to Emmaus – recognizing Jesus

Les Miserables

(Reader: Michael Plumridge)

## Lectionary Readings

(I will also provide the Lectionary Readings for those who wish to make use of them.)

**This Sunday 13 March:** Margot Kemke

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-35

**Next Sunday 20 March:** Rhonda Goodall

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

## 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 13 March:** Geoffrey Willis

World: Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

Ecumenical: St Luke's Catholic, Blackburn South

UCA: Auburn (Oxley Road); Uniting AgeWell's Condare Court

**Next Sunday 20 March:** Margot Kemke

World: Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

Ecumenical: St John's Catholic, Mitcham

UCA: Koonung Heights, Balwyn North; Uniting's Connections

## Lawn Mowing

March: Bruce McCann and Tim Menger

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

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

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