



## **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 20 March, 2022**

**9.30am**

**Lent 3**

### **Communion Service**

**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.

There is still time to register and plenty of places left for the Wednesday group. Please phone or email Rev Tina 0423 715 590 to register. We are encouraging flexibility. Just let me know if you're coming for the first time.

#### Forest Hill

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 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

#### **Pastoral Partners - TODAY**

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 Monthly Food Basket - TODAY**

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

## Latest "Crosslight"

There are still many copies of the latest edition of "Crosslight", the Synod magazine, 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.

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes ... A Thank You!

There were many obstacles and challenges as Christmas boxes were prepared for shipment last year, however, good hearts and hard work prevailed again. We are pleased to share that Australia and New Zealand collected 210,182 shoeboxes and, globally, 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected and delivered to children in more than 100 countries and territories. Samaritan's Purse says thank you to all those who helped to bring joy to children at Christmas last year.

## 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.

## Kids Hope Corner - Story of the week (Forest Hill)

Mary, a long-time Kids Hope mentor, was meeting a new child for their first time together. After asking her if she saw another child at the school, he also asked if the other mentors would visit him too. Mary told him it would only be her visiting, as he was **her special friend**. With 'the biggest smile you could imagine', Mary reported, he said, "I am so happy, I have been waiting so long for this day!" Ben is in Grade 6. It seems he has watched other kids going out with their Kids Hope mentors and wishing for a mentor of his own.

Corry Skilbeck (Kids Hope Coordinator)"

## 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".

## 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.

### **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 20 March:** Rev Tom Rose

Margot Kemke (VF) Denyse Ward (F) Michael Plumridge (Lead Steward)

**Next Sunday 27 March:** Daniel Farnsworth

Jill Kidd (VF) Jenny Balshaw (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 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 20 March:**

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

**Next Sunday 27 March:**

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## **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 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

**Next Sunday 27 March:**

World: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Ecumenical: Independent Churches in Whitehorse

UCA: Banyule Network: Cross Generation Community, Gresswell, Heidelberg/Ivanhoe,

Rosanna; Uniting's East Burwood Centre

## **Lawn Mowing**

March: Bruce McCann and Tim Menger

## Whitehorse Cluster Ministers Contact and Availability Details

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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>

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

