



**PAYNEHAM ROAD
UNITING CHURCH
29 MARCH 2020
LENT 5**



Dear members of Payneham Road Uniting Church,

As we have received the Pastoral Letter from SA Synod regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have made the painful decision to suspend our worship services and church activities in the further weeks to come. We believe this suspension is a sensible action in order to protect our church community from the growing risk of COVID-19, and as an expression of love and care for our neighbours and the wider community.

In this circumstance, we pray that we can develop and learn new, creative, and alternative ways to worship and sustain our community connection from home and online. It will be a significant opportunity for us to acknowledge the definition of the church without being in the church building. Please don't disconnect from the community, keep in touch with anyone you know so we are connected spiritually and in fellowship.

For now, we can confirm that we will continue:

1) **Pastoral care** – Pastoral care will be provided by the minister and pastoral coordinator. Our highest priority is to ensure that we can provide meaningful pastoral care for one another during this time of physical separation. In partnership with our pastoral care committee, we will do this through emails, texts, phone calls and letters. Unfortunately, we are not able to visit the nursing home according to their recommendation. However, if there is an emergency or need of help, please don't hesitate to contact Do Young or your pastoral care team. We are particularly concerned for anyone who may require support with groceries, prescriptions, transport for medical appointments etc., or anyone who is living alone and feeling anxious. Please be vigilant to call each other regularly and let me know of any concerns.

2) **Newsletter** – We will provide a weekly newsletter.

For those who do not have an email address, we will arrange to drop off the newsletter in your letterbox. If you want to have hard copy of this resource, please let Do Young or Sharon know and we will make arrangements. If you are willing to drop off the newsletter for someone, you are more than welcome. Please advise how many copies you need.

3) **Worship** – We will provide the Order of Service each week. (Including, all prayers, message, empty hand-communion, announcement, and hymns).

We will send this information with the newsletter so please let me know if you would prefer to have hard copy. We encourage you to spend some time at 10 am each Sunday to reflect on this order of service and spend some time in prayer, knowing that we are one in Christ even if we are not gathering physically.

4) **Spiritual journey** – we encourage you to use “With Love to the World” (Each weekly newsletter (from 5 April) will include a devotion from “With Love to the World”).

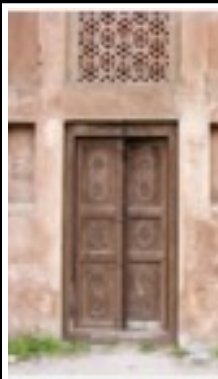
5) **eGiving** - It is important to keep our offerings flowing at this time. You are encouraged to contact David to set up an eGiving system and ask him about how to make a donation.

Please feel free to pass this message on to our congregation and share your ideas, insights and reflections! There is real fear and anxiety that comes with physical distancing, but God will continue to guide this wilderness journey. Please pray for all those who are struggling due to uncertainty, anxiety illness and anger. Also, don't forget to pray for our health workers and front-line staff, that they will be sustained by your consideration.

Heather will be sending out more information re this. If you prefer to make a donation to the church as you feel able, please call David to get further information.

Blessings to you. Do Young ✍️

The Congregational Meeting which was to be held on today, Sunday, 29 March, has now been CANCELLED.



SADLY OUR CHURCH HAS BEEN CLOSED UNTIL OUR GOVERNMENT SAYS WE CAN RECOMMENCE SERVICES, AFTER THE COVID-19 VIRUS HAS BEEN EITHER CONTAINED OR IRRADICATED

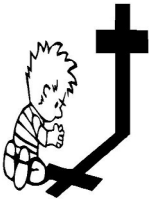
Try to keep in contact with your church family members via emails or by making phone calls.

There is a full list of online and non-digital church resources available at the Synod Website:

sa.uca.org.au/uniting-church-media-releases/free-online-church-resources-from-sa-uniting-church-congregations

Or you can go to the Payneham Road Uniting Church website and click on the title for the above link. “Being the Church in Un-gathered Times “

PRUC Website address:- paynehamroaduc.org.au



PLEASE PRAY FOR

..... our members & friends struggling with ill health, especially remember in your prayers.:- Betty Nunnan, Marj Green, Andrew Randall, Ray Williams, Judy Murdoch, Doug Faulkner, Bill & Grace Hancock, Bob & Beth Rankine, Roger Wyatt, Jackie & Ray Gabell, Dennis Henschke, and Brenton Taylor.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mery Hovkyn (2nd), Richard Yun (2nd), Youngsoon Kim (6th), Brenton Taylor, 80th (13th), Hannah Park (20th), Judy Robertson (24th), Michelle Park (31st)



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie & Ray Gabell - 69 years on 11th

Bill & Grace Hancock - 70 years on 11th

FINANCIAL AFFECTS ON OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Many of our members only put money in the collection plate when they are at church, so during the closure of the church we will be receiving very little income. Our Hall hirers have all had to suspend their classes until the Government lifts its bands on public gatherings. Our Cottage is unrented, at the moment, due to tenancy change and required maintenance.

The Church still has to pay all its bills & our Minister so it is vital we keep our income coming in to balance the books

Members can assist our lack of income by part taking in the eGiving program. You can fill-in an Application Form on-line by Googling **UC Invest eGive**. You can also arrange to get an application form from David Heilbronn by calling 0434 053 976.

BIBLE READINGS for 29 March Lent 5

Ez 37:1-14

Ps 130

Rom 8:6-11

Jn 11:1-45

The liturgical colour for is **PURPLE**

Purple can symbolize pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence. It is the liturgical colour for the Season of Lent.

Hymn Festival—Scheduled 24 May

POSTPONED
until further notice

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is still available on email for those of you who use computers but if you know anyone who does not use a computer and you can deliver a hard copy of the Newsletter to them, please do that. You can either just pop the Newsletter in their letterbox or you can use it as an excuse for a pastoral visit but please keep your distance.



If you have any news you need/want to share with your Church Family please let either Sharon, Do Young or Rhonda know so that it can be included in the Newsletter. This is a good way for us to keep in touch with each other while our doors are closed and we are unable to see each.

5 Apr 2020 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, 5 April 2020, 3:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, 5 April 2020, 2:00:00 am local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 5 Apr 2020 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

Heather Schubert will be sending out Pastoral Care lists very soon. Please pray for those pastoral carers, ourselves and our minister, Do Young as he cares for the members of two congregations at a distance to the best of his ability.



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