



**PAYNEHAM ROAD
UNITING CHURCH
9 August 2020
Pentecost 10**



Welcome to our multicultural church at 10 am

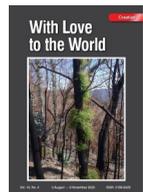
With our guest preacher Rev. Jenny Swanbury

Pentecost 10 Psalm 105:1-22 (1-6, 16-22,45b*)

In the United States, the Day of Thanksgiving in late November is a time for people to stop and ask themselves: "What do we have to be grateful for?" This psalm seems to be Israel's set of answers to this question: and not just for them and their generation, but for their journey as a people since the beginning. It reviews the story from Genesis to Joshua, beginning with the covenantal promise, or contract, made between God and Israel's ancestors. A covenant is a solemn commitment, and like marriage it is intended to be lifelong and deep. How risky of God to make a covenant with humanity! This covenant with Abraham is the foundation of what follows in the story, one implication of which is giving Israel a country of its own (never mind its previous occupants!) and protection for Israel's people. The story continues with famine, movement to Egypt, bondage and liberation-and yet, through it all, God keeps God's covenant. This, in essence, is what worshipping together should be: a recounting and remembering of God's faithfulness, mercy, and love.

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BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 16 August Pentecost 11

**Genesis 45:1-15
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

**Psalm 133
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

Welcome to Rev. Jenny Swanbury... a retired minister who was kind enough to fill in for Doug Hosking at late notice as he recovers from an operation.



Jenny began as a minister at Port Headland, WA and worked with detainees at the local detention centre. Before Jenny retired she was the Patrol Minister for Frontier Services for eight years.

Thank you, Jenny, for being the guest preacher at Payneham Road UC today.

Church Family News

PLEASE PRAY FOR



...our members & friends struggling with ill health, especially remember in your prayers: Betty N., Marj G., Andrew R. Ray W., Judy M., Doug Faulkner, Nessie, Bill & Grace, Bob & Beth, Roger W., Dennis H, Ray & Jackie, Cate W, Russell, John S., Dana, Rev. Do Young, Rev. Doug H.

also... our friends and families in Victoria going through the Covid-19 crisis including Allan and Pat Davies who send their loving thoughts to the Payneham Road UC congregation.

Val W. (2), Sharon (5), Marj G. (7) Do Young (12), Dennis (14),
Gwenda B. (18),



A very happy **50th** birthday to **Jennifer Kwon** on 22 August!

Phone numbers for members of the congregation.

Brian Headland m: 0412 206 053

Anthea Bested m: 0484 681 422

John Bested: 0408 897 918

The landlines for Brian, Anthea & John have been disconnected.

Also Judy Murdoch (08) 8853 2484

COFFEE, CRAFT & CHAT - 20 August at 10.00 am

Please bring your own morning tea/coffee biscuit/cake and your own craft work. New time will be at 10.00 am.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, 16 August after the worship service we will be having an important Congregational meeting to discuss the current situation with Covid-19 and planning for the future relating to the church.

From Tangi in Tonga...

I have been in Tonga since early in 2020.

Am very busy managing a workforce of about 1500 government employees, 17 early childhood centres, 1 special needs school, 108 primary schools, 7 secondary schools, 3 tertiary institutions and 1 TVET institution.



Overall, about 30,000 students enrolled in all of the government (14,000) and non-government (16,000) education institutions - that is about a third of the population.

Educating a third of the total population is hard, let alone ensuring that quality education is delivered to all sectors of the education system. My Ministry of Education and Training (MET) is responsible for designing the curriculum, conducting the professional development of teachers and setting 4 national exams for all education systems.

My usual day starts at 4:30 am and ends when I fall in bed at night. I have 9 deputies to make things easier for me, so I don't do all the work, but rather work like a traffic cop with a follow-up of actions at the end of the day. I think that's enough, right?

When the internal flights are operational I will go for my CEO visits to the outer islands of 'Eua, Ha'apai, Vava'u, Niua Toputapu and Niua Fo'ou.

So far I have changed many things such as – development of policies re social media, bullying, housing and staff transfers. Also implemented a mid year exam for year 6 for diagnostic purposes to address areas of weakness. TVET Policy Framework approved by Cabinet and am now implementing this for next two years. Have also established a staff development unit, a truancy unit, 10 regulations from the Education Act and - from next year - we will be registering teachers for the first time. We are reviewing the tertiary education sector, with a view to establish a National University.

We are also reviewing curriculum and assessments and applying for money to teach our teachers how to deliver work online. Set up an online learning site that had 14,000 hits within 24 hrs during a recent home schooling trial day for students to work from home in case schools are closed down. So far we are COVID free – Amen!

Am missing everyone dearly at present – especially now there is no certainty when borders will be open again.

WORSHIP ROSTER

ROSTERED	9 August	16 August
MINISTER	Rev. Jenny Swanbury	Rev. Do Young Kim
ORGAN	Peter / Val E	Roger / Sue Y
WORSHIP LEADER	Heather	Rhonda
READER	Robin	Meng
WELCOME, OFFERING & COUNT	Rhonda Lois	Elaine Margaret W
FLOWERS	Cynthia	Jan
SOUND SYSTEM	Brenton	Brenton
OFFERING COUNT	David / Dennis	Lesley / Brian

DIARY DATES for AUGUST

Sunday	16	11.00am	Special Congregational meeting	Church
Thursday	20	10.00am	Coffee, Chat & Craft	Hall

Please note change of time. See notice on page 2

HALL OPEN AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

In this very cold, wintery weather, the hall will be opened for a limited time after the service so you can enjoy the warmth and shelter while you safely, distantly socialise with other congregational members. Tables and chairs will be set up with appropriate distancing. Although morning tea will not be provided, you may bring your own.

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