



**PAYNEHAM ROAD
UNITING CHURCH
23 August 2020
Pentecost 12**



Welcome to our multicultural church at 10 am
Guest minister, Rev. Dr. Paul Goh

Psalm 124

If God is on your side, will you always win? Not necessarily. It is similarly doubtful that when you win, God was on your side. Yes, leaders open to God may have had the wisdom and insight to ward off evil. But life teaches us that there are no guarantees. Israel's writings collected for us in the Old Testament show us that their authors grappled with such issues, especially when Israel's enemies, like the Assyrians in northern Israel and the Babylonians in the south, defeated Israel comprehensively. Their grappling helped the disciples later to see in Jesus ignominious execution something other than despair. Hope does mean having the faith that ultimately we are in God's safe hands but that may take us on a journey that is far from safe. Poetry gives voice to gratitude, It does not always need to make strict sense. We voice thankfulness mostly without theories, for it is an attitude of the soul, So it is with the psalms. There may be instances when we have escaped like birds from a snare and we want to express our joy and gratitude. The deepest joy, however, is not just when things go right, but when we know God's love and support with us when they don't.

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BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 30 August Pentecost 13

Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-21

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Matthew 16:21-28

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



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

Congratulations to...

Jess and Tom on the safe arrival of 'James Bok Kheng Hedditch', born Wednesday 19 August. A younger brother for Harrison. All well and happy including grandparents, Meng and Florence.



URGENTLY NEEDED

COUNTERS FOR THE OFFERING ON SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST.

Please contact Sharon if you can help.

THE KITCHEN IS CLOSED

NO DIRTY DISHES SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE SINK

Property Group

On Friday 16th October the one day Global Leadership experience will be held in SA - online!. I am sending you preliminary info for you to review. We have four tickets already booked and would like to make up a group of PRUC members/leaders to view this webinar . I already have four tickets and we can purchase more at \$50 each - the cost may be able to be covered by the church if there are more people interested.



This is a unique opportunity to attend this webinar so if you are interested please contact Do Young, Sharon or me. I will talk to many of you over the next few weeks to invite your attendance as part of PRUC group. Heather Schubert

Congregational Meeting 16 August—Minutes

Welcome and out line meeting purpose - **Rhonda**

Recall events of last four months which have impacted on our church activities & members (COVID)
Rhonda

- March Congregational meeting cancelled
- Church closed from mid March until June 21st—Synod & Govt regulations.
- Zoom services from April 5th – combined with Prospect UC and conducted by Do Young. Jess helped with videoing and preparing for Zoom presentations
- Regulations easing 29th June and normal services resumed 5th July with “new normal” social distancing, recording of names at services & all church meetings & hall hirers.
- Pastoral care maintained with members – Newsletter 8 pages and order of Service emailed or hand delivered to all members during this time. Phone contact with members by Do Young.

2. Summarise key Council activities / decisions

Heather

- Council meetings – March mtg cancelled COVID-19 regulations received Synod & Govt.
- Face to face mtgs from April onwards All PRUC activities ceased from mid March – church and Hall closed – all hall hirers ceased.
- COVID-19 checklist and plan completed and reviewed twice
- Special meeting of key members to approve and implement on July 28th
- Sharon – cont. to employ 7.5 hrs to maintain newsletter and help with preparing and emailing Order of Service.
- Amir (cleaner) retained – has cleaned all floors and re-oiled Hall floor (Dennis/Do Young helped) Also re-oiled all woodwork in Church and helped tidy up grounds.
- Finances – Economic Stimulus payment April and August - approx \$10,000
 - Job keeper for Do Young \$1500 – shared with Prospect UC (\$750 each)
 - Donations to students and Amir & Rachel
 - Our finances are OK – income down but helped by money from Govt and decrease in output to Synod.
 - Property – Cottage – some renovation but limited. Rented by Dr Wratten (Williamson Hall) for 5 years – steady income. Prop Committee continuing to care for our prop.
 - Hall hirers have now mostly returned so income increasing.
 - Big Shed – Rhonda and David have added more shelving and hanging space – opened.
 - e Giving increased but offering down
 - Organ Scholarship – Val Estrada to continue in 2021- ? concert later in year.
 - Coopted two additional members for remainder of year. Robin and Dennis - ratify

3. Elect/delegate someone as the PRUC COVID Safe Marshal - on-line training to be available soon.

Rhonda

4. Plan for anticipated / possible events of next few months

Heather

- Fund raising - craft fair Oct 17th / ? Concert in December
- Possible recurrence of COVID – need to maintain precautions.
 - Importance of pastoral care and maintaining contacts
- ?? Morning tea – hall open

5. Date of next Congregational meeting to be confirmed later in year.

- elections to be held.

Rhonda

WORSHIP ROSTER

ROSTERED	23 August	30 August
MINISTER	Rev. Dr. Paul Goh	Rev. Cate Baker
ORGAN	Peter	Roger
WORSHIP LEADER	Jan	Woody
READER	Felicia	Bill F
WELCOME, OFFERING & COUNT	Sarah Rose	Val W Meng
FLOWERS	Nessie	Nessie
SOUND SYSTEM	Brenton	Brenton
OFFERING COUNT	Cynthia / Wee Han	TBA

DIARY DATES

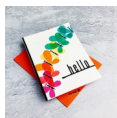
August

Tuesday 25 6.30pm Church Council meeting MF Room

September

Thursday 3 9.30pm Coffee, Chat & Craft Hall

COFFEE, CRAFT & CHAT - Cards with Sandi 3 September 2020



Please note: Time has changed back to 9.30am finishing at 11.30am.
All materials will be supplied.
BYO morning tea/coffee biscuit/cake.

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