



Payneham Road Uniting Church

18 October 2020



PENTECOST 20

Welcome to our multicultural church at 10 am

Our Guest minister is Rev. Dr. Jonathan Barker

Psalm 96:1-9

What did the psalmist have in mind when penning the words, "O sing to the Lord, a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth" (v.1)? There is a recurring theme of newness in this psalm: God is renewing and restoring his people. I am making this reflection amidst the pain of the global COVID-19 pandemic and wonder what new songs arose for you during that time. What is the new song you can sing today, particularly as we look back at what the world experienced the hundreds of thousands of deaths, countless families bereaved millions of people unemployed, businesses closed for the duration and major companies like Virgin Australia put into administration? The psalmist points us towards God, and prompts us to renew our faith and re-establish ourselves in our relationship with God, so that we can again sing a new song to the LORD (vv1, 2). This new song may be in the form of making a commitment to support refugees, to speaking out against violence, to be more generous in our offering (v.8)-or to reorienting and refocussing our lives on what is essential to our growth as disciples. Our prayer may even be to ask God to renew and restore us from times of despair, hurt and suffering and to show us how to sing a new song again.

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BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 25 October Pentecost 21

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
Matthew 22:34-46

Welcome Rev. Dr. Jonathan Barker.

Jonathan trained at Parkin College (Adelaide) and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in the Congregational Church in 1964. Having been a Minister of the Word, Jonathan became a Deacon with the establishment of the renewed Diaconate by the Uniting Church in 1994. He has served in South Australia (Gilberton/Department of Christian Education; Whyalla; Parkside/Glenunga; Marion/Warradale, Pilgrim), in Western Australia (Applecross; Mowanjum Aboriginal Community, Derby), in New South Wales (Pitt Street, Sydney; Bondi Beach Chapel By the Sea, Goulburn), and the Australian Capital Territory (South Woden). Other work includes involvement in Community Development with the International Training Institute (Bombay, India); Associate Director of Lay Education (Parkin Wesley College) and Theology Lecturer at Nungalinga College (Darwin).

(from Morialta Vision April 2016)

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers, members & friends struggling with ill health: Betty N., Marj G., Andrew R., Ray W., Judy M., Doug Faulkner, Bill & Grace, Bob & Beth, Roger W., Dennis H, Cate W, Lyle S., Judy R, John & Heather and Rev. Do Young Kim.



CELEBRATING
OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS!

David Heilbronn (6), Lyle Simpson (6), Nessie (11), Grace H. (11)
Lois (19), Haryne (25)

Happy anniversary to...

Roger & Pam (4 Oct), Lorin & Steven, Aldous & Yana, Trent & Norma



Wimala Presbytery Meeting

Heather and Rev. Doug will be representing Payneham Road UC at the Presbytery Meeting on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am –1.00pm, at Spicer Uniting Church.

Trevor Phillips will be installed as Chair of Wimala Presbytery during the opening worship.

WORSHIP ROSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—URGENT

The November Worship Roster will be ready by next Thursday.

Please indicate your willingness to have your name on the roster. Let me know when you are or are not available and what duty you are able to do. Contact me by email, text, phone or a message in my basket in the pigeonhole foyer if you are able to:

- arrange flowers,
- welcome at the door,
- operate the sound system (training necessary),
- be a Worship Leader or Bible reader,
- count the offering
- part of a morning tea group.

Adelaide East Mission: As it is the third Sunday of the month, there will be a retiring offering for Adelaide East Mission **today**.



From the Property team:

As we near the end of the year the property team will endeavour to complete any on-going maintenance around the church property.

UC E-News

Synod membership

Our Synod meeting will be held 11 – 13 February 2021. Each presbytery will appoint 60 members. Please contact your presbytery to nominate. Synod membership needs to be finalised by the first week in November.

Safe Church Update

October 22nd will mark the second anniversary of the apology to the survivors of institutional abuse. This has not been an easy space for the Church.



Prayer Points

This week we pray for:

- Our political leaders as they form budgets and policies for our nation's future. We pray they envision a just recovery for all
- All of us, as we listen, discern and have courage to follow where God calls us
- For refugees, both those known and unknown to us, for greater compassion from our decision-makers, for the safety and well-being of refugees living in hardship and for endurance of people supporting refugees.

WORSHIP ROSTER

ROSTERED	Today	25 October
MINISTER/PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Jonathan Barker	Rev. Mark Schultz
ORGAN	Roger	Val / Peter
WORSHIP LEADER	Heather	Jan C.
READER	Dennis	Rose
WELCOME, OFFERING & COUNT	Jan C. Felicia	Sarah Lesley
FLOWERS	Jan C.	Ailini
SOUND SYSTEM	Richard	Richard
OFFERING COUNT	Cynthia / Wee Han	Jessica / Sue Y
C-19 MARSHAL— Church/Hall	John B.	Lesley
MORNING TEA	Elaine, Brenton Margaret, Jan C.	Vincent, Soonwha, Sarah, Rose

DIARY DATES OCTOBER

Sunday	18 th	10.00am	Guest Minister—Rev. Dr. Jonathan Barker	
Sunday	25 th	10.00am	Guest Minister—Rev. Mark Schultz	
Tuesday	27 th	6.30pm	Church Council meeting	MF's Room
Saturday	31 st	9.30am	Presbytery Meeting	Spicer UC

Save the Date - An organ concert will be held at PRUC, 12 December, 2020



Proceeds will go towards the Organ Scholarship.

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