



Payneham Road Uniting Church

13 December 2020



ADVENT 3

Welcome to our multicultural church at 10 am

The Guest Preacher is Mr Don Sinnott

Advent 3 — Psalm 126

Psalm 126 is one of fifteen "Songs of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134), which pilgrims sang as they approached Jerusalem to take part in major religious festivals in the temple. Eugene Peterson calls these psalms "songs for the road," recalling the insight that steps taken on the way are as important as the destination. The pilgrims sang of times of great joy when the LORD had "restored the fortunes of Zion" (v.1). They sang of a new future when "shouts of joy" would again be theirs (w.5-6). Between a glorious past and hoped-for future lay the present, with the ambiguities, challenges, and disappointments that comprise every journey. But the pilgrims were not alone, for in singing these psalms they joined with tens of thousands of others. In Luke's account of the Nativity (Luke 2), Mary and Joseph travelled to a manger in Bethlehem. Perhaps they also sang the Songs of Ascent-but the path they took was a lonely track not frequented by other pilgrims. Mary was carrying Jesus, the baby of promise, marking out a new road for her son. From early on, she was teaching him to walk different roads. He would uncover the joy spoken of in Psalm 126 among the poor, rather than inside the temple.

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BIBLE READINGS 20 December Advent 4

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

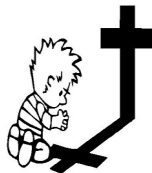
Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

The liturgical colour for Advent is **PURPLE**

Purple symbolizes pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence. It is also the colour of royalty, traditionally has been used for Advent.

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, Rev. Do Young Kim and Jennie Hosking.

December Birthdays: Sebastian S. 8 yrs (1st), Arjun (12th) Sadra 9 yrs (15th), Beverley J. (16th) Bill F. (28), Jan C. (30th)

December Anniversary: David & Rhonda H. (11th),

Judy R. sends her best wishes to all at Payneham Road UC.

Judy is settling into Allity Aged Care at Walkerville and would really enjoy a phone call from you but, please, **NO VISITS**, at this stage.

Judy can be contacted on 0401 214 881.

Lyle Simpson's permanent address is now

North Eastern Community Nursing Home, Room 14, 580 Lower North East Road, Campbelltown SA 5074 (Entrance off Lennox street) Phone: 8366 8261

Restricted visiting is permitted but visitors must show proof of current flu vac. certificate.

Lyle would love to read your cards & letters.

Thank you Sue and anyone who helped her for opening the Big Shed last Saturday, 6 December. It was a great success! Approximately \$1140 was made and \$34 for Korean coffees.



Hopefully this can be a regular event at Payneham Road UC. Don't just leave it to Rhonda and Sue. It would be great if someone else would volunteer to open the Big Shed for another sale in February 2021. Please let Sharon know for advertising.

DECEMBER DIARY DATES

Monday	21st	7.30pm	Blue Christmas at Morialta UC	MUC, Magill
Friday	25 th	9.00am	Christmas Day Service at Payneham Rd	Church
Sunday	27 th	10.00am	Final 2020 Worship Service	Church

Please note: There will not be a Blue Christmas Service at Payneham Road this year. You are welcome to join the service at Morialta UC—see notice on page 3.

Report Congregational Meeting 6 December

Council meetings have been held monthly during 2020. We were thankful that Dennis Henschke and Anggiat Robin (Robin) joined Council several months ago when numbers were depleted by member illness and holidays.

Elections:

- Congregational Chair - Rhonda Heilbronn
- Council Elders - Heather Schubert, Brian Headland, Dennis Henschke
- Councillors - Meng Kheng Tan, Woody Lee, Anggiat Robin

COVID-19 safe plan was updated again and the required QR code was registered for PRUC - members were reminded to book in to the SA Health COVID safe plan app site to access code to use with mobile phone to register when attending church or any church related activities.

Members were reminded that PRUC belongs to the Wimala Presbytery . There are also two other presbyteries in SA—Generate & Southern S.A .

Property issues—the synod property assessment report that was received from Synod SAUCA several months ago is being actioned by the Property Committee. No major, urgent issues identified but other minor issues have been dealt with. The salt damp treatment of the front wall of the church porch has been recommenced and will take some month to complete. Lesley and Jan will be retiring from the property committee next year and Steven Zhang will take over as chairman seeking others to join the committee.

Doug Hosking will complete this supply period at Payneham Road on December 31st and he was thanked by those present for his contribution to the life of our church during the last three months - especially at the time when his wife has been so ill. We wished them both all the best for the future. We were reminded that Do young Kim will return early next year.



Blue Christmas at Morialta Uniting Church

Date: 21st December 2020

Time 7.30 pm

26 Chapel Street, Magill SA 5072

'A service to remember loved ones, and give expression to the "blue" feelings we might Have at Christmas time',

Please send all 2020

annual reports to Sharon at

administrator@paynehamroaduc.org.au

by

21st January 2021

WORSHIP ROSTER

ROSTERED	Today—13 December	20 December
MINISTER / SPEAKER	Don Sinnott	Rev. Doug Hosking
ORGAN	Peter / Val	Roger/Sue
WORSHIP LEADER	Jan	Lesley
READER	Russell	Sarah
WELCOME, OFFERING	Heather Dennis	Jan Hayeon
FLOWERS	Nessie	Ailini
SOUND SYSTEM	David	David
OFFERING COUNT	Jessica / Felicia	Dennis / David
C-19 MARSHAL— Church/Hall	John B.	Heather
MORNING TEA	Soonwha, Vincent, Sarah, Rose	Jennifer, Richard, Kelly, Heather



Third Sunday of Advent

The joy of returning home

Today there are more than 60,000 Sri Lankan refugees in India. With the civil war over, many wish to return home to live in peace and freedom, and help rebuild their nation. Act for Peace's local partner, with your support, is helping returnees rebuild their lives by providing training and livelihood support to help families earn an income. **Please give today.**



Christmas Bowl



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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