

Pilgrim News - Sunday 25th April, 2021

At Pilgrim TODAY

8.00am Rev Dr Greg Elsdon
9.30am Rev Sandy Boyce
11:00am Rev Dr Greg Elsdon

On this Anzac Day ... a prayer written by Dr Deidre Palmer

Gracious God, on this Anzac Day,
we bring before you all those who have and continue to serve in our Defence Forces.
We remember and give thanks for their service to our country.
We pray for all those who suffer in war and continue to suffer from the trauma of war.
We pray for comfort in their grief.
We pray for supportive communities to journey with them in their struggles, healing and recovery.
We give thanks for all our Defence Force chaplains.
We thank you for their response to your call to offer spiritual leadership and pastoral care to Defence Force personnel and their families.
We pray for all those who are negotiating for peace in situations of war and conflict throughout our world.
Bless them with wisdom, strength and resolve to find ways we can live together in harmony and respect for one another.
We pray that we might be bearers of your peace.
Through Christ, who is our Peace, we pray. Amen.
(Dr Deidre Palmer, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, 2021)

News of Pilgrims and Prayer Points

Best wishes to **Pauline Ween** who celebrates her 90+ tomorrow.

DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIM'S STRATEGIC PLAN - NEXT STAGE

The development of the Pilgrim Strategic Plan for 2021 – 2024 is progressing well, and the next stage is the development of Objectives and Strategies for the Strategic Priorities of **Worship, Social Justice, Growing the Church and Reaching Out, and Communications and Media**

We are in the process of developing Working Groups to develop the Objectives and Strategies for the two Priorities of "Growing the Church and Reaching Out" and "Communications and Media".

I would be delighted to hear from any member of the Congregation who would be prepared to contribute to this work. In the first instance I would expect that the time commitment could be as little as two or three meetings.

If you are interested in being part of this work please contact me on smiller@internode.on.net or mobile: 0408 948 922

Susan Miller - Chair, Church Council

"Sharing your journey" group

Interested Pilgrims are invited to the third session today, **Sunday 25 April at 11am** in the **Draper Room**. You are welcome to this time of sharing, whether or not you have attended the earlier sessions. This group is a response to a request from a 9.30 member, who asked for a group where people can share "where they are at". This time will give people the opportunity to speak to and listen to one another about things that are real and deeply matter to them. Each person in the group will be given the opportunity to share, while the others are simply present and attentive. Advice will not be given, judgements will not be made. It will not be a therapy group.

Apologies to those interested, but unable to attend at that time. Please let us know if you would like an alternative time.

Denise Griffen for Ministry Development Committee

ANZAC Day and RAAF Centenary Choral Evensong Service today Sunday 25 April 6pm to 7pm

A service of prayer and reflection for ANZAC Day featuring the Choir of Pilgrim Church.

The service setting will be T.A. Walmisley's D Minor Service and the anthem Jonathan Dove's 'They will rise'

What is an Advance Care Directive?

Who should have one, and why? Interested in learning more?

Pilgrim's Ministry Development Committee is facilitating a workshop to assist those interested in navigating this important responsibility.

Mark it in your diary now: **10.30 am on Tuesday 27 April in the Pilgrim Lounge.**

Numbers for this workshop are limited, so please inform the Pilgrim Office of your intention to attend.

[If there is sufficient interest additional workshops will be offered]

International Workers Memorial Day

Pilgrim Uniting Church is again hosting a service at **10am, 28 April 2021**. Rev Liz Dyson, Coordinating Chaplain, Ashford Hospital, will offer a reflection during the service. The International Workers Memorial Day is held around the world each year on April 28th to remember those who have died in the work place, and to highlight the preventable nature of most workplace incidents and ill health and to promote campaigns and union organisations in the fight for improvements in workplace safety.

International Workers' Memorial Day is supported by the Government of South Australia, Pilgrim Uniting Church, SA Council of Churches, SA Unions, Asbestos Victims Association, Asbestos Diseases Society of SA and Voice of Industrial Death.

SA History Festival Archive Display

This year, Pilgrim Uniting Church will delve into its archives to display historic items from the beginning of its foundation in 1867 as Stow Memorial Congregational Church. Among the many valued items will be Rev TQ Stow's Bible on display.

Soup for the Lounge

It's that time of year again when we ask for supplies of cup-a-soup for our Lounge visitors.

Donations over the past few years have been excellent as we haven't had to purchase any extras. As we weren't able to do this last year we are glad that we are able to warm our visitors at least from the inside, this year.



We look forward to your continuing support over the coming months. It is something our Lounge visitors look forward to and appreciate during the Winter season. Thank you. Please leave in the kitchen or at Reception.

Community Connections

Connect 4 Children will continue to meet during school-holidays

Tuesdays 11 - 12.30 **Hopes Cafe, corner of Portrush and Norwood Parade**

Focus: to create a family with many languages for families and carers with young children

Invitation: we love to create a welcome for those who want to be part of this initiative, and celebrate with diverse families within many languages.

Interfaith matters for April: please note change of address for this event

Theme expression of the month: Baha'i focus and a hundred year celebration in Australia

Presenter: Mahboobeh Aryanpad

28 April, 5.45 for 6 pm

Baha'i Centre of Learning, 275 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Welcome to invite others ☺RSVP by 25 April to assist our chef, Gulala, in catering for all.

Meal: \$10 – 15 per person and a gold coin donation to say thanks to the Baha'i centre for their hospitality.

Please contact Liellie McLaughlin at 0437 794 410 with questions

Reconciliation breakfast: MORE THAN A WORD. RECONCILIATION TAKES ACTION

Reconciliation Week's theme for 2021, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.* Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians. At the heart of this journey are relationships between First peoples and the broader Australian community.

Thursday, May 27th, 6:30 am-9:00 am, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide, 5000

Individual tickets are priced at \$80. Register: <https://reconciliationsa.org.au>

Death Cafe - a life and death conversation

Walkerville Uniting Church 17 Smith Street, Walkerville **30 April 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Have a life affirming conversation over good coffee and food to explore your values and ideas about life and death issues in a safe and supportive environment where strangers become friends.

Friday 30th April 10am - 12pm \$10 Donation includes afternoon tea www.trybooking.com/BOQFY

For more information Contact Walkerville Uniting Church Phone 83425875 or

email admin@walkerville.ucasa.org.au Visit www.walkerville.ucasa.org.au

What can we learn about our first peoples?

Over the first four **Tuesday evenings in May from 7.00pm – 8.15pm**, Marelle Harisun will be facilitating discussions about those who are "Crying Out" for justice that we need to hear. We will be using a small study book produced by the SA Dialogue of the Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches, focused on how these two denominations are responding to the cries for justice of Indigenous/First Peoples of this land, and to the climate crisis. If you are interested in being part of these discussions, please either register your interest with the Pilgrim Office or with Marelle. Copies of the booklet will be provided in advance of the first night. Contact mharisun@bigpond.com

This is the first Covenanting event of our series of events for the year.

Statement From The Heart study guide

A new study guide for congregations and other small groups on the Statement from the Heart, is now available. It provides a way for members of the Uniting Church to better understand Sovereignty and the determination of First Peoples for Voice, Treaty and Truth-Telling. Assembly Consultant Covenanting Stuart McMillan has highly recommended the resource for congregations and small groups. "Walking Together as First and Second Peoples with integrity means entering more deeply into relationship, growing in understanding, and sharing the suffering and joys of life. In the Statement we hear the heart of First Peoples cry for justice in this ancient land.

<https://mk0unitingchurcq6akw.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/v1.1-Statement-of-the-Heart-online.pdf>

A recent presentation at the Hawke Centre was **'Elders Speak – What is the Future of Aboriginal Education?'**

A video of the event is available via the following link: <https://youtu.be/0OocpTNjtLU>

Those interested in understanding racism and indigenous stances may gain from accessing this video.

Working bee at the Church

There are a few jobs that need doing around the church that could easily be done by a few willing people coming together and making the job easier and helping to beautify the Church and making good use of spaces available.

If you have a spare couple of hours that you would be willing to come and give a hand, then the Office would love to hear from you. These are just a few of the things that are on top of the list at present.

- Polishing the pews (after months of wiping down after each Service/event, the polish has been removed and needs replenishing.)
- Hall kitchen needs a good tidy up, audit of what is required to replenish crockery/cutlery etc and perhaps even a revamp of where things are kept
- Pigeon poo clean off from the walls especially by the East Porch area.

Please let the Office know which area you would be interested in and also what days/times you are free. You don't have to have particular skills for any of these jobs, just a willingness and a preparedness to share in a time of fellowship with other Pilgrims.

The Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts: Winter Retreat

18-19 June, Nunyara: A time for creative community, writers, visual and performing artists. Be tucked away in the Adelaide Hills to practise your craft and to be inspired. Reconnect with your inner artist and be spiritually nurtured in this retreat. You have the option of going for the full overnight retreat, starting Friday evening, or the day only retreat from 9-5 on Saturday. **Sean Gilbert** and **Sharonne Price** will be leading the retreat. Speaker bios, program and registration information on cmla.org.au.

Lectionary Readings & Rosters – 2nd May 2021

Easter 5

Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm 22: 25-31
1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8

8.00am Rev Dr Greg Elsdon
9.30am Denise Griffin & Margaret Chittleborough – Taizé service
11.00am Rev Dr Greg Elsdon

8.00am		Dianne McGee & Ian Gillespie
9.30am	Welcomers:	Anne Marie Lynch & Nicole Inglis
	Coffee:	John & Sue Dunn, Meredith Edwards
	AV Desk:	Allan Forbes
11.00am	Welcomers:	Brian & June Ward
	Bible Reader:	John Pederson

Mid-Week Service Thursday @ 12.15pm

— a time of worship, of gentle reflection, and caring community.