

Pilgrim News - Sunday 18th April, 2021

At Pilgrim TODAY

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

We are always learning how to be alive, how to be fully human, how to inhabit this changing life and these changing times that we find ourselves in.

Anne Hillman offers the following insight:

We look with uncertainty beyond the old choices for clear-cut answers to a softer, more permeable aliveness which is every moment at the brink of death; for something new is being born in us if we but let it.

We stand at a new doorway, awaiting that which comes...

daring to be human creatures, vulnerable to the beauty of existence.

Learning to love.

News of Pilgrims and Prayer Points

Good news this week!

- **Vikki Waller** had her heart operation earlier than expected, and is home recuperating.
- **Diana and Greg Bassani** are delighted to welcome their second granddaughter **Odette Lily**, born 11 April to their daughter Robyn and Chris Boyce. A sister to Violet. All are very happy and well.
- We welcome the family and friends of **Eloise Rose Haskard Ess** to the 11am Service this morning. Eloise will be baptised during the service.
- **Julie** is on annual leave this week, heading across the border to spend some time along the River Murray. **Suzanne** is taking on the role of Office Administrator for the week.
- Many of you will know **Suzanne** through the Pilgrim Choir or in her various roles in the Pilgrim office. But you may not know that last month she sang Elena Kats-Chernin's "Wild Swans Suite" in the Adelaide Festival, along with a stellar line up of Australian musicians. The ABC recorded it and it was broadcast on Friday 16th April as the Lunchtime Concert. Congratulations, Suzanne!!
<https://www.abc.net.au/classic/programs/lunchtime-concert/incredible-floridas-the-return/13292450>



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**
- **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 on **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 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.

Everyone affected by a work-related death or significant trauma is welcome to attend this service which provides the opportunity to contribute a personal item or photograph for the memorial display. The ecumenical commemorative service will feature a candle-lighting ceremony as well as the symbolic release of doves and memorial balloons. Light refreshments will be served after the service in the hall adjoining the church.

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.

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 continued 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.



What we are reading

Barry Jones. What is to be Done: Political Engagement and Saving the Planet. 2020.

You may remember him as the quiz champion; or, as the Minister of Science in the Hawke/Keating years; or, as the author of *Sleepers, Wake!* (1982), the prophetic book on the future of technology and work which was lauded more internationally than at home. (He was the first Australian minister invited to address a meeting of the G7); or you may even know that he was a Methodist lay preacher! This book, like Jones' speeches, is long, sometimes repetitive, but full of facts, opinions, wisdom, and occasional wry humour. Its primary theme is climate change, the science and politics, but we are exposed to Jones' views on a range of other subjects – the economy, taxation, education, immigration and refugees, population levels, Covid, Trump and, of course, the current political situation in Australia. Jones fell out of favour with the ALP largely because he was prepared to “talk truth to power”. This book will, just as surely, be discounted by those who believe holding on to power is more important than open and honest discourse. The array of those endorsing the book (Adams, Doherty, Garnaut, Gillard, Kirby, Fiona Stanley and others) is testament to its value for today's uncertain times. Jones is in his 90s. I wonder, where is the Barry (or Barbara) Jones for tomorrow? Review by Brian P Ward.

Eds. Emma Dawson and Janet McCalman. What Happens Next: Reconstructing Australia After Covid-19. 2020. Melbourne University Press.

This book came to my attention at one of the 2021 Adelaide Writers Week sessions and that conversation can be heard via this link.

<https://anchor.fm/adelaide-writersweek/episodes/AWW21-What-Happens-Next---Emma-Dawson--Richard-Denniss-and-Gideon-Haigh-et9ljh>

Just out, this book includes succinct chapters by Australian academics and politicians on different topics including health, education, energy, climate and employment. I sense this work is a good supplement to Barry Jones' work. Part One “Reimagining Australia” proposes that the Covid crisis is an opportunity for people with different interests to come together and plan for the future, “processes for discerning post-viral strategy”. The first chapter however invites readers to discover the significance of the Uluru statement, “time to heal: Uluru healing the people and the land”. Author Thomas Mayor suggests that this is more than a legal claim but an opportunity for us to learn from Australia's first peoples. “Indigenous custodianship survives to this day. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge is what Australia needs to awaken us from our colonial nightmare-to cease our growing cruelty to the vulnerable, to redistribute hoarded wealth, and to end the self-destructive neglect of Mother Earth.” Prophetic insights indeed here and one of the many contributors now across Australia inviting us to listen and respond to the voice in the wilderness. It's not too late and here is the link where you can express your support for the Uluru statement. The deadline is 30 April.

<https://fromtheheart.com.au/>

Review by Dean Eland.

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.

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, and leads up to Sorry Day and the launch of the book produced by the 9.30am community, telling personal stories of how we have been challenged in our relationships with Indigenous People. Watch this space for more details.

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 Nations 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 Nations 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.

OH&S Concern – Car Park on Sunday mornings

Following on from the notice in the Newsletter a month ago regarding the combined use of the car park by pedestrians and cars, **there is now a slight change to how you exit the East Porch.**

Three large orange bollards have been purchased and will be placed outside the porch area so that when you exit the porch you will need to walk to the left to head along the pavers to the Hall or to the right if you are heading to Flinders Street. **You won't be able to walk straight out into the driveway and hopefully that will avoid any accidents and discourage people from standing in the middle of the driveway to have their morning catch up.**

Watching out for each other with coming and going around the East Porch and car park area will save any accidents happening for both those in cars and walking. Stay safe.

Changes due to lifting of Covid rules

It was agreed early this week that due to some of the restrictions being lifted and number increases for Churches etc that the following changes can occur at Pilgrim.

- That from this Sunday the **front doors to the Church** will once again be open for the 11am Service as pre-Covid. 9.30am and 8am will continue to use the East Porch as normal.
- **Open Church** – both the East Porch and both front porch doors can be open during Open Church.
- Those on door duty and Open Church will still need to make sure that people sign in or use the QR code when entering the Church.

We hope that this will make the Church look more open and inviting by being able to once again open our doors to the public.

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.

Lectionary Readings & Rosters – 25th April 2021

Easter 4

Acts 4: 5-12	Psalm 23
1 John 3: 16-24	John 10: 11-18
8.00am	Rev Dr Greg Elsdon
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8.00am		Judy & Brian Arnold
9.30am	Welcomers:	Sue & Michael Heathcote
	Coffee:	Judy & Dean Eland, Vikki Waller
	AV Desk:	David Davis
11.00am	Welcomers:	Gill Jackson
	Bible Reader:	Colin Telfer

Mid-Week Service Thursday @ 12.15pm

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