

April 2016



# Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

# Newsletter

Welcome to the April 2016 edition of our Monthly Newsletter. It is our prayer that this publication will provide news of the Cherry Church along with information about the many activities and events in the life of the small but vibrant congregation of the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church.

This Church has been a place of constant Christian worship and witness since the first service took place back in March 1849. As current members of the congregation we are committed to maintaining a place of worship and an outreach within the local Cherry Gardens community.

## From the Pastor:

As we move between Easter and Anzac Day, both of them times of remembrance of great sacrifice, we reflect on the verse in John's gospel - *"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."* (John 15:13)

The enormity of the courage shown by Jesus on the cross, and by countless men and women in times of conflict, is often beyond our comprehension, but our gratitude knows no bounds as we give thanks for the spiritual freedom that Jesus' sacrifice brings, and the relatively peaceful lifestyle that we enjoy because of the sacrifice of so many of our fellow countrymen and women, and that of our allies.

While we may not be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice, there may be times in our lives which entail a sacrifice, however small; let the verse from John's gospel remind us to do whatever is needed in love, thinking of the other person(s), and not ourselves, for that is the true sacrifice.

With God's richest blessings,  
*Margaret*

**Let Us Pray:** We continue to pray for Alan and Prim Dubé; and for Ralph, Alex and others from our congregation who continue to face their health challenges. We pray that you will show them the strength that only you can provide. We know that throughout our lives we face many challenges. Lord, give us the confidence and peace of mind to face every new challenge. Keep constant in us Lord, the knowledge of your everlasting, ever-present love. We pray for those people around the world who are affected by terrorism. Be with them and heal their wounds whether they be of injury or loss of a loved one. Be with world leaders and governments as they deal with the threat of terrorism and the subsequent displacement of life.

We pray for your church here in this place - give us the guidance and strength to do your will.

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## **The New Meeting Room**

### **A Project Committee Update by Alan Dubé**

#### **Memorial Wall**

Ron Williamson and his team of helpers have been doing some more work recently on the memorial wall. Its looking really great. Thanks Ron and all the helpers who quietly go about the tasks around our church. We are very grateful.

#### **Vestry/History/Heritage Room**

Painting of the Vestry/History/Heritage Room has commenced. Some of the furniture & fittings have been purchased and will soon be installed. We have been fortunate to have donations of memorabilia and the financial grants to enable much of this to occur.

Associated with Anzac Day this year, our friends at the **Upper Sturt Uniting Church** will be holding a Special Anzac Service at **11am on Sunday 24th April**.

Immediately following the service a ceremony will be held in the adjoining cemetery when a plaque will be unveiled in memory of Sgt Douglas Evans, WW1 soldier and recipient of Military Medal and Belgian Croix de Guerre. Shared lunch to follow in Upper Sturt Uniting church hall. All welcome. For more details please contact Barb Evans 8339 1163

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them

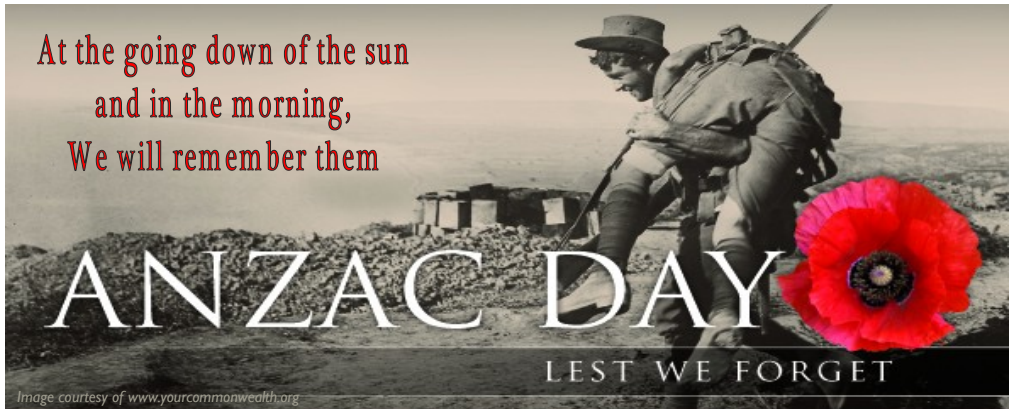


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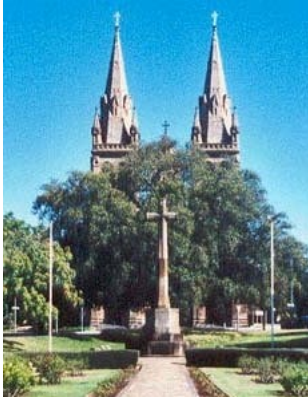
### **Some Jobs to be done around our Church Property.**

We need to keep our buildings and grounds in a good, safe and pleasant condition. So we have planned a working bee at the church on Saturday 14th May; there will be a list provided of jobs to be done in the buildings and around the grounds and there will be something for everyone to get involved in. So please come along, enjoy the fellowship and do some of these "must be done" jobs.



**REMEMBER TO PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY**  
**SATURDAY 14th MAY 2016**  
**From 9:00am onwards**

# About That Hymn



## O Valiant Hearts

*O valiant hearts who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

*Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war  
As who had heard God's message from afar;  
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,  
To save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.*

The words to this stirring memorial hymn were written by John Stanhope Arkwright in 1917. Born in London in 1872, from a well-known, well-to-do English family, Arkwright studied at Eton College and Oxford University and served as MP for Hereford. He was knighted in 1934 and died in 1954 .

This hymn, especially written to remember the fallen of World War 1, was so well loved that it was chosen to be sung at the burial service of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, London, on Remembrance Day, November 11, 1920, as the choir entered in procession. The tune "Ellers", used for that occasion, was written by Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901); he was the organist at Temple Church, London, for over 50 years.

The words of this hymn remind us of the reason why on Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and other special days, we gather to remember and give thanks for the sacrifices made unselfishly by so many, sacrifices we should never take for granted.

This hymn is always sung at the service at the Cross of Sacrifice in the Pennington Gardens in North Adelaide, following the Anzac Day march through Adelaide.

## **Lest We Forget**

*Contribution by Margaret Seyfang*

Lord God, help us to remember the sacrifice of the first ANZACs; and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of peace ever since.

Help us to remember those who bear the scars of their service - physical, mental or spiritual.

Help us to remember those who continue to serve and to fight for peace throughout the world.

Help us to remember those who had to say goodbye: widows and widowers, girlfriends and boyfriends, parents and orphans, sisters and brothers, and all who anxiously waited with no reply.

Save us from ever glorifying war and its horrors and tragedies. Make us to be your servants of peace.

As the sun rises this day - and everyday - Lord, help us to remember.

We pray this in Jesus name.

Amen.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

As we worship together we look forward to the preaching of the word by our own **Annetta DeBoo**. We thank her for her always thoughtful message.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

We welcome back **Bob Ricks** to lead us in worship today. Bob, is well known to us and is a local lay-preacher from Coromandel Baptist Church. We thank him for sharing with us.

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Paul Crayton** joins us from our sister church, Clarendon UCA and we look forward to hearing him share his faith and understanding with us.

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Ironbank Faith Community

After a shared meal in the hall commencing at 6pm. **Brian Tugwell**, Chaplain Mt Barker RSL will speak at the 7pm service.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Max Winter** of our own congregation will lead us in worship. It is always a blessing to hear Max share his understanding of the Gospel with us.

A special 11am service will be held at the **Upper Sturt Uniting Church** and then afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. More details are available inside this newsletter.

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Anzac Day)

Our church will again be contributing the music, sound and morning tea (including home-made Anzac biscuits) for the **8:30am** Cherry Gardens **Anzac Day Service** at the Soldier's Memorial Garden and then afterwards the Morning Tea at the Memorial hall.

## **LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD - PUT THESE IN YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.** Uniting Church SA Moderator, **Dr Deidre Palmer** (a descendant of the Middleton family) will preach and officially open our new building. Followed by a shared brunch.

**Sunday 26th June.** The **Cherry Church AGM** will be held. Please put this meeting in your diary and pray for direction on how you can be involved in the ongoing life and witness of our congregation. This meeting is an important event for all to be involved in.



**“May I ask a question?” the little 10yr old Ben asked his pastor.**

**“Of course Ben, what would you like to know?” replied the minister.**

**“Well,” Ben said “the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea.” and Ben continued, “also that the children of Israel built the temple; and the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. Didn’t the grown-ups ever do anything?”**

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