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# Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

# Newsletter

Welcome to the August 2017 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:

### How to Plant Your Garden of Life

Plant three rows of peas:

1. *Peace of mind*
2. *Peace of heart*
3. *Peace of soul*

Plant four rows of squash:

1. *Squash gossip*
2. *Squash indifference*
3. *Squash grumbling*
4. *Squash selfishness*

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. *Lettuce be faithful*
2. *Lettuce be kind*
3. *Lettuce be patient*
4. *Lettuce really love one another*

No garden is complete without turnips:

1. *Turnip for meetings*
2. *Turnip for service*
3. *Turnip to help one another*

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

1. *Thyme for each other*
2. *Thyme for family*
3. *Thyme for friends*

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

With God's richest blessings,

*Margaret*

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**NEW**



# News around the Church

An update from the property committee:

- A small porch under construction over the western door of the Gallery between the vestry/heritage room and the new meeting room will protect the entrance from the weather.
- We are indebted to Richard Watson for keeping the lawns and hedge at the church in such great shape, free of charge. We also thank the CG Garden Club for replacing the lavender plants alongside the path into the church.
- We are currently finalising policies & procedures for the placement of Plaques on the Memorial Wall and the Interment of Ashes within the grounds of the Church. We hope to be ready to receive applications soon.
- The CG Garden Club was successful in receiving a grant from the City of Onkaparinga to install a sink heater in the kitchen. Ron Williamson has worked with them to facilitate and install this very useful convenience in our kitchen. Many thanks to the CG Garden Club and Ray Wise.
- There are several patches of rising damp on the walls inside the Church building that require attention. This will require replacing and installing a damp course. Quotes have been obtained and discussions with suitably qualified masons are ongoing. There is the possibility of applying for a heritage grant that will help defray the cost.
- The bell tower will be re-erected, probably during 2018. We have received an offer to weld additional steel onto the base of the legs so that the tower can be properly concreted onto a new base. We will also replace the timber supports for the bell.

Once the outside work has been completed on the church building we can then progress with upgrading the interior of the church. And with the completion of the works on the southern side of the church we will be able to finish work in the Remembrance Court area also.

On behalf of the other members of the Project Committee - and indeed the whole congregation - I would like to single out and again thank Alan Dubé, Ron Williamson and Jim Ward for their untiring and ongoing efforts.

We have also decided to change our church website due to changes being implemented by Synod. Check out the new website at the (web)address on the front of this newsletter.

*Darryl Dyson, Chair of Church Council and the Congregation.*

## Let Us Pray

Lord we bring before you the needs of those in our own church family, as well as others known to us personally. We pray especially for:-

- *Alan & Prim Dubé* as they work through their respective long term health issues;
- *Ralph Stephens* as he commences the process of being assessed for suitability for a guide dog;
- *Alex McFarlane* as he recovers from knee replacement surgery – pray for patience and healing ;
- *Laurel and Bill Jared* (from Clarendon) as they work through the insurance process following their house fire. We also pray for Bill as he recovers from time in hospital with heart problems .
- *John & Elaine Penberthy* as John recovers from his recent heart surgery.

Lord, for these and others known & unknown to us we pray for your hand of healing and comfort to be on each and every situation. Bring to those who suffer a reassurance of your eternal love.

We pray for people in every corner of the world who suffer and are in need of help. For victims of natural disasters, terrorism, accidents and all forms of war or violence. We ask that You will be with them and comfort them - and their families - in their time of need. We pray that you will guide community, state and world leaders as they deal with the complexities of our world.

As the people of the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church we pray that you will help us to stay vigilant to the needs of others at all times and prepare us to be ready to help when called upon. Continue to give us the inspiration, guidance and strength to do your will here in this place - and beyond. Amen

## About Those Words

# Tell Me The Old, Old Story

Arabella Katherine Hankey (or Kate as she was more usually known) was born on 12th January 1834 in Clapham, London. She grew up in a devout Anglican household and came to accept Jesus as her Saviour at a very early age. Along with her father, a prominent London banker, her whole family were active members of the Clapham Sect, a society that included influential businessmen and members of Parliament. The group was mostly known for its anti-slavery and pro-missionary stances. She became inspired by the Methodist revival of John Wesley and, while still a teenager, taught Sunday school for girls and then later travelled to South Africa where she worked as a nurse while helping her missionary brother. While recovering from a serious illness in 1866, she wrote the words, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" on January 29th. It was originally a narrative poem of over 50 4-line verses.

In 1867, there was an international convention of the Y.M.C.A. in Montreal, Canada. Dr. William Howard Doane, a successful businessman from Chicago, (who was also an accomplished musician) attended this convention, as did Major General Russell, an English delegate and commander of the English forces in Ireland at the time, who had been invited to speak at the convention. Instead of the stirring speech he was planning to give, the General simply read Miss Hankey's poem - with great impact - at the convention. Doane was so impressed by the powerful words he had just heard that he wrote the music in a stage coach returning to his hotel. He joined two 4-line verses together to make one stanza and added the chorus that is now sung to the hymn. Miss Hankey did not approve of this arrangement; but when she saw how the hymn was being used by God to bring souls to Christ, she did not wish to hinder its usage.

Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,  
For I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.

Refrain

*Tell me the old, old story, tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story, of Jesus and His love.*

Tell me the story softly, with earnest tones and grave;  
Remember I'm the sinner whom Jesus came to save.  
Tell me the story always, if you would really be,  
In any time of trouble, a comforter to me.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August

We welcome **John Symons**, former missionary in Kenya & Chad, and share Holy Communion.

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Tony and Jill Lohmeyer** will lead our worship. Tony and Jill are missionaries with Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and are home for a short time after serving in Mongolia for two years.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

We worship together and look forward to our own **Max Winter** leading the worship.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August - Ironbank Faith Community

Shared tea at 6pm, followed by service at 7pm when **Alan Light** will present hymns by John and Charles Wesley.

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August

We welcome **John Howland** back to lead our worship service.

## SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

**Sat 9th Sept: Community Campfire.** 5-8pm Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall;

**Sun 10th Sept: "Spring Awakenings" Concert** featuring Rebekah Nelson and other local artists. 2pm Scott Creek Soldiers Memorial Hall. Bookings Rebekah: 8388 2168;

**Sun 24th Sept. Community Hymn Singing,** 2:30pm The Vines Uniting Church, Woodcroft;

**Sat 4th Nov. "Car Boot Sale"** at Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall. Sellers' spaces available – please ring Terry Whittle 8270-2232 for more details;

**Tues 19th Dec. Community Carols,** Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.

## DATES FOR THE SOCAL CALENDAR

### Sun 27<sup>th</sup> August: **North to Alaska !!**

Join us as we journey to the frozen north through photos from Di and Darryl Dyson's trip last year. 2pm in the Church Hall, with afternoon tea. Tell your friends! Much cheaper than buying tickets and getting visas!!!

**Please note** - this event is on Sunday, not Saturday as stated in the last newsletter.



A little boy at a wedding turns to his mum and says, "Mummy, why does the bride wear white?"

His mum replied "The bride is in white because she's very happy and this is the best day of her life."

The little boy thinks about this, and then says, "Well then, why is the groom wearing black....?"

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