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Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

Welcome to the July 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:

WE'RE GOING TO RIO!!

Well, not literally, but Rio will be coming to us shortly as we watch the events of the Olympic Games on television. As well as being a competition, the games are a way of reaching out to others, forming new friendships and renewing old ones, inviting people to connect with one another.

At the recent Presbytery and Synod meeting, we looked at the many aspects of evangelism, and heard many inspiring stories of people connecting in a meaningful way with others.

One of the discussion groups coined the acronym **RIO**:

R = relationships are all important; good relationships, where people can be comfortable sharing with each other.

I = invitation; people feel wanted and cared for if they receive a personal invitation to participate in an activity. This includes those who gather for worship on Sunday morning and other times - they also need to be continually invited.

O = open; being open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives; being open to sharing the Gospel with the people where God has placed us.

We may never feel ready, but we are sent.

Psalm 96: 2-3; "Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples."

Our call is to tell the story, to testify, to invite people to come and see.

May God bless you as you seek to do this wherever God has placed you.

With God's richest blessings,
Margaret

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THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked so hard for the opening and dedication service of the addition and alterations of our Cherry Gardens church facilities held on Sunday June 19th.

So many people have been involved in the design and construction of the new and enhanced facilities, and also the planning and happening of the dedication, that it is impossible in the space of this newsletter to mention them all. We give grateful thanks to God for each of their contributions.

There were many stories exchanged, especially among the descendants of the pioneering families.

The day was an outstanding success and we give glory to God in whose name the facilities were blessed.



Uniting Church SA Moderator Dr Deidre Palmer with Chair of the Congregation Dr Alan Dubé

AGM - Cherry Gardens Uniting Church

This important meeting was held on Sunday 26th June, and all officers were re-elected unopposed. Many people are involved in the leadership, worship and care within the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church and we give a huge thank you to them for their work among God's people at Cherry. We especially thank Di Dyson and Phyllis Williamson who have graciously agreed to serve for the next 12 months on the Leadership and Management Team, along with Alan Dube and Margaret Seyfang.

Results of the Election are as follows:

Chair of the Congregation: **Alan Dube**

Treasurer: **Phyllis Williamson**

Secretary: **Dianne Dyson**

Pastoral Care Coordinator: **Prim Dube**

Auditor: **Darryl Dyson**

A Time for Reflection.

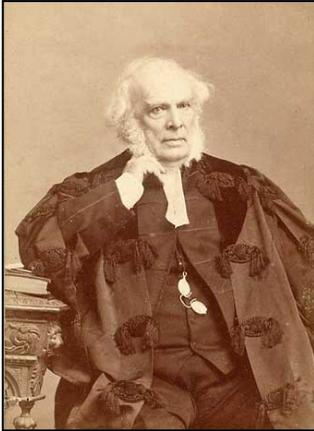
Let Us Pray: We continue to pray for those we know personally and in our congregation who are facing health challenges. We pray especially for Merri Stodart and her family as they mourn the loss of Merri's husband John. We pray that these people will know your promise to be with them in their time of trial. Lord, remind us of Your constant, everlasting and ever present love.

We pray for the men and women who are elected to govern our Country, state and community. Give them guidance and wisdom to make just and proper decisions and to constantly seek Your will as they undertake their responsibilities as leaders of our society.

We give you thanks and praise, Lord Jesus, for the promise of your never ending love, and for the provision of your grace shown to us through the lives of others. We humbly pray that you will empower and equip each of us to be the messengers of your love.

We pray that you will continue to give us the people of the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church the inspiration, guidance and strength to do your will here in this place - and beyond.

About That Hymn



I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.*

The words of this favourite hymn, written by Horatius Bonar, are based on Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"; John 4:14 "Behold I freely give the living water; thirsty one stoop down, and drink", and John 8:12 "I am the light of the world".

Horatius was born in Edinburgh, 19th December 1808, one of eleven children. He loved children and had a special skill in communicating with them. He and his wife, Jane, who he married in 1843, had 9 children, sadly losing five children of their own, so children were very special to him.

He became known as "The Prince of Scottish hymnists". He studied for the ministry at the University of Edinburgh, and served an internship at Leith. He was ordained in 1837 and began pastoring at the church at Kelso where he stayed for over 20 years. Throughout his life he had been strongly influenced by Thomas Chalmers (a highly regarded Scottish theologian & academic scholar), and in 1866 he was invited to become minister of the Chalmers Memorial Chapel in his home city of Edinburgh. He was to serve that church until the year before his death in 1889.

Only the Scottish version of hymns was sung at his church, and only the children were allowed to sing his hymns. The children always looked forward to his visits when he would lead them in singing.

He wrote the hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say" especially for his Sunday School children. He based the three verses on three promises made by Jesus. The first half of each verse states the promise, and the last half of each verse is our response to the promise.

Many years later, one of his daughters was widowed and returned home to live with her parents. She had five young children. Many grandparents would groan at the added burden, but Bonar rejoiced and wrote to a friend, "God took five children from life some years ago, and He has given me another five to bring up for Him in my old age".

He was 80 when he preached his last sermon, and one of his last requests was that no one write a biography of his life. He wanted all the glory to be in Christ's name alone.

Contribution by Annetta DeBoo

Something to Remember: One tree can start a forest; One smile can begin a friendship; One hand can lift a soul and One star can guide a ship at sea; One word can make a difference; and it only takes One sunbeam to light a room; One candle can wipe out darkness and One laugh can conquer gloom; One hope can raise our spirits; One touch can show you care; One life can make the difference. Are you the one?

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Sunday 3rd July

We share Holy Communion together and our own Pastor **Margaret Seyfang** leads our worship.

Saturday 9th July

Quiz Night. 6 for 6.30pm at the Upper Sturt Memorial Hall with all proceeds towards the upkeep of the hall. BYO nibbles/supper. Tickets \$10 with tea and coffee provided. For further information & bookings contact Jean Evans on 8339 1922.

Sunday 10th July

Annetta DeBoo will lead us in our worship. She will preach on the subject of "*Jesus and the Samaritans*" as reported in Luke 9: 51-56 .

Sunday 17th July

We welcome **Alan Light** to lead our worship and look forward to his presentation "*Hymns of Fanny Crosby*".

Sunday 17th July - Ironbank Faith Community

After a 6pm shared meal in the hall, **Bob Ricks** will speak at the 7pm service with Lynette Whellan & John Penberthy providing the music.

Sunday 24th July

Geoff Russell, a lay-preacher from Coromandel Baptist Church, returns to lead us in worship today. We welcome Geoff back and look forward to the message he shares with us.

Sunday 24th July

1pm: **Rev Cheryl Wilson** (highly valued mentor of our own pastor, Margaret Seyfang) will be inducted as Minister of Ascot Community Church, 24 Fifth Avenue, Ascot Park - all welcome.

Sunday 31st July

We welcome **Rev David Houston** back to Cherry Gardens to lead us in worship. A retired Uniting Church Minister and decorated Army Chaplain, David worships at Brighton UC. He is no stranger to us and we thank him for his continuing leadership and support.

Looking further ahead

21st December - yes, a Wednesday! - The Cherry church will once again be hosting the Cherry Gardens Community Christmas Carols at the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall. Put it in your diary!!!



A police officer had been called out to a property because of a call from a neighbour saying they heard a gunshot from the adjoining house.

On investigating the situation the police officer returned to his car and radioed his supervising officer at the police station.

"I have an interesting case here," said the officer. "A woman has shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Well, have you gone in to the house to arrest her?" responded the sergeant over the radio.

"No, not yet." The policeman replied "the floor's still wet."

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