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Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

Welcome to the August 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:

Rain, hail and snow with very little sunshine! Add gale force destructive winds and cold nights and there you have this season of winter.

It doesn't take much for us to forget the glorious autumn colour of a few weeks ago, as captured in this photo of the smoke bush in the church garden. And we've long ago forgotten the heat of summer, although no doubt we'll be complaining about it again shortly, after once more seeing new life in the buds and blossoms of spring.

God reminds us that the seasons are His creation - in Ecclesiastes 3 we read: "*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.....He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time.*"

I'd like to share this anonymous poem called "I am with you", which speaks of God's presence at all times and in all things; may these words bring you comfort and hope.



*I am with you in the springtime of your life, when joy is new,
and when summer brings the fullness of your faith, I'm there with you....*

*I am with you in the autumn of your years, to turn to gold
every memory of your yesterdays, to banish winter's cold.....*

I am with you in the sunshine, when your world glows warm and bright...

I am with you when life's shadows bring long hours of endless night...

*I am with you every moment, every hour of every day -
So go in peace upon life's journey, for I'm with you all the way.*

With God's richest blessings,
Margaret

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Cut this out and put it on the fridge !!

Today's To-Do List

- #1 Practice kindness.
- #2 Let go of what I can't control.
- #3 Count my blessings.
- #4 Listen to the Holy Spirit.
- #5 Walk with God.
- #6 Live like Jesus.
- #7 Pass this on to encourage someone else.

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SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP

7.30pm Friday 2nd Sept - Hymn sing-a-long,
At Ron and Phyllis' home 14 Sturt Ave., Hawthorndene
Please bring a small plate of supper to share!!

A Time for Reflection.

Let Us Pray:

We continue to pray for those in our congregation and beyond who are facing health challenges. We pray especially at this time for Pam & David Houston as they each recover from recent surgery. Lord, we ask you to give to these people that we bring before you an acute sense of your ever-present love surrounding them in their time of trial.

We pray for the men, women and children who are homeless. We are acutely aware of those in other parts of the world who have been left homeless because of war & hatred, or as a result of natural disasters, and we bring them to you. Remind us Lord, of those who are homeless in our own neighbourhood; in our streets; show us how to care for them - as you call us to do. Lord, keep in us a warm and caring heart for all your people. Thank you for your gift of saving grace; and teach us how to share that good news to others.

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



The Solid Rock

Vs 1

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Vs 2

*When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.*

Vs 3

*His death, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.*

Vs 4

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!*

Refrain: *On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

"No-one can lay any foundation other than Jesus". 1 Corinthians 3:11

Edward Mote was born in London in 1797 to innkeeper parents who were very poor. A neglected child, he would regularly be left up to his own devices by playing in the streets. His parents would not allow a Bible in their house; neither did the school he attended; but by a lucky chance - or divine providence - Edward heard the gospel in his teenage years, and came to Christ. After an apprenticeship he became a skilled cabinet-maker, and owned his own, very successful business in London.

Singing hymns was of great interest to him and the master cabinetmaker became a prolific hymn writer, composing more than 100 hymns. It is said that one day as he walked down the street on his way to his workshop he wrote the words for a hymn about the "Gracious experience of a Christian". As he walked along, the words for the now-famous chorus came to him. "*On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand*". By the end of the day he had the words for 4 verses written as well.

The next Sunday one of the members of his congregation requested him to visit his home before going to the church service, as his wife was seriously ill. The three usually sang a song from the hymn book together before the service. On this visit the hymn book couldn't be found. Edward produced the words for his new hymn from his pocket and suggested that they sing this hymn instead. They did. They liked it so much that the husband asked Edward for a copy of the words for his wife.

Edward realized that his words were very suitable for a dying woman and had copies of the words printed to that they could help other people as well.

Edward, when in his 50's, entered the ministry and became pastor at Rehoboth Baptist Church in Horsham, West Sussex here he stayed for 26 years. He passed away on the 13th November 1874 and was buried in the cemetery along side the church he helped build and was pastor at for all his preaching life.

Contribution by Annetta DeBoo

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

**KNOWING WHAT'S RIGHT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH
UNLESS YOU DO WHAT'S RIGHT!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Sunday 7th August

Paul Crayton from Clarendon Uniting will share with us as we celebrate Holy Communion together .

Sunday 14th August

We welcome **John Howland** back to Cherry Gardens this morning to lead our worship.

Sunday 21st August

Rev Graham Vawser will lead our worship. We thank him for his support.

Sunday 21st August - Ironbank Faith Community

After a 6pm shared meal in the hall, **John Dunkley** will speak at the 7pm service.

Sunday 28th August

Our own **Max Winter** leads our worship and shares the message with us.

Sunday 4th September

Our own pastor, **Margaret Seyfang** will lead our worship and will be speaking on Psalm 23. We will also celebrate the baptism of Blake Dunn and share together in Holy Communion.

Looking further ahead

Sunday 11th Sept - Community Hymn Festival, Vines UC, Reynell Rd, Woodcroft, 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Sunday 30th October - Every Generation Onkaparinga free Concert at Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall at 2pm, featuring Cornish Association of SA Choir with local guest artist Rebekah Nelson. Includes afternoon tea.

Sunday 4th December - Cherry Gardens Community Association Christmas BBQ at the Recreation Ground, Cherry Gardens, 4pm.

Wednesday 21st December - Community Christmas Carols at the Cherry Gardens Hall.

A taxi driver and a minister are waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

St. Peter next greets the minister saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."



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