

March 2016



# Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

# Newsletter

Welcome to the March 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:**

I recently had the privilege of attending a retreat run by the 3DNet Mission Network at Victor Harbor. (*The 3DNet Mission Network is a network of the Uniting Church to which Cherry Church belongs*). The main input for the retreat was formulated by Craig Bailey, Leadership Director at the Uniting Church College for Leadership and Theology.

Craig asked each participant to identify the three most critical issues that we could be facing in our ministry in the next three years. From the responses, Craig identified 5 areas of concern/issues:

1. CONGREGATIONAL VIGOUR - how do we create a sustainable culture that breeds faithfulness to the gospel and its mission?
2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - how do we effectively be church and engage our communities with healing, hope and evangelical zeal?
3. LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS - how do we lead with resilience and vigour and generate leadership with a focus on the future?
4. VOCATION AND CALLING - how can I discern and fulfil my calling to ministry in a changing ministry landscape?
5. DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES - how do we regenerate an ageing church?

Of course, there is no "quick fix" for any of these issues, but we were encouraged to think through whichever of these issues we perceived to be pertinent to each of our congregations and to focus on the future and our hope in Christ.

Pete Riggs from Playford Uniting Church led us in worship each day, and one of the songs he presented contained the following words: "*I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.*" We are children of God, through the events of Easter - when Jesus gave His life for us so that through His death and resurrection, we can have the relationship with God that He intended us to have, as His children.

May you know God's blessings as you celebrate this special time of year.

With God's richest blessings,  
**Margaret**

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## **The New Meeting Room**

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

#### **Air-conditioning in the Church**

On Thursday 25th Feb an energy efficient, reverse cycle air-conditioner was installed in our Church enabling us to disconnect (and remove) the existing infra-red radiators. We hope this action will delay the need to upgrade our power supply from the street as the cost of upgrading our service from the street is substantial and well outside of our church's current resources. Thanks to Ron Williamson and Jim Ward and others for the work involved in making this happen.

#### **Overhanging Trees and Roadside Grass**

We are most grateful to the City of Onkaparinga for removing the tree(s) and cleaning the road verges adjacent to the church. These were significant safety and maintenance risks.

#### **Outstanding Tasks.**

A number of outstanding tasks remain on the "project list" and because of physical & financial resources have now been prioritised. The following are the tasks and their assigned priority. Some have already commenced.

High	Medium	Low
Memorial Wall - Panels, Plaques & Gardens	Resource Heaps	Bell Tower & Bell Mounting
Rocks on Paving		New Gate & Access (Southern side of Memorial Wall)
History/Heritage Room		
Hot Water System		

**Let Us Pray:** We pray for Alan and Prim Dubé as they continue to deal with health issues; and we pray for Anita, Michael and the boys as they make the move to Tasmania. We also pray for Ralph and Alex and their health issues especially their eyesight. We know that many around us have new or continuing health issues and we include them in our prayers. We pray that they may continue to know the warmth of your constant and steadfast love. We pray for those who travel over the Easter holiday break - may they remain safe in their travels. We pray especially for those men and women in emergency services and in hospitals who are called upon to face trauma and adversity. Give them your wisdom and guidance.

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

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

We need to keep our buildings and grounds in a good, safe and pleasant condition. Are you up for a working Bee or can you do a job in your own time? My list of outstanding jobs to be done are listed below. You may have others.

And a **VERY BIG THANKYOU** to all the volunteers who quietly achieve so much around our church.

- . Cut growth off olive behind the old toilet and paint stumps with Glyphosate.
- . Clean out the barn.
- . Maintain flower & garden beds.
- . Chairs to be put in the loft.
- . Finish the retaining wall and install the new gate.
- . Lawn mowing



by Alan Dubé

## A History of ANZAC BISCUITS

Anzac Day - April 25 - is a day of remembrance observed in Australia and New Zealand. It falls on the anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landing at Gallipoli, in Turkey. While the day was originally set aside to honour the soldiers who died in that conflict, Anzac Day now commemorates and honours all Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women, past and present, who have served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

The Gallipoli Landing, also known as the battle of Anzac Cove, was a particularly harrowing battle, which involved many Anzac troops and a great loss of life. The events at this battle, and the actions of the Anzac soldiers in dealing with the extremely adverse circumstances, helped form a huge part of the national identities of Australia and New Zealand as stories of their endurance, courage, ingenuity and good humour came home.



In both countries people gather on April 25 for a sunrise ceremony known as the Dawn Service, honouring that original pre-dawn landing at Gallipoli. Anzac Day services, marches and ceremonies include many traditions such as the playing of the Last Post (a military bugle call, signifying the end of the day's activities), the laying of wreaths, and a reading of the Ode of Remembrance.

But it's not in the nature of Aussies or Kiwis to let a day commemorating the Anzacs go by without also celebrating their camaraderie. One way we do that is by baking and eating Anzac biscuits.

The traditional Anzac bikkie is usually a simple mixture of flour, oats, golden syrup, dessicated coconut, sugar, butter and bicarbonate of soda. The original recipe, like most historical recipes, is a little harder to pin down. The first recorded recipe for 'Anzac biscuits' is completely different to modern Anzacs, though other very similar recipes existed under names like "rolled oat biscuits" and "soldier's biscuits" in cookbooks during the early 1900s.

It's a popular myth that they're called Anzac biscuits because they were shipped to the Anzac soldiers during the war. However, while it's true that they travel excellently and don't contain any ingredients that easily spoil, the name "Anzac biscuits" didn't meet up with these buttery, oaty biscuits until the 1920s. In reality, the biscuits were more often made at home to sell for fund-raising, or to serve at fetes and other events held to raise money for the war effort, and it's this connection between the biscuits and the war that led to the use of the name "Anzacs".

Nowadays, Anzac biscuits are available in every supermarket, café, and at every school fete across Australia and New Zealand all year round – and there are reasons why they're so popular. They range from super-chewy to mega-crisp. They're buttery, with the smoky warmth of golden syrup and the fragrance of coconut and oats throughout. They're totally delicious, and perfect to dunk into a cup of tea or coffee.

These biscuits were named in honour of a group of soldiers that helped form the national spirit of two countries. From humble beginnings as a wartime treat, ingeniously using golden syrup as a binder in a time when egg supplies were short, come these simple but perfectly formed biscuits. And, unlike with the Pavlova, there's never any argument about where the original recipe comes from. With the Anzac biscuit, we know that it's not the recipe source that's important, but the spirit and sacrifice of the soldiers who inspired the name.

Lest we forget.

*Much of this text is taken from the Jamie Oliver website*

# **ANZAC BISCUITS**

as they used to be - pre-1920



## **Ingredients**

- 2 level cups (180 g) rolled oats
- 1 level cup (150g) plain flour
- 1/2 cup (100g) granulated sugar
- 125g butter
- 2 generous tablespoons golden syrup
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tablespoons boiling water

## **Method**

1. Pre-heat oven to 170C (150C fan forced)
2. Line 2 baking sheets with baking paper
3. Mix oats, flour and sugar into a large bowl.
4. Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat, add golden syrup and stir until dissolved, bring gently just to boil. Remove saucepan from heat.
5. Mix boiling water and bicarbonate of soda and stir until dissolved; add to hot butter and golden syrup mixture, stir until it froths.
6. Add to the dry ingredients and stir until combined. You may need extra 1/2 teaspoon extra water to bind together.
7. Take flat dessertspoons of mixture, roll into balls - place on trays 5cm apart to allow room for biscuits to spread.
8. Press biscuits down to flatten slightly - use fork or back of spoon.
9. Bake for approx 15 mins until golden (time depends on individual ovens) - they will still be soft.
10. Leave biscuits on trays for 5 minutes, transfer them to cooling racks.

When biscuits are cold, store them in airtight container.

*(Recipe supplied by Margaret Seyfang, March 2016)*

# About That Hymn

## There is a Balm in Gilead



*Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't preach like Paul,  
Just tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll never refuse to lend.  
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Like many Afro-American Spirituals (formerly Negro Spirituals) we are unsure when this beautiful song was first penned, or even who wrote it - but we know it came from the hearts and souls of the slaves who were removed from their African homelands and cast into slavery in early America. Their lives held little hope and the idea of release from bondage was foremost in their thoughts. Their hearts cried out for freedom - if not in their earthly lifetime, and surely in the life hereafter.

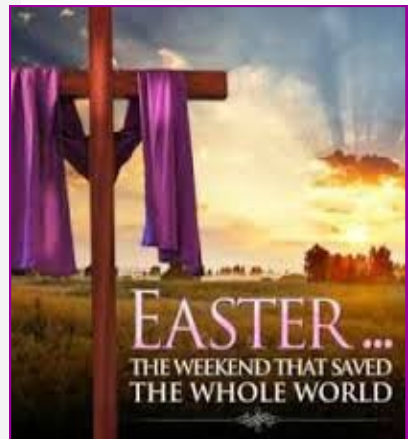
Jesus is truly the "balm of Gilead" for all the hurting people of the world. God's grace is always greater than our sin. The song is based on Jeremiah 8:22. The children of Israel are in bondage for their sins. They are in the area of Gilead where spices are gathered and medicinal balm is created. They feel rejected by God, and Jeremiah is feeling their pain. The people feel so crushed that he says to them - "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? So why is there no healing for my people?" There is another reference to the "Balm of Gilead" in Genesis 37:35. Joseph's brothers sold Joseph to a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead on their way to Egypt. They were carrying "spices, balm and myrrh". Balm is an aromatic medicinal substance from plants found in the area of Gilead.

Today there is still enormous hurt in the world. Jesus is the balm that soothes these hurts. Jesus is the one who was beaten and killed - such unbearable hurt when he had done nothing wrong. He rose triumphant, with such love and compassion, not hate and revenge.

Jesus is the balm that can soothe our hurts.

*Contribution by Annetta DeBoo*

**So What is Easter?** Is it chocolate and hot-cross buns? Is it Oakbank? Is it a 4-day break with the family? Is it time to have lazy breakfasts in bed - or time to get out into the garden? Is it time to spend with family & friends? Well - it's all of these. BUT the **true** meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all. And he did this for you, me and everyone.



## Are these dates in your diary?

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

This morning we welcome **Rev Beth Seaman** and **Rev Cheryl Wilson** who will together lead us in worship. During the service, Beth will Commission all positions within our church and Cheryl will preach. Together they will serve communion. Afterwards a shared brunch.

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

**Malcolm Uren** returns to lead us in worship this morning. Malcolm is a local lay-preacher from Seeds UCA, Aberfoyle Park and we thank him for sharing with us.

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

We welcome **Frank Milne** back to Cherry Gardens to lead us in worship. Frank is a member of the Seeds UCA congregation and is connected to "Habitat for Humanity", the group who helped with the framework of our new building.

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday)

We welcome **John Howland** to lead us in worship. John worships at the Coromandel Valley UCA and has over 40 years experience as a lay-preacher. With Hot Cross buns afterwards.

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Easter Sunday)

We look forward to another inspiring message from our own **Max Winter** as he leads our worship on Easter Sunday or, as it is otherwise known, Resurrection Sunday.

## LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

**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 Cherry Gardens community **Anzac Day Service and Morning Tea**. Please see Margaret if you are able to assist.



(PLEASE NOTE: A recipe for the Anzac Biscuits that you could use for the Cherry Gardens' Anzac Day Service is included in this newsletter)



**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



An elderly chap was driving down the freeway when his car phone rang. Answering it (on his hands-free of course!), he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Darling, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the freeway. Please be careful" she said. "Heck," said the old man. "It's not just one car. There's hundreds of them!"

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