



Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

March 2018

Welcome to the March 2018 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:

Autumn: "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", according to English poet, John Keats.

Autumn is my favourite season, with the cooler weather after the heat of summer, and the gloriously rich colours of the leaves.

The changing of the seasons is decreed by God, but perhaps there have been times when we have questioned changes in our lives, sometimes wishing that things could somehow stay the same. In times of change and uncertainty, let our hope rest in these words from Malachi 3:6 – "I the Lord do not change." What a wonderful promise, reinforced by these words from a well-known hymn: "O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

Blessings
Margaret

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News around the Church

A group of nine enjoyed dinner at the Duck Inn last week.

The Property Committee met recently;

- We have suitable quotes for restoration of the stonework on the Eastern and Southern sides of the church. Alan Dube has contacted the contractor and he is able to start in March. Similar work needs to be done on the northern side, as well as restoring a sash window, but we will need to raise more funds for that once a quote is available.
- Malcolm Dunn will re-erect the bell tower for us and will come to bore holes for the legs once the first rains have softened the soil. While he is on site, he will bore holes for the new access gate from the street to the graves. It is believed that the tower was originally built by Ken Lewis.
- Thanks to the Garden Club, The City of Onkaparinga and Ron Williamson we now have a sink heater in the kitchen.
- The committee is investigating what surface will be put on the path past the graves to make it easier for less mobile people to access safely.

Let Us Pray

For:

We give thanks for the provision of a guide dog for Ralph Stephens, and pray that they will settle well together.

We continue to pray for all those with long-term health issues. We ask for travelling mercies for those going away in the next few weeks.

Pray for God's guidance and loving presence for the three families within the congregation with students in year 12; and for the students as they work hard and look to their future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Sun 4th of March – Terry Pattinson (Holy Communion)

Sun 11th of March – Geoff Russell

Sun 18th of March – Max Winter

Sun 18th of March – Ironbank Faith Community – 6pm shared tea, 7pm service, speaker: Allan Stanley-Smith and the International Team from Unley Park Baptist Church.

Sun 25th of March – Malcolm Uren

Fri 30th of March (Good Friday) – Margaret Seyfang

Sun 1st April (Easter Sunday) – John Howland (Holy Communion)

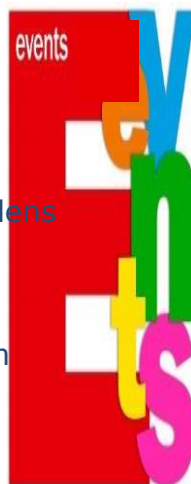
SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

Diary Dates:

Easter is early this year – **1st April** (just in case you were wondering!)

Wed 25th April – Anzac Day service at Cherry Gardens Soldiers' Memorial Gardens – 8.30am, followed by breakfast in the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.

Sunday 6th of May, 2 to 5pm in the Meeting Room – Garry Scroop will launch his book about his ancestor, "The Life and Times of Henry Scroop" with an interesting PowerPoint presentation and afternoon tea. Please let Garry know on 0412 486 655 or ortholux@optusnet.com.au if you are coming.





A preacher, who shall we say was "humour impaired," attended a conference to help encourage and better equip pastors for their ministry.

Among the speakers were many well-known and dynamic speakers. One such boldly approached the pulpit and, gathering the entire crowd's attention, said, "The best years of my life were spent in the arms of a woman that wasn't my wife!" The crowd was shocked! He followed up by saying,

"And that woman was my mother!" - The crowd burst into laughter and he delivered the rest of his talk, which went over quite well.

The next week, the pastor decided he'd give this humour thing a try, and use that joke in his sermon. As he surely approached the pulpit that sunny Sunday, he tried to rehearse the joke in his head. It suddenly seemed a bit foggy to him. Getting to the microphone he said loudly, "The greatest years of my life were spent in the arms of another woman that was not my wife!" The congregation inhaled half the air in the room. After standing there for almost 10 seconds in the stunned silence, trying to recall the second half of the joke, the pastor finally blurted out, "...and I can't remember who she was!"

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