



Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

September 2018

From the Pastor:

Change in life is inevitable, and our response to change can be varied. As such, it is with mixed feelings that I am finishing in the role of Pastor at Cherry Gardens at the end of September.

It has been a privilege to serve God's people at Cherry in this way. I have enjoyed the challenges of this role, into which I believe God called me, and also the ministry areas which I have shared with you; and feel that these opportunities have helped me to grow in my faith.

However, I now feel the time has come for me to move on. Changes and endings also offer new beginnings, and I believe this move will enable both Cherry Church and myself to prayerfully consider what God may have in store for each of us. I give thanks for the friendship and support Lyle and myself have received, especially from the members of the Leadership Team, over the years. We will take time to consider where we will worship on a regular basis, but look forward to keeping in touch with our many friends at Cherry.

With God's richest blessings

Margaret

News around the Church

At the congregation annual meeting on 26 August 2018, Ruth Work was elected as Treasurer, Dianne Dyson as Secretary and Darryl Dyson as Chairperson of the Congregation. At some stage we will need a fourth person to work as the Leadership Management Team for the congregation on day to day issues. The team meets approximately every 6 weeks. If you feel that you could participate in this way, it will be greatly appreciated.

Grateful thanks were expressed to the meeting for the many years that Phyllis served as Treasurer, especially during the very busy years when the new meeting room was being constructed.

The Property Committee met recently;

- Stone mason, David Habel has completed work on the southern and eastern sides of the church and is well underway with repairs to the Northern side of the church.
- Malcolm Dunn will re-erect the bell tower for us and will come to bore holes for the legs during spring. The bell will be re-installed on new supports. The old timber supports have cracked and worn, so need replacing. It is believed that the tower was originally built by Ken Lewis. The bell was cast at the C & H Wyatt foundry in the Adelaide CBD in 1851, so is a significant part of our community and South Australia's history. The tower and bell were taken down a few years ago to allow the church to build the meeting room where we hold our morning teas and the Cherry Gardens Garden Club meets each month. We look forward to the bell tower going up and being able to ring the bell for Sunday worship once again. Perhaps Margaret Jacobs will teach a few of us how to toll the bell?



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- The committee has been negotiating with the City of Onkaparinga to remove soil placed against the entrance porch during previous road works and reinstate the bitumen bund that keeps road run-off away from our property.

Let Us Pray

For:

- Alan and Prim and her rehabilitation following a fall at home.
- Alan's sister in Leeton, New South Wales.
- Max and Jenny following the passing of Max's sister, Clarice Lohmeyer.
- Alex and Hellen following Alex's knee problems.
- Lyle Seyfang who has been unwell with bronchitis.
- Margaret Bennett, who has been unwell and staying with her daughter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Sun 2nd Sept: John Howland

Sun 9th Sept: Malcolm Uren

Sun 16th Sept: Joel Cottrell from Coromandel Baptist Church

Sun 16th Sept: Ironbank Faith Community; shared tea at 6pm, service at 7pm – Team from Coromandel Baptist Church

Sun 23rd Sept: Margaret Seyfang (Margaret's last service as preacher)

Sun 30th Sept: NO SERVICE AT CHERRY; we will join with Eden Hills Uniting Church for their service at 9.30am

SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

Diary Dates:

Sunday 7 October: – A rolling meeting will be held after church to report on progress towards our Christmas Concert, filling the roster for the next quarter, and finding a small committee for our 170th anniversary to be held on 17 March 2019

Sunday 23 September: – The Vines Uniting Church will be holding a hymn festival from 2.30 to 5pm.

Tuesday December 18: - The Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Christmas Carols will be held in the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.



A preacher visits an elderly woman from her congregation. As she sits on the couch she notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" she asks. "No, not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, she realises that instead of eating just a few peanuts, she emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts; I really just meant to eat a few." "Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

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