



Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

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Church News

The Congregation decided on 7 October that there will not be a service on Sunday 30 December following a busy carols event and Christmas Day.

Regarding Holy Communion, Revd. Ian Dow trained members of the congregation on 25 November (Steph and Alan Dube, Dianne and Darryl Dyson). The congregation will need to vote on whether to refer those names to the Pastoral Relations Committee for approval.

Gill, Steph and Di are the Carols Event Committee. This year there is no grant available, but the church has agreed to pay for the balloon man and a member of the congregation has offered to pay for the face painter. Tabor Music will provide the music and a soloist, Gabbi from Tabor Music will perform for us. Rebekah Nelson will sing for us again, following her engagements in the Uniting Kingdom. Anthony Hails will do the data projection of the carols. Anthony from The Sherrahs will provide and operate their excellent sound system for us too. Alice McDonald and her baby Arlo will be Mary and Jesus, with Brad McDonald as Joseph.

Setting up will be on Monday 17 December, 7.00 pm at the Memorial Hall. We will need some muscle to assist with moving the Clavinova from the church to the hall. Could as many Church Members as possible please arrive at or before 6.30 pm to assist Phyllis in the kitchen and/or help with craft activities/dressing for the nativity, otherwise a small band of us will be running around in circles. More information on the carols night will be provided.

Church History

This is another history item in the lead up to our 170th anniversary in March 2019. Ruth Work suggested that this would be a good idea. The sources for the history are: '1936 Cherry Gardens History' as recorded on Cherry Chatter web site; 'History of Coromandel Valley Church' by Max Winter September 2000 and further research by Darryl Dyson.

During construction of the Church, £94.10.0 was received from the Treasury. The Colonial Government at that time was providing state aid to help construct new churches. The Church is not easy to find today, but even in the early times, local preachers walking from Adelaide sometimes lost their way, and on these occasions, Mr Luke Broadbent would take the service. The stone stables at the rear of the property were built in 1881. There are mines on three sides of the property, the oldest being silver mine shafts sunk during 1866-1868 across the road from the Church gate. Another is just over the fence near the Middleton graves. The Cherry Gardens School opened in 1859 and closed in 1970. This property later became the home and business premises of our former pastor, Revd. Christine Manning and her husband, Paul.

Harriet Broadbent, widow of Luke died in her 98th year in 1892. There are many letters from Luke Broadbent, son of John Broadbent in Adelaide papers over the years on many subjects, and much commentary on those letters from other writers. Luke would often write as "A South Australian Bushman".

In an obituary to John Broadbent in 1901, it mentions him preaching his first sermon at Cherry Gardens in 1851 to 100 people, with most staying to the prayer meeting afterwards. There was a prayer meeting after most Church services in those days at Cherry Gardens. He went on to be a Methodist home Missionary and during his life held most lay positions available in South Australia. He did good work at Blackwood during the construction of the Southern Railway line, and afterwards at Kangaroo Island, Ardrossan, Franklin Harbor, Goolwa, Crystal Brook, Wilcannia, and Kingston. John loved to preach; wherever he went he

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preached, and the Clarendon, Willunga, Kadina, Moonta, Port Adelaide, North Adelaide, Gawler, Mount Barker, Gumeracha, and many other circuits enjoyed the benefit of his ministry. Whilst on Kangaroo Island he went blind due to exposure, so the Home Mission Fund paid for him to travel to Melbourne to have successful specialist treatment.

Among the earnest and faithful workers in those early days were Henry Field, Isaac Jacobs, Luke Broadbent and William Brumby and Mr I. Jacobs, being Sunday School Superintendents. The zeal and fervour of the early settlers manifested itself in overflowing congregations, and it became imperative to add to the building. With their usual cheery optimism the stalwarts of the Chapel, making light of obstacles, during the 1890s the first additions were completed and opened in 1895. Messrs Elijah and John Broadbent (sons of Luke Broadbent) laboured long and earnestly in the cause of religion, earning for themselves the names of "Sons of Thunder" by their vigorous preaching. As a result of the zealous labours of these and many others the State has benefited far and wide in a manner that cannot be measured in material possessions.

Another early minister of the Clarendon Circuit who preached regularly at Cherry Gardens was Isaac Rooney who with his wife, Annie, served the district for many years from 1890. Isaac had been a missionary for many years previously in the Pacific region, including Tonga and The Solomon Islands.

Let Us Pray For

- Alan and Prim as Prim settles back at home.
- Continue to uphold Lyn Whellan and Merri Stoddard.
- Ralph Stephens who has significant health concerns
- Sandie Crayton and family
- The Carols event

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Date	Speaker	Worship Leader	Music	Bible Reader	Morning Tea
2 December	Katherine Williams	Gillian Marshman	John Penberthy	Darryl Dyson	Gill Marshman
9 December	Siteveni Rogoimuri	Dianne Dyson	John Penberthy	Peter Work	Phyllis Williamson
16 December	Annetta De Boo	Step Dube	Joan Beech	Margaret Bennett	Alan Dube
23 December	Alan Light	Phyllis Williamson	Alex McFarlane	Margaret Jacobs	Dianne Dyson
25 December Christmas Day	Steph/Dianne	Steph/Dianne	Alex McFarlane	Steph/Dianne	Steph
30 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

Monday 17 December: - Setting up for the Carols Night at the Memorial Hall, 7.00 pm

Tuesday December 18: - The Cherry Gardens Uniting Church Christmas Carols will be held in the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall starting at 6.30pm.

Tuesday December 25: - Christmas Day service will be held at the church at 9.30 am as usual.

Sunday 30 December: - Due to the very busy lead up to Christmas, there is no service this day



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