



Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

February 2019

Church News

Our 170th anniversary service will be held on Sunday 17th March 2019 at 9.30 am. Reverend David Houston will preach at the service, which will be followed by a shared morning tea.

- We are asking all who can to provide a small plate of morning tea please.
- Invitations will be going out in the next few weeks with the RSVP on Sunday 3 March 2019.
- We wish to have a high definition video camera so that we can record the service and also transmit the picture and sound to the digital projector and project to the screen in the meeting room which will accommodate the overflow of visitors. If anyone knows of someone who might be able to loan us this equipment and hopefully set up and operate it for us, please contact Darryl Dyson.



From Left, Wendy Perkins, Darryl Dyson, Ron and Phyllis Williamson, Dianne Dyson, Margaret Bennett and Revd. Paul Goh, 13 January 2019.

- Dianne Dyson and Steph Dube will most likely help lead the service. John Penberthy will provide the music, Anthony Hails sound and projection and Helen MacFarlane flowers.
- The organising committee consists of Steph Dube, Ruth Work, John Howland, Dianne and Darryl Dyson.
- We need a small group of volunteers to help on this important occasion please. Tasks include: a working bee prior to the event, setting up on a date to be decided, car park stewards, church stewards (to help people find seats), and kitchen volunteers.

Church History

A Ladies Church Guild formed in 1936, supported the church both spiritually and financially until recent times. The minister at that time was Revd. Thomas Owen. The Mail Newspaper in 1950 records the Cherry Gardens Guild donating £2 towards the aged accommodation at the Port Adelaide Central Mission (about \$180.00 in today's money). The Cherry Gardens District celebrated the centenary of South Australia with a number of events and a booklet on the area's history being printed. During this time the present entrance porch was constructed.



The Cherry Gardens Methodist Chapel Centenary was held on 19 and 20 March 1949. The Revd. J H Pointon, President of the Methodist Conference, conducted the centenary celebrations on the Sunday. Revd. Pointon's Grandfather, Revd. James Pointon preached at Cherry Gardens in 1850, and his father was an occasional local preacher there too.

Superintending minister was the Rev. George R. Parrott, celebrations secretary Mr. Ken Jacobs. The trustees at that time were: Arthur Robert Stone, John and Harry Lewis; Donald McGregor Ricks, Ernest Edmund Strange, Frederick Brumby, Kenneth Jacobs, and Ivan Lawrence Stone. Ken Jacobs was the secretary of the Trust. At that time, there was the weekly morning service with Sunday school in the afternoon, and an evening service conducted by the young people.

For most of its history, the church was never locked and it was known that some folk in the community let themselves in to spend a quiet time in prayer and reflection. However, following two thefts from the church it was decided to lock the building. In these thefts many of the Cedar pews were stolen along with the distinctive church clock. The pews were never recovered but the clock was discovered by an amazing event. Ray Dunn, a member of the congregation, was at the Police 'recovered items' storage site on an

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unrelated matter when he noticed the clock on a shelf and recognised it as the Cherry Gardens Church clock. The police said they would need proof that it was indeed the stolen clock. Ray was able to state that it had a paint mark on it in a specific place – it had happened when the walls were being painted – which proved to be correct, and the clock was returned to Ray on the spot.

The police also said at the time of the thefts that while the Cedar pews were in the building they suspected that the break-ins would continue. This caused the congregation to make the decision to sell the pews to members of the congregation and community at a nominal cost. The interior was then carpeted and comfortable chairs, that allowed greater comfort and flexibility in the use of the building, were purchased to replace the pews. One of the original pews was recently donated to the church by Merri Stoddard and is now in the church back in use.

By 1986, Cherry Gardens Church found itself part of the Southern Hills Parish, along with Aberfoyle Park, Flagstaff Hill, Iron Bank and Coromandel Valley. In the early 1990s, Aberfoyle Park and Flagstaff Hill formed a separate Parish and then, in the year 2000, each of the Churches remaining in the Southern Hills Parish - Coromandel Valley, Iron Bank and Cherry Gardens - became a separate Parish in its own right. Later on, this Parish was dissolved and each of these churches began to manage their own affairs, which is the current situation.

When Lorraine and John Octaman commenced ministry at Cherry Gardens on 1 January 1985, the average attendance at Sunday worship numbered approximately 12. In time the congregation grew in number and frequently experienced attendances of 50 people.

Let Us Pray For

- Alan and Prim Dube.
- Continue to uphold Lyn Whellan and Merri Stoddard.
- Ralph Stephens who has ongoing health concerns
- Peter Work and Alex McFarlane
- Our 170th Anniversary

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Date	Speaker	Worship Leader	Music	Bible Reader	Flowers/cleaning	Morning Tea
3 February	Graham Vawser	Dianne Dyson	John Penberthy	Rob Linn	Jane Linn	Ruth Work
10 February	John Howland	Steph Dube	Joan Beech	Marg Bennett	Phyllis (Flowers)	Alan Dube
17 February	John Symons	Rob Linn	Jo Powell	Marg Jacobs	Jane Linn	Steph Dube
24 February	Annetta De Boo	Dianne Dyson	Jo Powell	Rob Linn	Helen (Flowers)	Jane Linn

SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

Sunday 17 February: Ironbank Faith Community; shared tea at 6pm, service at 7pm

Sunday 17 March: 170th anniversary celebrations. Church service at 9.30am lead by Reverend David Houston and followed by a shared morning tea. Volunteers needed please.



Contact Details for the Leadership Management Team

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