



Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

April 2019

Church News

On behalf of the Leadership and Management Team

All went very well on Sunday for our anniversary and it was the time of worship, celebration and fellowship that we had hoped for.

Reverend David Houston commented: "I could see it was a real whole of congregation effort, but that is the way you do things at Cherry Gardens".

The Ladies in the kitchen worked hard all morning – Helen McFarlane, Ruth Work and Phyllis Williamson. Thanks to Ruth and Peter Work for managing car parking. Thank you to Steph for vacuuming after the event. Thanks to Anthony Hails and Ron Williamson for helping me restore the Church to its usual layout after the celebration. During the fortnight leading up to the event, a lot of work was put in, with a clean-up day, then setting up. Helen did such a wonderful job of the flowers. In between all that, Ron organised the bell tower with help from his son Grant, and friend Alistair. Malcolm Dunn was available to do his part.



Anthony was up at the church the day before doing a dry run of the sound and vision system. We were concerned about our water supply, so Alan Dube organised a truck load of water which might see us through until the rains come. Councillor Geoff Eaton organised the street sweeper so that we could mark out the parking bays for more efficient parking. Thank you Rob Linn for your words on the church history. They were presented praising and thanking God for our heritage and added to the sense of worship and celebration. Thank you Bob Ricks for allowing us to use your poem again. Once again that message of praise and thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone for all of the preparation, both

inside and outside the church. The neatness of the grounds was also commented on,

Everyone who was asked to do a job or jobs just did it (we assume willingly!). The offering was \$862.60, plus \$190.00 for the Building Fund, giving a total of \$1052.60. Thank you everyone

There will be a Leadership and Management Team meeting soon, so please raise any issues or ideas with Dianne, Ruth, Steph, John or Darryl.



New Presbyteries

As a result of the Synod held late in 2018, South Australia will be creating new presbyteries. A non-geographic presbytery from 1 July 2019 (ostensibly for congregations holding a traditional view of marriage) and an interim. A Restructuring Task Group (RTG) has been working to implement the Synod decision.

The Interim General Secretary, Rev. Rob Brown has asked congregations to call a congregational meeting to be held between now and the end of May to discuss and decide which Presbytery our congregation will join. At this point, there are two choices:

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1. The non-geographic Presbytery, or
2. The interim Presbytery.

If we do not make a decision at this time, our congregation will become part of the interim Presbytery. Our decision may be revised later and our congregation may move from one Presbytery to another.

To further paint the vision picture described above, the RTG believes that a well-functioning Presbytery will comprise the following characteristics (at least);

1. Encouraging the interchange of ideas,
2. Resourcing events within and across Presbyteries,
3. Cross-congregational support and Fellowship opportunities
4. Leadership development
5. Mission planning and action that is relevant to the congregational or faith community context
6. Enhancing the quality of congregational life and witness and members' discipleship journeys
7. Providing pastoral support and providing a support role in the placements process
8. Supporting the implementation of innovative ideas and programs.

The RTG would like to hear from congregations as to what they would like to see continue from Mission Networks in the new Presbytery structure. Further information is available online at <https://sa.uca.org.au/presbytery-and-synod/restructure>. Two circulars are available for viewing on the table in the Meeting Room.

Let Us Pray For

- Alan and Prim Dube,
- Continue to uphold Lyn Whellan and Merri Stoddart.
- Ralph Stephens who has more health concerns
- Alex McFarlane
- Jane Linn's parents, Elizabeth and Frank

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Date	Speaker	Worship Leader	Music	Bible Reader	Flowers/cleaning	Morning Tea
7 April	Peter Hartley	Rob Linn	Jess Hartley	Jim Ward	Ruth (flowers)	Jane Linn
14 April	Neil McIntosh	Steph Dube	John Penberthy	Marg Bennett	Di/Darryl	Ruth Work
19 April Good Friday	Daphne Weatherill	John Howland	Robin Cross	Peter Work	No Flowers	Phyllis Williamson
21 April Easter Sunday	Annetta De Boo	Phyllis Williamson	Joan Beech	Alan Dube	Steph Dube	Hot Cross Buns, Church to provide
28 April	Alan Light	Gill Marshman	Alex McFarlane	Marg Jacobs	Ruth (Flowers)	Helen McFarlane

SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

ANZAC Day, Thursday 25 April, 9.00 am Service at the Cherry Gardens Memorial



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