Epiphany 4

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 71: 1-6

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Luke 4: 21-30



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If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here. A Welcome to Adelaide West information sheet is available in the foyer or from the stewards.

In the season after epiphany we focus on scriptures that reveal things about the character and ministry of Jesus. This week we see some of the response of early witnesses to what was revealed. Some are open to Jesus and some are not. Some react quite strongly to the fact that Jesus' ministry is to all people and that he is not the possession of particular groups. It is worth pausing and seeking wisdom about whether we want special treatment from Jesus or whether we genuinely celebrate the love of God for all people.

Throughout history people outside of the accepted definition of the people of God have received God's grace and mercy. There is always a temptation to draw the circle of God's love too small. Along with Paul may we pray to be able to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Rod Dyson Lead Minister

Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional family worship youth & young adults

9.15am 10.45am

5.00pm



Welcome to Worship,

Our Kids' Space program is still enjoying the School Holidays and will re-commence for 2016 on February 7th.

If you have a passion for children's ministry, and are willing to obtain a Uniting Church Police check (no charge to individuals), please come and talk to

me as there may be an opportunity for you to join our team.

Today in the 10.45am service there will be an activity and it will either be at the back of the church or in the Hall (at the time of printing it is still a work in progress).

I thank those who have already returned their children's information form. This helps us care for your children. If you haven't returned your form I would love to have it by the 7th February. (The day we start back at Kids' Space). Please don't assume that because you did this last year we have your information. We destroy all previous year's forms to ensure only current details are kept securely on file in accordance to the Privacy Act.

Blessings, Lorraine Children and Family Pastor.

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Engage Youth News

Engage youth is back this **Friday 5th February**. Join us for from 6pm for dinner (\$5), followed by games, worship, small groups and more!





Resignation of the Youth and Young Adult Pastor

John Harris has resigned from his position and will conclude in February. John feels called to establish a church plant in North Adelaide. The Y and YA position will be advertised in the next edition of the New Times and in electronic media.

Please support this process in prayer.

Craft group will re-commence this Tuesday 2nd February from 9:30 - 11:30am in the AWUC hall.

If you wish to meet for a coffee and morning tea with good fellowship, you are welcome to join us.

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mainly music still has one more week of holidays - to help everyone cope with back to school, but we will be back for lots of fun Thursdays from next week 11th Feb.

Shining Light Riding by Bike During February - thanks to our DPTI grant - we are able to offer free Accredited Ride-a-bike-Right Bike Training Courses:

Intermediate bike training for youth and adults:

What: Bike safety, cycling skills including road rules and riding on the road, tools for selecting the safest route and basic bike maintenance When: Sunday 7th and 14th February 2pm – 4pm (participants attend both sessions and practice skills in between)

Where: AWUC Car Park

What to bring: Your own bike and helmet if you have one, hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

Wheels Training for Little Ones: Time/date to be confirmed.

Aimed at kids between 3 and 5 not going to school yet.

An opportunity to learn or improve riding a bike safely and information for parents to keep little ones cycling safe.

Lent Challenge Aim: increase the amount of safe cycling over lent or learn to ride a bike. Our Shining Light Lent Ambassador, Dorothy Crosby averaged 60km per week when she gave up using the car for journeys under 10km during Lent 2015 and safely cycled or walked instead. More on this new Challenge and Dorothy's inspiring experiences through Lent.

<u>Bike Equipment Pool</u> Some bike equipment is available for Shining Light participants to use and share with others. Please register your interest in bike equipment by emailing Uma before the 14th February.

For more information or registration please email Uma Preston on uma.preston@gmail.com

Standish Cycles Mile End store have been very generous supporters of this project. Please support them if you are able in return.

This project is sponsored by the Motor Accident Commission and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's Community Grants funding.

What's on this week...

Today 9:15am Esmond Dowdy

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5:00pm Simon Story

Monday 1st 7:30pm Men's choir AWUC chapel

Tuesday 2nd 9:30 - 11:30am Craft Group

7:00pm prayer & fasting AWUC chapel

Wednesday 3rd 3:30pm 9:15 Worship leaders meeting AWUC chapel

Thursday 4th 7:30pm Church Council meeting AWUC chapel

Next Sunday 7th February - Communion all services

9:15am Rod Dyson 10:45am Rod Dyson 5:00pm John Harris

The **2016 Uniting Church Calendar's** are now available from the foyer table. We have had to pay for these, so to cover our costs we ask if everyone can please pay a gold coin if taking a copy.

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AWUC personal name tags can be ordered from the office.

Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip

\$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.