

Lent 4

Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalms 107: 1-3,17-22

Ephesians 2: 1-10

John 3: 14-21



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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.

Rod's Space

Compassionate God, Compassionate People – Compassion in the heart
Questions for discussion:

Last week we focussed on compassion in our heads – thinking compassionately. How has this changed your approach to day to day activities?

We can think dispassionately about people and situations but how do these things touch our hearts?

Are there things we do to stop ourselves from feeling others' pain? What would happen if we risked removing these blocks?

On the first week of the study we read Luke 6.27-38. What does verse 38 say about the possible outcome of removing these blocks?

John 3.14-21 is very well known but what does it say about compassion? How would we live in a way that is consistent with John 3.16-17?

Read 1 Corinthians 13. When has someone treated you in a way that felt like a clanging symbol? When has someone truly loved you?

How can you grow in compassion this week?

Rod Dyson

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

Engage Youth News

Join us this week for Engage Youth, 6pm for dinner (\$5), followed by games, worship, small groups and more!



Don't forget Revolution 2015 is fast approaching, get your forms in ASAP (forms available in the Church foyer or at engageyouth.com.au) Registrations close April 3rd

John Harris
Youth & Young Adults Pastor

Interested

Following the working bee, surplus goods are available comprising 2 cupboards, 2 x four drawer filing cabinets + Canon Pixma MP280 printer/scanner.

The furniture is outside at the rear of the church.

Contact office or David Bailey 0408 207 675 if interested.



The Progressive Christianity Service is due to be held in the Chapel on Wednesday Evening the 18th of March at 7.00pm. With April the 9th being the 70th anniversary of the hanging of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by the Nazis, we will take the opportunity to look at (and celebrate) his life and theology.

All are welcome.

Enquiries to Esmond Dowdy or John Maddern.

SYNOD meeting

As mad March continues all around us, we certainly have our share here at AWUC. We are lucky enough to be once again hosting the UCSA Presbytery and SYNOD meeting here on Friday 27th & Saturday 28th March. Help is particularly needed for set-up Friday at 11:00am and pack-up Saturday from 3:30pm.

There is a sign up sheet on the blue notice board for these jobs and carparkers and welcomers also. Pam Young will be asking for food donations soon, so watch this space.

Suzi Cousins.



At Adelaide West we believe every child is precious and is part of our church family. Children are included in worship and also have their own special time in groups tailored to their ages. We start each Sunday with morning tea in the hall from 10.15am with the whole church family, then move into the 10.45am service. At approximately 11am we

gather in the hall for our opening session then separate into our groups and finish at 12 noon.

Our Groups are Squirts (0-2 years), Seahorses (3-4 years), Mussels (5-6 years), Dolphins (7-9 years) and (Orcas 10-11 years).

We would love for you to join us!

Blessings Lorraine

Children and Families Pastor

A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus



We are less than a week away from KCO!

Thank you for the very generous donations towards food and transportation. If you are willing to donate to our group going to KCO, please either hand it to me or put it in the offering marked KCO 2015. We are still open to

receiving more! If you have a child coming to KCO and I don't have your money, please get that to me URGENTLY.

Please pray for the lead up to this year's camp and continue your prayers while we are there.

Remember it is next Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd March and bring a packed lunch for the bus trip that leaves at 10am SHARP!

Thank you, Lorraine

Children and Families Pastor

Church Council elections

At the May congregation meeting (May 17) we will be electing 5 members of church council. Please support this process in prayer.

Nomination forms are now available. We are seeking

people who have the capacity to facilitate the mission and ministry of the whole church.

Bike to Henley Square for Tea and Back - Thursday March 26

Meet 6 pm Tedder Reserve Access via Belgrave Avenue, FLINDERS PARK, (about 100 m east along Linear Park from Rowells Road Dog Park). Ride west along Linear Park to Henley for Tea, noting sunset is at 7.15pm. Return later so will ride in the dark so will need lights and bright gear. Open to anyone provided with some support, can feel confident to safely ride both the distance and in part at night. RSVP 5 days before so we can book a restaurant. Further Info David Bailey 0408 207 675 davandsue@outlook.com



Buy Fairtrade chocolate this Easter

Need some ideas on which brands are fair trade when you're purchasing your chocolate this Easter? Fairtrade Australia have published a guide that can be found here - <http://fairtrade.com.au/news/easter-celebrate-fairtrade-chocolate>.

Stop the traffik also provide some action ideas to help end human trafficking in the chocolate production industry - <http://www.stopthetraffik.org/campaign/chocolate/what-you-can-do/61>

Sunday 22nd March @ 6.30 pm. The Cantata "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer, will be presented at St David's Anglican Church, Glynburn Rd, Burnside with Malcolm Potter OAM (tenor), Bill Jackson (bass), and Graham Bell (organ). St David's choir with guest choristers will be conducted by Ray Booth.

World's Greatest Shave

In memory of my sister Gladys.

My sister died 18 months ago from a blood related cancer, so this year I have decided to join the World's Greatest Shave. I am looking for sponsors to help raise \$560 (or more if I can). This amount pays for a regional family to stay in the city for treatment.

[The big event will occur next Sunday 22nd March at morning tea between the morning services.](#)

This will be a great challenge for me, so I would appreciate your support not only through donations, but with prayer.

[Margaret Scrimshaw.](#)

Lent Event Project 3

Disability Inclusion, Sri Lanka



One in seven people around the world are living with a disability. People with disabilities are often limited by their social and physical environment. With reduced access to education, health care and employment opportunities they are more likely to experience poverty. In fact, it's estimated 80% of people with disabilities live in the world's poorest countries.

In Sri Lanka, UnitingWorld works with partner the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka, focussing specifically on enabling children with disabilities to access quality, inclusive education and promoting vocational skills training for young people with disabilities. Lent Event supports this innovative project, which sees young people trained in a variety of vocational skills, including mobile phone repairs (a business with a significant market in a region with few landlines). The project also supports children with disabilities to participate in mainstream education with specially trained teachers through inclusive education units at local schools.

Christmas Bowl Thank you

This week we received a thank you letter from Alistair Gee - Executive Director for Act for Peace. On it was a hand written note:

Many thanks, Darren and all at AWUC! Your Generosity makes real and lasting differences to the lives of many people.

Thanks again.

Warm Regards,

Alistair.

Our donation to Christmas Bowl was \$1,939.20. A very good effort.

THANK YOU to all those who have donated clothes and food items and foodland vouchers for the families recently arrived from detention from Christmas Island and Nauru.

We have enough clothing, including baby items for now. If you wish to donate more vouchers or cash for hampers we will gladly except these.

Once again THANK YOU for you generosity!!

Ruth Harbinson-Gresham

A TASTE OF THE WORLD

Harmony Day Celebration 2015



Harmony Day is an opportunity for intercultural understanding and solidarity through food, music, dance, language and coming together as one

DATE Sunday 22nd March 2015
TIME 2:00pm — 4:30pm
COST Free
LOCATION Migration Museum
82 Kintore Avenue
Adelaide
CONTACT Bryan Hughes 0466776501

For more information please visit
www.baptistcaresa.org.au

"For I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matthew 25:35b

Let's express God's love by showing new arrivals that they are welcome

A Taste of the World includes:

- Cooking demonstrations
- Talks by former refugees
- Language workshops
- Fun for the kids
- Music and dance
- Delicious food and drink

Interested in membership?

Rod will lead a discussion about the UCA, AWUC and what membership means on Thursday 19th at 7.30pm in the chapel.

Easter services

Palm Sunday – does anyone have palms that we can use on Palm Sunday?

Would you like to help in the Good Friday Service? Contact Rod re both matters.

We have a number of post cards and a few posters advertising our Easter services. Please take some and give them out to people who may like to come along and celebrate Easter with us.

Our Services are:

Maundy Thursday	7pm	Phil Carr
Good Friday	9:30am	Rod Dyson
	7:30pm	John Harris
Easter Sunday	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	All age worship, no kids space	
	5:00pm	John Harris

IMPORTANT NOTICE

AWUC Swipe card security

We are upgrading our security and therefore our access swipe cards will be changing. The management committee have agreed that 30 swipe cards are to be ordered and two are to remain in the office for single use borrowing. The committee have worked through the list known to us of current holders and will be replacing their swipe cards with the new ones, if deemed they are still required. Please contact the office if you have a card and we will advise replacement details. This exercise must take place as a number of swipe cards have been lost and, as a consequence, security practices must be renewed. Old swipe cards will no longer access the building after next week.

Please contact Suzi Cousins in the office Tuesday or Wednesday next week or via email office@awuc.org.au

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Susan Doughty
	10:45am	Susan Dought
	5:00pm	John Harris
Monday 16th	6:30 - 8:30pm	Girl's Brigade AWUC hall
	7:30pm	Men's choir AWUC chapel
Tuesday 17th	9.30 - 11.30am	Coffee chat & share craft group AWUC hall, all welcome.
	7 - 8pm	Prayer & fasting AWUC chapel all welcome.
Wednesday 18th	7:00pm	Progressive Christianity AWUC chapel
Thursday 19th	9:00 - 11:30am	mainly music AWUC hall
	7:30pm	AWUC membership discussion - chapel
Friday 20th	6:00 - 9:30pm	Engage Youth AWUC
Saturday 21st	10:00am sharp	bus leaves for KCO from AWUC car park

Next Sunday 22nd March

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

March 27th & 28th SYNOD at AWUC

April 17 - 20 Revs Camp

May 3 Mother's Day Mini-market

May 17 AGM

lead minister:

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minister@awuc.org.au

youth & young adults pastor:

John Harris john@awuc.org.au

children and family pastor:

Lorraine Schroder kidsspace@awuc.org.au

office & event coordinator:

Suzi Cousins office@awuc.org.au

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.