

Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22



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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

This week we focus on Thinking Compassionately – compassion in our heads. Often we think without thinking about what we think! What if we paused this week and began to analyse what we think in the light of the Christian gospel?

Questions for discussion:

Think of a current story in the media where compassion is being discussed and where you see yourself fitting in that discussion?

Where in scripture do you see compassionate thinking in the life of Jesus?

Jesus said, "Go and learn what this means, I desire mercy not sacrifice."

What does this mean to you?

How do we learn to think mercifully or compassionately?

Think of a situation in your life where you thought judgementally about others. How would the outcome change if you thought compassionately?

How would thinking compassionately change how those we know view our God?

How could you live out Philippians 4.8-9?

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



Revolution 2015 is fast approaching. Have you got your camp form yet?

Revolution is a camp for those in years 7-12 and is running from the 17-20th April this year!

For more info pick up a camp form from the table in the foyer! Early bird finishes 21st March, registration closes 3rd April.

John Harris

Youth & Young Adults Pastor

Our next [Evening Fellowship](#) meeting will be this Wednesday March 11th. This will be our Easter Meeting and we welcome Susan Doughty as the speaker.

Meeting starts at 7.30pm in the AWUC hall.

All are welcome, our current membership is all female.

[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.](#)

[Creative Worship Intensive](#)

This four day course is a unique opportunity to learn more about creative worship. Led by [Malcolm Gordon](#), the course includes practical tips on building a team and designing creative worship that appeals to all age ages and worship styles. The workshop runs from the 15 - 18 of June at the Uniting College and the Tuesday and Thursday night sessions are being held here. This directly follows songwrite. More information on the blue notice board.



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 12 days away from KCO this year!

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 ASAP.

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

The theme this year is A-OK! (Acts of Kindness) and the dates are 21st and 22nd March.

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.

Don't forget to keep reporting your bike, walking, car-pool or public transport km to Suzi by emailing shininglight@awuc.org.au.

Walking and bike riding are getting ever closer to Broome. Public Transport and Car pooling have had a huge push this week. They have travelled up to Darwin, to cross another capital city off the list, and are now heading toward to Western Australian border and have just passed Timber Creek.

[Enjoy Linear Park - Saturday March 14](#) A fun cycling and social event for AWUC and the wider Western Suburbs!

Meet 9 am Tedder Reserve Access via Belgrave Avenue, FLINDERS PARK, (about 100 m east along Linear Park from Rowells Road Dog Park). Ride, walk or travel any other (legal) means a distance you are comfortable with westwards along the Linear Park bike path.

Return for a shared morning tea to Tedder Reserve by 10.30am - bring something to share if you wish. You're also welcome to just join us for morning tea at 10:30am.

Further Info Phone: 8234 1199 or email: shininglight@awuc.org.au

Thanks again to David Bailey and his Team for organising the [Working Bee](#) last Saturday.

The improvements made become obvious as one walks around the property and the office area and peek through cleaned windows and panes of glass. There were many sterling workers who contributed on this day as they often do when called on in many other areas of church life. Young children showed their eagerness and their parents can be proud of what they helped achieve.

Many thanks to those who organised, served and tidied up after a substantial morning tea.

The Working Bee also gives us an opportunity to engage with others who may attend activities at a different time to ourselves.

[On behalf of the Church Council.](#)

[Wes Ashman](#)

[Garden Coordinator](#)

Expressions of interest are invited from people who may be prepared to be garden coordinator. The role is principally as a point of contact for garden related items and for communication with the many wonderful people who give God's garden a hand.

Please contact David Bailey 0408 207 675



It has been estimated that 70% of the world's poorest people are women and girls. Increasingly, there is recognition of the close relationship between empowering women through education, training, business opportunities and the wellbeing of communities. This is mainly because women are more likely to invest their income back into the family through education, health and nutrition.

In Kiribati and the Solomon Islands, UnitingWorld works with Women's Fellowships to support women, primarily from remote islands, to respond to social and family issues. Programs link women into existing support services and providing training in business skills. Women who participate in training are encouraged and supported to organise small scale workshops with women in their own communities, sharing skills and learning on a larger scale. Lent Event helps create a positive future for women across the Pacific. By equipping women with skills in a wide variety of areas, these partnerships are creating long lasting change from the ground up.

Mother's Day mini market Sunday 3rd May

The Spring Fair planning team have decided to hold a Mother's Day mini market in the hall on Sunday morning 3rd May - the week prior to Mother's Day.

The idea is to have a garden, craft and produce stall during morning tea and the money raised will go towards AWUC projects (as does all the Spring Fair money raised). Please contact Beryl Venner for plant donations or offers of help, Judy Johnston for craft and we are looking for someone to coordinate the produce table - please contact Suzi Cousins in the office.

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.

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

Margaret Scrimshaw.

What's on this week...

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

Monday 9th	7:30pm Men's choir AWUC chapel
Tuesday 10th	9.30 - 11.30am Coffee chat & share craft group AWUC hall, all welcome. 7 - 8pm Prayer & fasting AWUC chapel all welcome.
Wednesday 11th	7:30pm Evening Fellowship AWUC hall
Thursday 12th	9:00 - 11:30am mainly music AWUC hall
Friday 13th	6:00 - 9:30pm Engage Youth AWUC

Next Sunday 15th March

9:15	Susan Doughty
10:45	Susan Doughty
5pm	John Harris

March 21st & 22nd KCO
March 27th & 28th SYNOD at AWUC
April 17 - 20 Revs Camp
May 3 Mother's Day Mini-market
May 17 AGM

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