

# Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24: 44-53



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**news  
of  
the  
church**

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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.

This week we are focusing on the Ascension Day readings. We don't often do this because in the lectionary the Ascension occurs 40 days after Easter and only occasionally falls on a Sunday. Yet the Ascension is really important and yet mysterious as well. Jesus and God the Father are reunited and Jesus is glorified as Lord. Yet Jesus is still present with us through the Holy Spirit. Indeed Jesus is present everywhere through the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension passages highlight the role of the disciples as witnesses. In both of today's readings (Acts 1.1-11 and Luke 24.44-53) the disciples are told to wait for power on high. The role of witnesses is vital once Jesus is not physically present. It is our role too. The bible talks of the disciples being witnesses to what they have seen. We too need to stop rushing and wait for the Spirit so that we are witnesses to what we have seen and then we can be witnesses to the ends of the world. Witnessing starts with God's work within us.

Rod Dyson

Lead Minister

### Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

## Dried Fruit fundraiser

AWUC commenced packaging and selling dried fruit as a fundraiser in May 2011 and in that time have spent approx. \$3,500 on AWUC small projects with a bank balance to date of just over \$1,200. This has been a solid fundraiser and also built a strong connection with the growers in the Riverland, supporting them as well as raising money for ourselves.

The team who have run this project have decided it is time to let someone else take over. If anyone is interested in taking this on please see Suzi Cousins.

If no-one takes it on we will sell the stock we are holding and when its gone there will be no more.

The Cooperating Churches of West Adelaide are planning a combined Chaplaincy Celebration Service at 2pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at Brooklyn Park Church of Christ, 3 Allen Ave Brooklyn Park (behind the Foodland on the cnr of Henley Beach Rd and Allen Ave). This will be a chance to hear from our 5 school chaplains at Underdale HS, Adelaide HS, Torrensville PS, Lockleys PS and Lockleys North PS, as well as learn about the exciting opportunities for your local church to reach out in mission to a local school.

## Congregation Meeting

The congregation meeting is on TODAY at 1.30pm. Business will include a finance report, election of church councillors, strategic plan, property report and Church Council report.

Uniting Church Regulations specify that members have to attend the meeting to vote. Nine people have nominated for 5 positions on Council. Members can vote for a maximum of 5 but can choose to vote for less. To be elected a nominee will have to receive a total vote equal to 50% of the number of those in attendance plus 1 (e.g. if



The next [Progressive Christianity Service](#) will be held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm in the chapel. The theme for the evening will be *5 Things Christianity Can Learn From Buddhism*, with reference to *Living Buddha, Living Christ*, written by Thich Nhat Hanh. You are very

welcome to attend. For further information see Esmond Dowdy or John Maddern.



## Welcome to Worship.

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
Orcas	10-11years

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

## Engage Youth News

Year 7's to year 12's, you are invited to join us Friday nights for Engage Youth.

Youth kicks off at 6pm with dinner (\$5, but first time free), followed by games, worship, small groups and more!

It all wraps up at 9:30pm

Can't wait to see you there!

John Harris  
Youth & Young Adults Pastor





For everyone involved in worship  
over 4 days – 15-18 June 2015

Attend all 7 sessions  
or any one or any combination of sessions

- 1 What & Why of Creative Worship  
Monday 9am – 12pm
- 2 How to Build a Worship Team  
Tuesday 1pm – 4pm
- 3 Designing Creative Worship  
Tuesday 7pm – 8.30pm at AWUC
- 4 Finding Your Own Identity/Style/Voice as a Worship Leader  
Wednesday 9am – 12pm
- 5 How to Evaluate Worship – and Grow Others  
Wednesday 1pm – 4pm
- 6 Deep and Wide: Different Styles of Worship, Different Styles of Worshipper  
Thursday 1pm – 4pm
- 7 101 Practical Tips  
Thursday 7pm – 8.30pm at AWUC

Cost:

\$25 per single sessions

\$120 covers all 7 sessions – no accreditation

PASTY BAKE is still going.

Rumour has it that some people are already on their second order. Make sure you get your orders in with Pam Young this morning or ring her on 8352 5230.

If you have time to lend a hand on Friday afternoon or Saturday, please let Pam know - she would love some more helpers.

Prices have held from last year:

Pasties \$3.50

Pastie Plates \$10.00

Entertainment Books are now available by contacting Kiri or Scott Matthews. They are the same price as last year - \$65.00, with funds assisting the AWUC fundraising efforts.

Kiri's mobile: 0403917562

Winter is coming and the nights are getting colder.

Please don't use your wheat bag if it smells burnt or is getting old.

Judy Johnson has new ones for sale.

\$6.00 or large ones \$15.00

Shining Light

Thank you to the small band of regulars who still send in their mileage to support the shining light challenge of our virtual trip around Australia. After having passed each other our cycling and walking team have been up to Darwin and are back in Katherine ready to head off towards the Queensland border. The public transport and car pooling are well in front travelling south along the WA coastline alongside Lake Macleod.

As the weather gets cold people are less likely to be cycling as much, but if you are, please remember to send in your mileage to shining-light@awuc.org.au. This project will wind up in October after 12 months of operation. It would be great to get our virtual teams both home by then.



**SHININGLIGHT**

## What's on this week...

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

Monday 18th            6:30 - 8:00pm Girls' Brigade AWUC hall

7:30pm Men's Choir AWUC chapel

Tuesday 19th            9:30 - 11:30am Coffee chat & share craft group  
AWUC hall, all welcome.

7 - 8pm Prayer & fasting AWUC chapel all welcome.

Wednesday 20th        7:00pm Progressive Christianity AWUC Chapel

Thursday 21st            9:00 - 11:30am mainly music AWUC hall

Friday 22nd             6 - 9:30pm Engage Youth AWUC

Next Sunday 24th May is Pentecost Sunday.

If your wardrobe allows please wear bright Pentecost colours.

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

May 31    Share lunch AWUC hall

June 7    Men's choir in Bordertown

June 12 Live Life Loud @ AWUC

June 12 - 14 Songwrite

June 15 - 18 Creative Worship Essentials

June 19 & 20 SYNOD

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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.