

Pentecost 14

Song of Songs 2:8-13

Psalms 45:1-2,6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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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 return to the gospel of Mark after the lectionary has focussed on the Gospel of John for 5 weeks. Over five weeks the lectionary looked at one issue in John chapter 6 – Jesus as the bread of life. Now we come to this short, gritty, pointed reading in Mark's gospel. Mark is always to the point and always dramatic.

Mark raises the issue of tradition and what place this has in the life of the people of God. As is often the case the Pharisees and teachers set a trap for Jesus. He realises what the underlying issue is and shifts the conversation from tradition to how the tradition was being misused. Tradition can lead people to God or it can be used to justify what people want to do. This passage helps us to ask why we do what we do and whether what we do helps people to form a relationship with God or hinder them. In the end the question is how can we honour God with our hearts rather than by just what we say? Jesus is not saying that tradition is wrong but asking us to be clear about what we do and to do things for the right reasons. May the Holy Spirit give us the eyes to look at our life and our faith so that our hearts are transformed in ways that enable us to live by the commands of God.

Rod Dyson  
Lead Minister

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



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## Shining Light – Riding by Bike

Spring is finally here and the days are getting warmer and longer. It's time to get the bike out of the shed and start safely commuting by bike once again. Some

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exciting social cycling events for both experienced and less experienced cyclists are being planned and as always, opportunities to participate by walking, car-pooling or public transport will be there as an option too. A brief survey will soon go out to participants shortly on their needs for bike safety equipment and/or training.

**Shining Light – Riding by Bike** currently has 65 participants from across all services within our diverse congregation and a few from beyond too. The map has now been updated and Cycling and walking are on their way home and crossed Georgetown in the north of Queensland. Public Transport and car-pooling are still well in front and are passing Manjimup. It won't be long and they will be back in SA. Cyclists - send your km's in. I know a lot of you are riding all the time.

Come on AWUC we can do it! So please remember to report your km of cycling, walking, car pooling and public transport to [shining-light@awuc.org.au](mailto:shining-light@awuc.org.au).

Participants can access bike training at various levels, loan an item from a pool of bike safety equipment and particularly for new cyclist commuters, be part of a supportive community. To register please see the following link or get a brochure from the AWUC office:

<http://awuc.org.au/shininglight/>

The Shining Light – Riding by Bike Team  
Uma Preston, David Bailey and Suzi Cousins

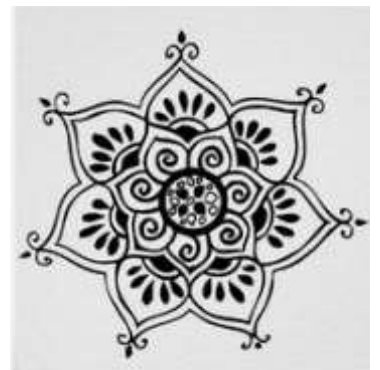
## Spring Fair

Wanted budding henna artists to help Bailey Gresham on the Henna stall.

Please see Bailey or Ruth for details.

Bailey : 0416 976 012

Ruth: 0450694844





## 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.

If you have any questions about Kids' Space today, please speak to Pietta Gresham, as Lorraine is on leave. We are all looking forward to having her back next week.

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

### The Generosity of God

During the first three weeks of September we will focus on how generous God is and how we are responding to that generosity. The overall theme for these three weeks is, *If it all belongs to God then what are we doing with it?* The themes for the three weeks are:

1. It all belongs to God.
2. What are we doing with who we are?
3. What are we doing with what we own?

May God lead us in our discipleship and more fully into the ways of the Kingdom of God.



# Special Father's Day

When: Thursday 3rd September

Time: 6pm (we plan to finish between 7.15—7.30)

Bring: Your family

Cost: FREE

Evening will include:

- Pizza
- Music Session

(so the Dad's can see what a mainly music session really is!)



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AWUC Community Spring Fair is only 7 weeks away.

If you or a family member is involved in a community musical, dance or gymnastic group and you think they would be happy to perform at the fete on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October could you please contact Sue Beard.

We would also welcome acts from among our church family members - vocal or instrumental.

Deadline is the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

Thank you,

Sue Beard .

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Adelaide West U.C. [Friendship Club](#) will meet in the Hall at 1.30 p.m. this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, when John and Heather Maddern will be the speakers. Their subject will be “We are addicted to Yorkshire”.

The Menu for the lunch at 12 noon is Minestrone soup, hot chicken & potato with green salad, followed by fresh fruit salad and icecream. The lunch is provided by The Experience Café at City Soul Uniting Church at a cost of \$10.00 and supports that Church's outreach programme. It is gluten free and “take-aways” are available.

People wanting to attend the lunch and to purchase a take-away are asked to advise John Burton by paying him today.

An open invitation is extended to all to enjoy fellowship during the lunch and the meeting afterwards.

John's phone No. is 84438746.

Enquiries to Joan Kelley – 81795639

Dried Fruit fundraiser

[dried peaches, dried pears and dried nectarines](#)  
reduced to \$10.00 for 500g bags

[Engage Youth News](#)

Join us this Friday for Engage Youth!

6 pm for dinner (\$5) followed by games, worship, small groups and more!



Also SAYCO forms are out now! Get yours from [engageyouth.com.au](http://engageyouth.com.au) or from the welcome desk Friday night.

SAYCO is a youth camp run by the Uniting Church in SA for high school aged youth.



