

Lectionary Readings & Rosters - 28th October 2018

Pentecost 23

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
Hebrews 7: 23-28

Psalms 34: 1-8, (19-22)
Mark 10: 46-52

8.00am Rev Dr Greg Elsdon
9.30am Rev Sandy Boyce (Preacher: Ian Price)
11.00am Rev Dr Greg Elsdon (Preacher: Ian Price)

8.00am Dianne McGee & Dianne Watters

9.30am **Welcomers:** Anne Marie Lynch
Coffee: Gail Orr, Nicole Inglis & Chris Ward
Sound: David Davis

11.00am **Welcomers:** Joan Tennant, Marilyn Hyde & Gill Jackson
Bible Reader: Maureen Avery

Sunday Night Tea: Di & Peter Russell

Mid Week Services

8.00am Tuesday 23 October Cancelled
12.15pm Thursday 25 October Rev Dr Greg Elsdon

Pilgrim Car Park area. Please remember that priority is given to those with restricted mobility due to health, young children or the need to carry heavy objects. Other people should normally park in the Epworth Car Park (entrance from Pirie St) or on the street.

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Pilgrim News

Sunday, 21st October 2018

Pentecost 22

We live in a world where the quest for greatness has become almost obsessive. This desire to be "special" or "exceptional" is not new. James and John wrestled with it as they secretly approached Jesus hoping to secure the best seats in God's Reign. The other disciples had it too, which is why they got so upset when they heard what James and John had done. In the Old Testament, Job, who had perhaps become a little too obsessed with his own righteous suffering, was faced with a God who reminded him of his place, and, in the Isaiah reading we see this God revealed in the Suffering Servant who makes no claim to greatness, but saves his people. This week we will be faced with two very important challenges. The first is to define greatness differently - in terms of service and sacrifice for others. The second challenge is to give up our quest to be extraordinary, and embrace the simplicity, the humility and the ordinariness of following Jesus just where we are. In a world driven crazy by the quest for greatness, embracing the glory of our own ordinary lives may be one of the most significant contributions we can make!

(adapted from John van de Laar, Sacredise)



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Services at Pilgrim TODAY

8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Morning Eucharist Breakfast in the Lounge to follow	Community Worship (Tea/Coffee in Hall to follow)	Choral Worship Tea/Coffee in the Lounge to follow
Rev Vikki Waller	Rev Dr Greg Elsdon	Rev Vikki Waller

News of Pilgrims & Prayer Points

Members of Pilgrim may be interested to know that **Ian Giles** will be flying to Fiji this coming week for a brief visit. For the past ten years Rev Ian has been visiting Fiji where he has, in a small way, worked beside and supported a small struggling Fijian village on the Coral Coast. A highlight for Rev Ian will be to again catch up with a young five year old Fijian boy named Ian Giles Kavalevu whom a native Fijian family named after Rev Ian. The Village Chief has told Rev Ian, *"... you are always welcome in our village. We regard you as 'one of us' and we hope you regard us as part of your family."*

Congratulations to **Rebecca and her partner Andrew** who have announced their engagement. Andrew proposed to Rebecca while walking the Great Wall of China on their recent holiday.

Community Meetings

Sunday 28th October 2018

8.00am in the Lounge following the Service

9.30am - 11.00am in the Hall

11.00am - 12.15pm in the Lounge - bring a plate of finger food to share

Upcoming Pilgrim Events

Pilgrim Symposium and RUSSLR Oration 2018

Monday 29th October

7.30pm - 9.30pm Pilgrim Uniting Church

Guest Speaker: Professor Marion Maddox

Bible Studies - preparing for The Year of Luke

Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November, 2018

6.00pm - 7.30pm - Pilgrim Lounge

RSVP to the Church Office.

Road Closure - Next Sunday 28th October

Please note that next Sunday, there will be restricted access by vehicles into Pilgrim.

Entry and exit to the Pilgrim Car Park will only be available via King William Street.

There will be no access along Flinders Street from Divett Place to Pilgrim. Parking in Epworth Building via Pirie Street will not be affected, noting that Gawler Place will be closed from Wakefield Street to Pirie Street.

Diary Dates

October

Sunday	21st	Pilgrim Pathways	11.00am	Draper Room
Monday	22nd	Music on Flinders	12.30pm	Pilgrim Forecourt
Thursday	25th	Organ Recital	1.00pm	Church
		Choir Practice	7.30pm	Church
Sunday	28th	8.00, 9.30 & 11.00 Community Meetings		Lounge/Hall
Monday	29th	Music on Flinders	12.30pm	Pilgrim Forecourt
		Symposium	7.30pm	Church
Wednesday	31st	Executive Committee	5.30pm	Lounge
November				
Thursday	1st	Vocal Performance	1.00pm	Church
		Choir Practice	7.30pm	Church
Monday	5th	Music on Flinders	12.30pm	Pilgrim Forecourt
Tuesday	6th	Work, Health & Safety	12.30pm	Lounge
		Operations Committee	1.30pm	Colton Room
Wednesday	7th	Mission Development Committee	11.30am	Draper Room
Thursday	8th	Organ Recital	1.00pm	Church
		Choir Practice	7.30pm	Church
Sunday	11th	Service of Remembrance	6.00pm	Church

Packing Day

This year 126 boxes (clothing, books, manchester, etc) were freighted to Alice Springs (Hetti Perkins & Old Timers), Tennant Creek, Mapuru Yirrkala College, Galiwinku, Maningrida, Yirrkala, Gangan, Barrkira, Dhanlinybu, Ramingining, Broome and Mowanjum. Allied Pickfords did all of the land based deliveries and SeaSwift (Darwin) all of the barge deliveries absolutely free of charge. Arrangements were made for 4 boxes and 45 bags of goods to be delivered to the APY lands (courtesy of Ian Dempster), 2 boxes were given to the Synod office as emergency supply and Goodwill was given the remainder (about 50 bags). A wonderful effort by so many people. Ann Rogers.

Vision & Mission Statement

We are called by God to be a prophetic witness in the city of Adelaide, so that new life and vitality will be generated in our city and in its people.
We celebrate in our unity and diversity, our shared beliefs and past experiences, and value worship, teaching, creativity and justice.

Filipino National Conference

Sandy is one of four SA people attending the 4th Filipino National Conference in Melbourne this weekend, along with Rev Christa Megaw, Rev Dr Paul Goh and Siti Rogoimuri. Sandy had involvement with the UCA partner church - United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), more than 20 years ago and has visited a number of times. The UCCP is one of two particular church partnerships in the SA Synod. Sandy has served as Convenor of the SA Synod Philippines Support Group for many years (currently chaired by Christa). Paul is the Justice and Multicultural Officer in the Synod, and Siti is the International Mission and Covenanting Officer.

The theme is 'Where might God be leading Filipinos in Australia? God's Mission in the Filipino Diaspora' and the invited guest speakers are Bishop Rex Reyes of the Philippines Episcopal Church and Dr Deidre Palmer, UCA President. Sandy was asked to be one of the 'panel of reactors' for the opening keynote address by Bishop Rex, focussed on the human rights situation in the Philippines.

Syrian Refugees Pilgrims have helped

Dear Pilgrims

The man who you have helped is Feras Nakour, the Syrian widower now living in Mersin Turkey with his two children Laith, 5 and Sema, 2. His new baby Suzan is being cared for by another woman. The money you gave was added to by me, and by my colleague Ann. He was so grateful and uplifted. It has temporarily prevented him from homelessness. And it has given him hope.

Now having seen Syrians in Turkey and then in Moria camp on Lesbos I am left with an overwhelming sadness. I am going to try and help Feras and another man, Mostafa who is on Lesbos. He is a young father and husband of Maria 8 months and Hola his wife. The camp is full of Isis fighters from all over. It's a nightmare. Everyday Mostafa has to haggle for a couch in Mytilini so they can not return to their tent on the hill over looking the camp. I left him today with some toys for Maria, a little sound machine to help her sleep, and the knowledge that right now, at 5pm he does not know where they will sleep. He will couch surf or they'll sneak past the gangs to their makeshift tent.

There are 8000 people there, 1000 unaccompanied children. Winter is coming. Last year people died in the cold. The MSF doctor we interviewed cried because they treat people for sexual violence or skin disease or suicide, and send them back to the tents. 8000 is a tiny number, but they are unable to change the heart of the world.

I write now to say one thing. This is the time to become someone's brother or sister. This is the moment to do anything to teach the ignorant that we are each others only hope. Our lives are being lived on the precipice of a great disaster.

Governments need us to permit their better policies. Public opinion needs humanity not sides.

You are all already good and connected people. I write to you as my reminder of this community. Be unrelenting in your compassion. Be unreasonable in your kindness. Save one person. Make one commitment that you will not break. Whatever we have been doing to turn the tide it is only the beginning.

I apologise for not delivering good news. It's a funny thing for an agnostic to write, but there will only be good news when we make it.

Love, Ben Pederick (son of Didy and Leith 9.30am Community)

Music on Flinders

*Free lunchtime gigs in the city
Mondays 12:30pm - 1.00pm*

22nd October Casey Thomson and John Bowman

Casey Thomson is a South Australian composer and performer. She has performed solo and with a variety of groups over the past 15 years.

Her writing reflects her wide taste in music and she is currently recording an album of jazz/rock/pop songs. Casey has written, produced and performed in Lowground, a musical retelling of Grimm's Rapunzel, at the Bakehouse Theatre in May this year. Casey will be performing with singer/guitarist John Bowman.



Seminary of the 3rd Age



Re-thinking Spirituality
- October Seminars

26 King William Road, Wayville

October 25 Earth Spirituality Jana Norman

The seminars are designed to enable free discussion and debate as to what faith, spirituality and identity might mean amid the paradox of knowledge and mystery we now associate with the 21st Century.

Thursday evenings from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Book online www.trybooking.com/317240 or ring ELC Office on 8271 0329

Check the Website www.pcnet.org

\$15.00 for one seminar \$12.00 concession/ELC Friend

* Please note these tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable



Calling all 'talkers'

As part of resourcing our Masters of Social Work students we are looking for a few people who can support them with some structured/casual conversations, to upskill the ability to engage in and guide conversations, in practice for working with clients. We are seeking conversation partners who the students could practice conversations with to gain skills required for social workers and could involve some scenarios and role plays for those who might take on a 'character' or 'behaviour' so the student can learn skills to engage with clients. Availability will be some time on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to fit in with the students' learning program when they are usually onsite at Pilgrim. The students will complete their placement in early/mid November, so we're hoping to arrange some conversation partners in the next week or so. Please talk with Sandy if you think you can help.

Cows for Cambodia - Reminder

Movie: First Man (the story of Neil Armstrong and the flight to the moon)

TODAY - 6.00pm Sunday 21st October.

Cost \$20 (\$10 goes to the theatre and \$10 to the Cows for Cambodia project)

Tickets will be available on TryBooking, with information on the Pilgrim website and Pilgrim's Facebook page. Or place the money in an envelope with your name and preferred contact details, marked attention to Ruth Farrent, and leave with the Office Administrator.

Donations

Alternatively, people may wish to make a donation direct to Ruth.

(Note: Ruth has paid her own way for the trip to Cambodia - the fundraising relates only to the required contribution to the Cows for Cambodia project)

In January 2019, Ruth will have an opportunity on a Sunday morning to share about the project and her experiences in Cambodia.

Pilgrim/Chinese gathering

Wednesday evening 10th October, the Pilgrim Church Council and the Deacons of the Chinese(SA) Christian Church gathered in Pilgrim Lounge for a meal. There were about 17 people present.

Greg Elsdon welcomed everyone and offered grace. Dean Eland suggested table discussion might focus on what each church finds as a blessing in the C(SA)C Church worshipping at Pilgrim. Summary comments include: greater use of the building; multilingual signage reflecting the reality of our multicultural city; joy of having children present; Chinese Church building a home; successful joint negotiation for extended use of Epworth parking; car park conversations.

Sandy indicated some possibilities in shared resourcing re children's ministry, e.g., Kids Camp Out and Godly Play; another resource is Rev Paul Goh, SA Synod's Justice Officer and Multicultural and Cross-Cultural Officer. Greg gratefully acknowledged the donation from C(SA)C Church towards the air-conditioning. Marelle shared a document Shared Values (first draft) for consideration to add to our Memorandum of Understanding.

We all agreed we should continue to share hospitality in this relaxed way.

Marelle Harisun, Chairperson

Community Connections

These events are all part of the Pilot Programme at Pilgrim: 'Community Connections', and members from church and others, are invited to take part in some / any of the events and obtain a folder containing 'moments of reflection' to enable preparation / reflection of the various activities from Marelle Harisun.

National Unity week:

Tuesday 23 October: 12.30 pm — 3.00 pm

South West Community Centre, 171 Sturt Street, City of Adelaide.

Join us for a shared meal to celebrate National Unity Week and meet people of other backgrounds and cultures, learn from one another and recognise that unity builds a better future than division ever could. Hosted by our Multicultural Group and members of RAW (Random Acts of Welcome).

All welcome, especially newcomers to Adelaide.

Bring a plate of food to share. If not, there will be plenty to share.



Interfaith Matters:

Wednesday evening, 24 October, 5.30 for a 6 pm sharp (until about 7.30 / 8 pm)

A forum to learn, discuss and ask questions about the faith-traditions of a variety of speakers / faith traditions.

Focus for October: A Christian and an atheist in conversation - can you spot the difference?

Speakers: Rev Paul Turley and David Winderlich

A meal at \$10.00 per person creates a job-opportunity for a refugee - please RSVP by 22/10 to Liellie (0437794410)

Venue: Hope's cafe, Corner of Portrush and Norwood Parade, Norwood

Spirituality and Ageing A Workshop

– an initiative of Pilgrim's Ministry Development Committee

This Workshop has been designed for interested Pilgrims to work together identifying the challenges and opportunities of ageing in regard to our Spirituality. It is the hope of the Ministry Development Committee that this time together will result in the identification of key issues to be considered in the life of our congregation and help direct our priorities accordingly.

This is an invitation for you to contribute to the shaping of our journey together as a congregation. Come with your questions, your curiosity, and your unique experience of life and faith.

Our Facilitator for the day will be Rev Dr Alan Niven [lecturer in Pastoral and Family Studies at Stirling College and the University of Divinity, Melbourne]

9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 10th November 2018

Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Road, Tasmore, SA

A brochure with further information will be included in next Sunday's Pilgrim News.