

## Pilgrim News - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The Gospel readings asks, How many times must I forgive?

In the last few months the world has seen war, terrorism and judgement on a massive scale. But, perhaps more disturbing, has been the discrimination, prejudice, stereotyping, vengefulness and violence breeding more violence that has followed close behind. In the face of all this, the call to forgive is more than just a call to deal with hurt feelings. It is a radical call for peacemaking, for ending the cycle of violence, and for refusing to exact retribution even on those who hurt us. Further, this week's readings call us to re-examine how we view God (through Mosaic eyes, as a violent overlord, or, through the eyes of Christ as a non-violent peacemaker), how we view other people of faith (refusing to impose our practices and conscience on others, but giving them the freedom to find and follow God according to their own conscience – or, perhaps, even religion) and how we view ourselves (not just as those who are hurt – like the indebted servant – but as those who are capable of hurting others – as the servant did to his debtor; not just as those who must give forgiveness, but also as those who must receive it). This call for forgiveness goes against our angry, human quest for “justice” and “retribution”, it does not satisfy or heal us of the deep wounds that enemies have inflicted on us. But, it does ensure that we do not make the hurt worse, for ourselves or others or for our world. It does ensure that healing can come. And it does challenge us to take the difficult, but transforming call of the Gospel seriously. *John van de Laar, Sacredise*

### Pilgrim News & Prayer points

Congratulations to Genevieve Bassani who is commencing as the Children's Ministry worker this Sunday. Jenny is 'retiring' from the role after many years of faithful service in this area. Jenny will be working alongside Genevieve for a few weeks changeover. We thank Jenny for her time and effort and pray that Genevieve will soon find her way in a new area for her.

Today is **Charlie Kelso's** (11am Choir) last Sunday before she leaves for London. She has won a scholarship to study for a Master's Degree at the Royal College of Music. We wish her well.

80+ Birthday wishes go to **Brenda Moore** as she celebrates her birthday on the 17th Sept.

Congratulations to **Bijin Varghese** (a former member of the 11am choir when he was a student in Australia) on his wedding to **Amitha Mathew** on 10th September in India.

### Spring Festival

On **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September** we invite you to bring one arrangement of flowers with you to church. For our “Spring Festival”, we will receive your posy, bunch, named vase or pot plant in the half hour before each of the three services. Alternatively, your floral arrangement will be received on Friday 18th September from 10 am to 12 noon. Further details from Raelene Telfer (ph 7127 5346) or Jenny Ward.

***We again ask people to be mindful of keeping the 1.5m for “social distancing” and also the sanitizing of the area where you have been sitting at the end of the service.***

***Thanks to everyone helping with the transition between services including sanitizing.***

### Support a social enterprise

By day Hope's Cafe is a community cafe staffed by hardworking volunteers gaining valuable work skills, but on Thursday & Friday nights we let them take over the cafe so they can start their own social enterprise.

Bookings on 0499 338 836

Meals priced between \$8 and \$15, at 243 the Parade, Beulah Park

## U City

Our nearest Uniting Church neighbour, U City, has this week taken out the 2020 Good Design Award for Social Impact in Australia's International Good Design Awards, the highest honour for design and innovation in Australia. U City has been recognised as a world-first, radical mixed-use building that is helping break down barriers and offer better wellbeing for residents, tenants and clients. Opened in August 2019, the U City development on Franklin Street is a truly unique, inclusive and diverse 'vertical village'. This world-first, radical mixed-use building brings together retirement living, specialist short- and long-stay disability apartments; a function centre; commercial, retail and hospitality outlets; and a hub for Uniting Communities' broad range of social services. CEO Simon Schrapel said, "U City broke convention by mixing uses and communities never previously brought together. It is an initiative that has been tailor-designed in Adelaide as a world-first, now gathering interest globally as a means of bringing together communities and people from different backgrounds to co-exist in a purpose-designed ecosystem.

Definitely worth arranging a visit to check out this building and all it offers!

[https://www.ucity.com.au/good-design-award/?fbclid=IwAR3U1jvK\\_iHdaR5BBbDXyxMBAEcBFGzFQVoVdpGsErXpLZeVvxewaaf348o](https://www.ucity.com.au/good-design-award/?fbclid=IwAR3U1jvK_iHdaR5BBbDXyxMBAEcBFGzFQVoVdpGsErXpLZeVvxewaaf348o)

## Mid-Week Service

Please note that our Mid-Week Services will recommence this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 12.15pm in the East Chapel. All are welcome to attend. Enter through the Lounge or East Porch.

## Thefts at Pilgrim

Unfortunately there have been a couple of incidents over the past few weeks where articles have been stolen from Pilgrim.

Some tips to help keep your items safe and also those of the Church's:

- Ensure that you leave nothing that is valuable and visible in your cars and that they are securely locked and windows up.
- Do not leave your handbags/valuables unattended while in the Church or Hall.
- Please make sure that if you are the last one to leave an unlocked area that you let the Caretaker know so that the area can be secured immediately.
- If you see anyone suspicious hanging around please advise immediately the Caretaker on duty, Ministers or Julie in the Office.

## Lectionary Readings & Rosters – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Pentecost 16

Exodus 16: 2-15      Psalm 105: 1-6, 36-45  
Philippians 1: 21-30      Matthew 20: 1-16

8.00am      Rev Dr Greg Elsdon  
9.30am      Rev Dr Greg Elsdon  
11.00am      Rev Dr Greg Elsdon

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| <b>8.00am</b>  |                   | Ruth Lyddon & Rhonda Williams             |
| <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Welcomers:</b> | Ruth & Reg Brown                          |
|                | <b>Coffee:</b>    | Didy Pederick, Helen Warman & Judy Bunney |
|                | <b>AV Desk:</b>   | Rose Milton-Head                          |
| <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Welcomers:</b> | Susan & Jon Miller                        |