

Pilgrim News - Sunday 4th October 2020

DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMENCES THIS WEEKEND.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT.

This week's Gospel Reading tells the parable usually referred to as the Parable of the Tenants [Matthew 21:31-46]. In its original settings this parable addresses the issues of Israel's rejection of Jesus and the opening of God's promises to Abraham to all nations. However, as pointed out by Debie Thomas, this parable also has much to say about our current environmental crisis. What do you think?

"At the heart of this parable, though, is a distinction that I think speaks very pointedly to our current environmental crisis. What the tenants in the story neglect to understand — or very deliberately choose to ignore — is that they are *stewards* rather than *owners* of the vineyard. When the landowner asks for his rightful share of the harvest, the tenants take offense. As if the vineyard belongs to them, and it is the landowner who is in the wrong for making a claim on the land at all. Somewhere along the way, the tenants have forgotten their place. Their vocation. Their standing in relationship to both the land and the landowner. To put it bluntly, they have forgotten that they own nothing — *nothing at all*. Everything belongs to the landowner. Theirs is not a vocation of ownership; it is a vocation of caring, tending, safeguarding, cultivating, and protecting — on behalf of another." [Debie Thomas]

Pilgrim News & Prayer points

We welcome **Sandy** back on Tuesday after a couple weeks of rest and recreation.

Pilgrim's Lounge Ministry has recently recommenced on Mondays from 10am-12pm following closure due to COVID-19. Wednesdays and Thursdays will recommence on the 14th October. We offer a special thank you to those volunteers who have made this possible – Ann Rogers and Sue Dunn (Mon), Ros Wilson, David Walton & Joan Tennant (Wed) and Judy Eland and Andrew Clarke (Thurs).

Pilgrim welcomes **Olly Ponsonby** as guest preacher in today's 9.30am Service. Olly is a Uniting Church Aged Care Chaplain with ElderCare.

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.

Evensong - Saturday 24th October at 5.00pm and livestreaming

If you are interested in attending in person, please be assured that stringent COVID-19 precautions are in place. Alternatively, you can experience our service on the Pilgrim Uniting Church YouTube channel - live or at your leisure!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU6lgRMFn7Im_I4LYzl85_A or simply go to YouTube and search for Pilgrim Uniting Church Adelaide.

A Book Review

We Need to Talk About Mum & Dad: A practical guide to parenting our ageing parents, by Jean Kittson.

Mary Heath recently read “We Need to Talk About Mum & Dad”. She recommends it as well worth reading by young and old. Mary assesses the book’s humorous style would suit families considering the seniors in their life, with Jean offering otherwise hard-to-predict detail of what we need others to know when discerning our senior needs.

Little stories from friends and acquaintances have been used by Jean to give us detail of what has worked for those people, who all lacked information to easily think ahead. The stories imply rather than specify the needs, but Jean clearly notes what people had found going well, or amiss, and from this and her own experience, gave many practical directions and recommendations.

Jean’s book includes the topic of death and dying. She talks of what people can do, shouldn’t do and don’t know they can do, on otherwise seldom discussed matters such as how much preparation for burial can be conducted at home, and possible grief allaying effects.

Length and readability of the book were comfortable for Mary, who has since passed copies on to her three sons.

The Ministry Development Committee is keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in discussing appropriate ways some of the issues raised in this book might be explored within the Pilgrim community. If you want to know more about this please contact either Greg Elsdon or Denise Griffen, in the first instance. Reviews of other books addressing this pertinent topic will be included in Pilgrim News in coming weeks.

Bible Study opportunities at Pilgrim during November

INTRODUCING MARK’S GOSPEL

four studies led by Greg Elsdon in preparation for Year B of the Common Lectionary, ‘The Year of Mark’, which commences on Sunday 29th November, 2020.

- Mark’s Gospel as ‘story’ — the Big Picture
- Major themes in Mark’s Gospel
- Mark’s distinctive presentation of Jesus
- Mark’s portrayal of Jesus’ first followers

‘Live’ in the Pilgrim Lounge:

7.00 – 8.15pm on Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 and 24 November, 2020.

[Numbers limited to 15 participants]

OR

‘On-Line’ via Zoom

3.00 – 4.15pm on Thursdays 5, 12, 19 and 26 November, 2020

[Numbers limited to 15 participants]

Please **register** your intention to attend one or the other of these groups by **no later than Tuesday 27 October via the Pilgrim Office.**



St Mark the Evangelist
The Book of Kells

Art Exhibition at Pilgrim

Watercolours and photographs by Bob Landt FRSASA from Thursday 24 September - Wednesday 21 October 2020

"You can see the landscape colours of the Yorke Peninsula at Maitland where Bob Landt has lived for most of his life. He captures the atmosphere and mood and his work can be very spiritual and sometimes quite political. He puts much of his life experience into his work, working on the idea that a painting is created and grows until finished.

Bob has won many awards throughout his long and continuing artistic career. He has exhibited and been involved in one man exhibitions in South Australia and Victoria as well as taught watercolour classes to school children to adults."



Community Connections

Elham, a young engineering PhD student at Adelaide University, is looking for someone to share her fully furnished unit in Adelaide CBD. While she is finishing her study soon and will be working, she is happy to share with either a student/ working person. The available bedroom is furnished with a single bed, but is large enough for a king bed, and the unit has a large living space and balcony, and one bathroom. The unit is conveniently located, walking distance from the Central Market and costs \$220 per week. Please contact her via <https://flatmates.com.au/share-house-adelaide-5000-P1012504>

This young lady is part of the Community Connections-network, she often helps to escort patients from hospital, visits lonely people and she is able to help with translations in 3 languages. Assistance to her would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Liellie McLaughlin (Community Connections)

President's Conference 2020: 3rd-4th October

On Saturday 3rd October, 1.30 – 5.30pm (SA time), the UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer will host a webinar of three panel discussions that will showcase some of the content of the conference with the themes - *Called by God, Every Member Ministry* and *Faith in Public Life*.

Sandy has been invited to be a panel member in the last session of the day.

It is free to register for the webinar and the program can be downloaded.

On Sunday 4th October, we will offer worship in two ways:

1. Live streamed through the Assembly Online Worship forum
2. As a written liturgical resource and a short pre-recorded sermon that you may use with your own community.

The webinars will be recorded and they will be made available for you to use in any of the many forums you use for Christian education in your community. The flyer can be downloaded and the online registration form can also be found by visiting the website: <https://uniting.church/prescon2020webinar/>

Lectionary Readings & Rosters – 11th October 2020

Pentecost 19

Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14

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

8.00am Justin & Nim LaBrooy

9.30am **Welcomers:** Judy Bunney
 Coffee: Chris & Brian Ward & Daryoush
 AV Desk: Peter Russell

11.00am **Welcomers:** John Pederson & Joan Tennant
 Bible Reader: James Scott

Mid Week Service

Thursday 8th October 2020 12.15pm Rev Dr Greg Elsdon