

Pilgrim News - Sunday 27th September 2020

A Spring Prayer

by Michael Leunig

Dear God,
We rejoice and give thanks
for earthworms, bees,
ladybirds and broody hens;
for humans tending their gardens,
talking to animals,
cleaning their homes
and singing to themselves;
for the rising of the sap,
the fragrance of growth,
the invention of the wheelbarrow,
we give thanks.
We celebrate and give thanks.
Amen!



Pilgrim News & Prayer points

We continue to pray for and support Pilgrims who are struggling with health and other 'life-issues'. **Graham Harness** [11am] and **Helen Wiltshire** [9.30am] are both currently dealing with health challenges and value our prayers.

Marelle Harisun had hip-replacement surgery this past week and is delighted to inform us that the surgery was successful and that her recovery is progressing well.

The 12.15pm **Thursday Communion Service** re-commenced last week with a pleasing number of seven persons. Something to celebrate! It was wonderful to have **Puck Van Adrighem** and her daughter **Jo** with us on this occasion.

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.

Spring Festival

Many thanks to all those who brought along flowers for our Spring Festival last Sunday. The church was still full of the "Spring" display when we arrived on Monday morning.



Collection of a Lifetime Delivered to UC History Centre



On Wednesday 9 September documents and records of the Congregational Church in SA collected by the late Brian Jones were delivered to the UC History Centre. On behalf of Brian's family, the Pilgrim history team have been working for many weeks to ensure the safe keeping of this collection of a lifetime. Thank you to Margaret and Christine Boyce and to Chris Ward who have met regularly to sort and ensure that the 184-year story of the church in this state will be better informed and enriched through this collection.

Rev Dr Dean Eland member of the SA Uniting Church Historical Society reports that this is one of the most important and carefully preserved denominational collection of year books and reports ever donated. Information in these records will now be accessible at the History Centre, 44a East Ave Black Forest for those enquiring about family and churches in SA.

<https://historicalsociety.unitingchurch.org.au/>

Documents, reports, minutes, photos, and 432 thesis about the Uniting Church and its former denominations are also accessible from your home through the following link... <https://illuminate.recollect.net.au/>

This repository which preserves our heritage has been developed jointly by Camden Theological Library NSW and datacomIT. They note that this is a... *Gateway to the history of our churches, treasured memories of local faith communities, reflective output of our faith people, and decision-making of Assemblies and Synods. Recording inspiring lives led, communities enlivened, and projects undertaken. Keeping the memory, recognizing values, and letting go. Uncovering difficult truths – allowing the light to enter. Holding in trust the treasures of faith and of the Church -- a gift for future generations.*

Online records include over 7,000 Methodist and nearly 1,700 Congregational items. The UCA Assembly office and the Camden library staff are now processing an extensive collection of Uniting Church records since 1977. Adding the Brian Jones collection to this repository would ensure that the story of the church SA is included and available to scholars and researchers.

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]

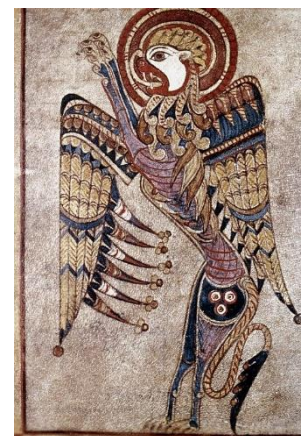
OR

'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)

RAW Hope lunch September 29 September where we sample food, and we continue with experiential learning and enjoy exploring life, Covid bonuses and difficulties and the values and dreams which unite us. Hope's Café, just behind Clayton Wesley Uniting Church, cnr Norwood Parade and Portrush road. 12.00pm – 2.00 pm. Free lunch provided. Important: to help with catering, please register attendance and dietary requirements to Liellie at 0437 794 410 2 days ahead of every event.

Interfaith Forum during Seasons of Creation: Our relationship to the earth and one another in caring for a sustainable and inclusive future on earth - an interactive workshop style forum.

Pilgrim Uniting Church in the Hall, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

5.45 for 6 pm on Wednesday evening 30 September

Speakers: Philippa Rowland – President Multifaith Association of SA on the topic: “How do our values guide our actions?”

Brittany Smith: Masters student in Psychology on “Climate Anxiety and our options”

Zoom option available for those who are interested to link up electronically

Food will be available for a donation towards costs (\$10 - \$15 per person) and a gold coin donation for the venue will be appreciated.

Please register to Liellie at 0437 794 410 or liellie@ozemail.com.au by 27 September and please indicate if your registration will be “in person” or via Zoom?

As the workshop format and room size will guide numbers, it is essential to register early.

For give away or donation

After the clean up during lock down, there are still items that are excess to our requirements and would love to go to nice home.

- 1 x 3 drawer filing cabinet (in the Lounge, by Reception Desk)
- 2 x 4 drawer filing cabinets (in back storage room of Hall)
- 5 desk fans, 2 pedestal fans, metal bowls, 2 x LED lights on stands (in Hall by entrance behind screen)
- Bar heater (in Lounge by back door)

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please feel free to check them out and let Di Russell or Julie know if you are taking them.

Lectionary Readings & Rosters – 4th October 2020

Pentecost 18

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

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

8.00am		Ruth Lyddon & Dianne Watters
9.30am	Welcomers:	Anne-Marie Lynch & Nicole Inglis
	Coffee:	Beth Prior, David Davis & Pat Button
	AV Desk:	Allan Forbes
11.00am	Welcomers:	John Pederson & Joan Tennant
	Bible Reader:	Brian J Ward

Mid Week Service

Thursday 24 September 2020

12.15pm

Rev Dr Greg Elsdon