



St. Andrew's Uniting Church & UnitingCare Glenelg

Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg

Issue 9, 2021

On Wednesday 17 November, we held our second St. Andrew's Community gathering for the year. It was lovely to see representatives from across the various groupings come together to celebrate what has been and look forward to the future. And the cake was yummy, too!

Notes of thanksgiving dotted the walls around the space. Here is some of what we are grateful for:

- 🌀 The care shown to each other
- 🌀 Each new day and new lessons that are presented
- 🌀 Friendship, support and love
- 🌀 Being able to cook cakes in the kitchen
- 🌀 Safe spaces
- 🌀 Team work and all the volunteers who help
- 🌀 Avril and Christine
- 🌀 Laughter
- 🌀 Inclusiveness
- 🌀 Ability to recycle pre-loved goods
- 🌀 A warm meal after a long day
- 🌀 People who water the garden
- 🌀 Sunshine in the courtyard
- 🌀 Finishing the Chapel Street project
- 🌀 Evolving space at St. Andrew's
- 🌀 Being able to connect with people from all walks of life
- 🌀 St. Andrew's community

In 2022, we plan to have two all-in community gatherings. Plus, we will introduce development meetings for the day time and evening services that will include inspirational speakers and a chance to share our ideas. Until then, may we all enjoy a much needed rest over the holidays.

Spotlight On Community



Shahmir Fahkimi arrived in Adelaide from Iran in January 2018. It was a joy for the St. Andrew's community to celebrate Shahmir's baptism on Easter Sunday of that same year. His baptism is a reflection of his desire for

a new life based on love and peace.

Shahmir is a business owner who hopes to one day open a business in Australia. But like many, Shahmir's life is in limbo as he awaits a visa that will allow him to settle permanently. We hope and pray the outcome will be positive for Shahmir.

For now, Shahmir gives of himself to St. Andrew's by volunteering once-a-month on Tuesday nights. He also happily lends a hand whenever he is asked—flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, counting the offering, and making plunger coffee.

Shahmir enjoys equestrian sports, tennis, spending time with friends and walking on the beach. His gentle and caring disposition is a gift to all who know him.

At their November meeting, the Church Council appointed Shahmir as the new Treasurer. He has since been seconded to the Leadership Council as part of this role. We are grateful for his willingness to serve in so many ways and look with anticipation to his continued contributions to our community.

Growing Love Together

Many organisations and individuals have donated food or funds to St. Andrew's as part of their end-of-the-year / Christmas offerings. We express our thanks to the following groups who have already dropped off their Christmas donations:

- Holdfast Bay Rotary
- Glenelg Primary School
- Glengowrie Retirement Estate
- Edwardstown Lions Club
- Dover Gardens Kindy
- Ascot Community Uniting Church
- Zonta Club

Christmas.

Dear God, it is timely that we give thanks for the lives of all prophets, teachers, healers and revolutionaries, living and dead, acclaimed or obscure, who have rebelled, worked and suffered for the cause of love and joy.

We also celebrate that part of us, that part within ourselves, which has rebelled, worked and suffered for the cause of love and joy.

We give thanks and celebrate.

AMEN.



-Michael Leunig

Everything in Common

UnitingWorld is the international aid and partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia. UnitingWorld collaborates with the global church to address the causes and consequences of poverty, injustice and violence. Because every person is beloved by God and invited to a life that is whole and hopeful.

Each year, UnitingWorld releases a catalogue from which we might purchase life-changing gifts. Our gifts fight poverty through health, education, leadership

and income opportunities. Each gift card represents a project helping people lead lives of dignity and hope. 2021 gift catalogues are available at St. Andrew's or shop online via the UnitingWorld website.



Search for a New Music Coordinator

Bring your unique voice to a vibrant community engagement ministry in the heart of Glenelg. The music coordinator will provide music for worship as well as integrate music into the UnitingCare Glenelg programs. This could include arranging for lunch time concerts, music in the courtyard or forming a musical group to build supportive community among volunteers and guests. This is a casual position, anticipated to be 2-4 hours a week as required. Please forward applications including a CV and cover letter sharing your vision for this position to Christine Gilbert at christinegilb@optusnet.com.au. Applications close 15 January 2022.

Artist in Residence 2022

You won't want to miss this enriching, community building opportunity in 2022. John Coleman is a familiar voice to many at St. Andrew's where his music has been enjoyed in various settings.

John and Jenny are encouraging artists who bring out the creativity and music in us all. Several events will take place throughout the week so everyone is sure to find a way to participate.



Artist in Residence John Coleman with Jenny Batten

15-22 May 2022

St. Andrew's Uniting Church
92 Jetty Road, Glenelg

Celebrating and strengthening
the chords between us

For more information and bookings

https://air_jcoleman.eventbrite.com



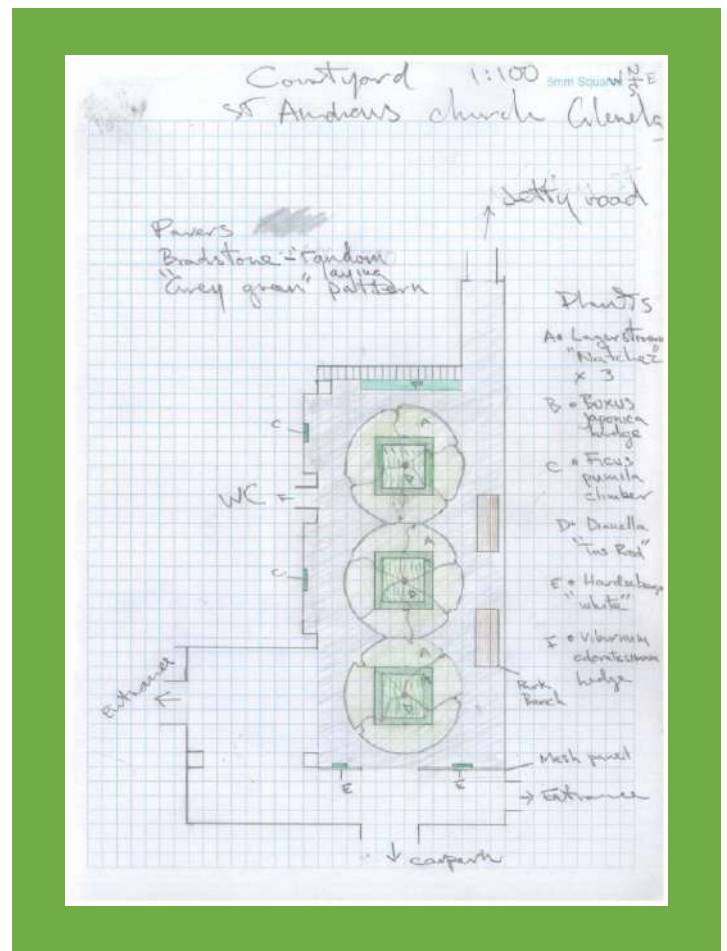
Please book for free events as
space is limited.

Courtyard Garden Design

Senior Fieldworker for Holdfast Council Adam Kromkamp presented his design for our courtyard garden which was approved in principle. The design is focused on creating a welcoming space that will provide shade in summer and maximise the sun in winter. The design also covers some unsightly areas of the courtyard that are immovable. We seek to keep the garden simple and low maintenance while still offering interest in terms of colour and shape.

The Leadership Council welcomes your thoughts and feedback as we collect quotes from local landscapers for the work. A large print version of the plan is available at St. Andrew's for those who are interested.

We do not intend to keep the wicking beds that are great for growing veggies and flowers. One bed has been transplanted to the southwest edge of the hall for a kitchen herb garden. If you would like one or know someone who would, please let us know.



Holiday Worship Schedule

Christmas Day	10:00 am
26 December	no worship
2 January	no worship
9 & 16 January	10:00 am with Rev. Graham Sturdy

Christmas Closure and Re-Open Dates

	<u>Close</u>	<u>Re-Open</u>
St. Andrew's Office	24 Dec.	11 Jan.
Emergency Relief	21 Dec.	18 Jan.
Op Shop	21 Dec.	18 Jan.
Mary's Kitchen	7 Dec.	1 Feb.

Dear Friends,

We give thanks for the compassionate, hospitable presence God has provided through the community of St. Andrew's. The kindness and generosity of many have come together to bear witness to the love of Christ alive within our little patch of Glenelg.

It has been another challenging year. The dedication and resilience of the community through it all is inspiring. The St. Andrew's Leadership Council and UCG Board wish everyone a season of renewal and look forward to returning refreshed for service in January.

May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.

—WA. W. Podlich

Christmas Op Shop



St. Andrew's joined the buzz on Jetty Road the last weekend of November for a Christmas Op Shop stall. Thank you to those who put several hours of hard work into setting up and hosting on the day. (Do you recognise these masked individuals?) Just over \$850 was raised in support of UnitingCare Glenelg.



Giving to St. Andrew's and UCG

Giving is a way of saying "thank you" to God and "yes!" to Christ's work of love in the world. To support St. Andrew's who provides infrastructure including staff:

BSB: 105 015
Acct. # 089117940

Donate to UnitingCare Glenelg:

BSB: 105 015
Acct. # 123885940

Donations of >\$2 to UnitingCare Glenelg are tax deductible when made at:

<https://bit.ly/UnitingCareERC> or scan the QR code. Be sure to designate **UnitingCare Glenelg** when you make your donations.

