



NEWS FOR JULY 2021

ST. ANDREW'S BY THE SEA UNITING CHURCH

Growing Up into Christ

Throughout August, we will engage with a series on the Letter to the Ephesians. This epistle speaks strongly of who we are in Christ and is a fitting and hopeful word for this time of growth at St. Andrew's.

Together we will explore questions such as: What are the essentials of the Christian life? What is unique about Christian community? What anchors us in the midst of our diversity and cultural fluidity?

I intend to send near daily emails with prayers and ponderings as part of this series. You may wish to read Ephesians, slowly, chapter by chapter throughout these weeks at home. What do you hear? What inspires you?

Spirituality Group for Women

August's session will focus on weaving prayer throughout our days. Rather than simply "saying our prayers," what might it look like to live prayerfully? We'll draw on the tradition of the Divine Hours of prayer in a contemporary form. The event will include assembling a simple prayerbook to prompt sacred interruptions morning, noon and night. All are most welcome.

Thank You, Morrie Croucher

At our most recent Church Council meeting, Morrie Croucher offered his notice of intent to resign from his leadership roles at St. Andrew's. This has included serving as Treasurer of St. Andrew's as well as serving on the Property Services Team.

Morrie offered his gifts to these roles during times of significant transition. He has been like an anchor amidst the waves of change, bringing order and calm to these important areas of ministry. Thank you, Morrie, for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Property Sale

During negotiations with Holdfast Council around the Chapel Street project and its implications for St. Andrew's, it was made known to us that the church owns a strip of property against the eastern wall. Some of this strip was already being used by Holdfast Council as public space. Initially, Holdfast Council offered to lease the strip of land. But in conversation with advisors from Synod Property, it was agreed it was in everyone's best interest to sell the property which is what the Church Council has agreed to do.

The proceeds from this sale will be held in trust until St. Andrew's determines how it would like to use the money. Church Council agreed to have the interest deposited into the church's savings account to be used towards general ministry expenses until then.

Whenever property is sold in the Uniting Church, there is a strong encouragement to use a portion of the proceeds to support a mission beyond one's own. Church Council warmed to this idea. Please be thinking about how this unexpected gift can support a special project at St. Andrew's as well as a community beyond. We will be collecting ideas and input regarding priorities in coming months.



SPIRITUALITY GROUP FOR WOMEN TO EXPLORE
UNCEASING PRAYER
Monday 2 August, 2:00-4:00 pm
St. Andrew's Uniting Church

*Learning how to move
from saying prayers
to living them*

RSVP: christinegilb@optusnet.com.au

SAVE THE DATE
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEK
with JOHN COLEMAN
14-21 November 2021



Celebrating and strengthening the chords between us with activities including:

- **Joyful Noise Choir - all welcome**
- **day-long retreat to help us find and befriend our own unique voice**
- **one-on-one tutorial with John to write our own song**
- **sing-along and song writing with the Mary's Kitchen community**
- **John Coleman in concert**

Details and booking information are coming soon.

You won't want to miss this creative community building event.

Stan Grant Coming to Adelaide

On Friday 3rd September at 7:30 pm, Stan Grant will deliver the Effective Living Centre's 2021 Wilks Oration. Grant will discuss key issues of our time including the Australian Identity and responses to the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Space is limited so book your ticket now through the Effective Living Centre's/Christ Church Uniting website. Tickets are \$25-\$35.

Rev. Charissa Suli Elected



At the recent online National Assembly meeting, Charissa Suli was elected to serve as the next President of the Uniting Church. Some may remember Charissa being at St. Andrew's for the CMLA

worship conversations in 2018 where her beautiful spirit and voice mesmerized us. Charissa said, "This is truly an historic moment for the Church. This is groundbreaking that you call a Second Generation Tongan Australian, still in her thirties. Today we move forward because of you all."

Charissa will serve as President-Elect for three years before being inducted as President at the next Assembly gathering.

The ministry of St. Andrew's is supported through offerings and donations. Offerings are a way of saying "thank you" to God and "yes!" to Christ's work of love in the world. You are welcome to offer your gift as part of worship using the collection box. Or you may wish to give electronically via UC e-give or directly:

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