



*We believe we are called by God to be an inclusive
Christian community, committed to justice,
learning, service and care.*



BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH
More than a Sunday Church...

Week of 1st of March 2024
Service on Sunday 3rd March 2024
Message 9.15 & 11am: Michael Dowling
Worship Leader: Penny Harper
Reader: Helen Blake
Holy Communion
Live Streamed by Tim

Lectionary readings – Sunday 3rd March Lent 3

**** Ex 20: 1-17** Ps 19 ** 1 Cor 1: 18-25 ****

**** Jn 2: 13-22 ****

Next Services

Sunday 10th March

Message: Michael Dowling

Worship Leader: Jane Bassham

Reader: Helen Blake

Something to Think About . . .

What is Humanity's place and role in creation?

This week, we continue the Lenten theme of the mythological days of creation in Genesis. The reading this Sunday is about the separating of the waters from the dry land:

“Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.”

The appearance of dry land led then to the creation of the land-based plants on which the animals of the land, which followed, would be dependent. Then, a bit “later” in the six-day creation framework, we hear of the creation of strange bipedal creatures, apparently “made in the image of God,” called humans. Yes, *it's us lot!*

This week we contemplate humanity's place and role in creation: how it has traditionally been conceived; how we might think about it now; what our possible future may be; and whether God, right about now, may be having second thoughts about the whole humanity project.

Michael Dowling

Memorial Service for Tony Otworowski

This is a preliminary notice about the upcoming Memorial Service for beloved member of our BUC community, Tony Otworowski.

We don't have a confirmed date for the service as Tony's family are still awaiting receipt of Tony's ashes from New Zealand. However, we do have a *hopeful* date as well as a *backup* date, both of which you may wish to put in your diaries as tentative.

The hopeful date is: **11am Tuesday 12 March** at Blackwood Uniting Church

The backup date is: **2pm Friday 15 March** at Blackwood Uniting Church

You will be informed once the day and time can be confirmed. In the meantime, please continue to hold Jackie and the family in your love and prayers.

Michael Dowling

The Rev Michael Dowling is Retiring

With Michael deciding to retire, his service of "release" will be March 17 with a combined service at 10.00am. At that time, we will say a thank you to Michael and release him from his ministry to us.

If you would like to make a 'thank offering' for Michael's service to Blackwood Uniting Church, you are invited to leave an envelope marked "Michael Dowling Thank you" containing your gift either at the office or in the large offering bowl on Sunday mornings.

Thank you.

Adrian Brown, Chair of the Church Council

STASH SALE

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Community Classes Stash sale on Saturday last. It was the most wonderful day filled with laughter and great bargains for the multitude who attended.

It was super exciting to find that this year through our social media marketing efforts we attracted not only much loved program members, church community members and familiar local faces, but also a large number of people from MUCH further afield. Intrepid crafters from Brighton, Noarlunga and even a group from Gawler were at the doors and champing at the bit for opening time.

All in all we raised nearly \$1500 for the community program. Some of which will go to purchasing a coffee urn for our other events.

It cannot go without saying that this amazing outcome could not have been achieved without the assistance of our fantabulous team of volunteers; Sue Fisher, Judith Terrell, Chris Bray, Bev Eccleston, Nancy Cranwell, Lisa Haddrick and Lynona Hawkins (who jumped into the fray at the last minute brandishing some serious fabric cutting scissors).

Thanks so much to all of you girls, you are a team to be reckoned with and a joy to be a part of. Thanks also must go to Lisa for providing the cake (and healthy option apples) without which we simply could not have survived the setup, frantic day and pack down.

Finally a big thank you to Peter Cranwell who rolled in with a trailer two days later to take away unsold patterns, fabrics and yarns for distribution so that refugee ladies have an opportunity to sew, create, knit, crochet and craft to support and assist their families, build friendships and hopefully heal some inner wounds. I hope to bring you some pictures of what they get up to in their crafting adventures soon.



We are grateful that everything found a home for good purpose and nothing was wasted or will ever see landfill.



Blackwood Uniting Church

A centre for Community

a place for all
a place....
of love
of safety
of integrity
of compassion

to listen
to connect
to ask hard questions

to contemplate God

You are welcome

5 to 8pm

Beginning with drinks and nibbles

Hosted by the Blackwood
Uniting Church Community

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Journeying...

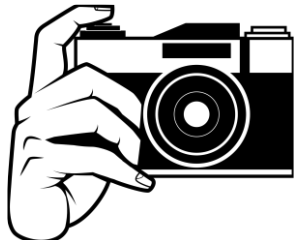
17th March '24
"Telling Truth"
Art Exhibition

Hear non-Indigenous
artist, Colin Clarke,
talk of his journey of
discovering the
untaught truths of
Australian history.

This journey
developed into his
Telling Truths art
work.

There will be Q&A
opportunities

The work will be on
display until 14th April



Calling all Photographers!



A montage of images that tell the story of Creation

We are looking for your original photographs for this montage which will be screened as a Prelude to services in Lent/Easter.

If you have photographs that illustrate ...

- water (sea, river, lake, mist), sea and sky, sky,
- sunrise, sunset, landforms with sea/river (cliffs, islands),
- plants (desert plants, forests, seeds etc),
- night skies, moon,
- animals (diverse),
- people (diverse, gatherings of people rock art).

If you would like to participate you could email photos in any or all of these categories to me at sutcam17@gmail.com or leave a USB in Trevor's pigeon hole in the Office.

Alison Sutcliffe

**TWILIGHT TUNES
IN THE PARK**
WITH MITCHAM CITY BRASS
MUSICAL DIRECTOR - STEVE PACKER
• SATURDAY 2 MARCH | 6.30 - 8.00 PM •
at Mitcham Reserve
between Old Belair Rd, Norman Walk & Evans Ave,
Old Belair Rd, Mitcham

Join Mitcham City Brass for their first Concert in 2024
in the scenic Mitcham Reserve at twilight.
Bring your friends, chairs, food and drinks to sit back and enjoy!
Free entry - with the opportunity to make a donation if you wish.

MITCHAM CITY BRASS IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT IT RECEIVES FROM THE CITY OF MITCHAM, PRESTO MUSIC, GOLDSBOROUGH FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MANOS PARTNERS TAXATION & ACCOUNTING
 www.mitchamcitybrass.org

Mitcham and Hills Wellness Education Session

Simplifying Aged Care

**TUESDAY 12TH MARCH | 5PM FOR 5:30PM START
BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH (ROUNABOUT)**



RSVPs essential



Click to book

Bike Shed News . . .

Thursday 29th, leap year day, the bike shed leapt into action again and had 11 bikes (with more to go on Monday) on board for containers of hope.

This team is amazing and continues to do fundamental and worthwhile acts for the community and further afield.

Just as an example, last week we had a lovely gentleman come in to the office, two years after receiving a bike during a dreadful time in his life. He has not only pulled his life together but is keen to give back by volunteering in the shed. He stated that it was the receipt of his bike that enfranchised and enabled him to turn his world around. It just goes to show that a bit of kindness and faith makes all the difference.

Well Done, Boys!!!



Peta Workman

Word for the Week

“Once freedom
lights its beacon in a
person’s heart, the
gods are powerless
against it.”



Jean-Paul Sartre
1905-1980
French writer and philosopher

Looking ahead in 2024

Friday	1 st March
Sunday	3 rd March
Sunday	17 th March
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First Friday Friends
Messy Church
Rev Michael Dowling’s Last Day
Journeying

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GIVING back to God
<http://blackwooduc.org.au/giving/>