



*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 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**  
**Service on Sunday 31st March 2024**  
**Services Good Friday: 9am**  
**Easter Sunday: 10am**  
**Message: Rev. Dr Adrian Brown**  
**Worship Leader: Pat Colette**  
**Live Streamed Tim Lee**

**Lectionary readings – Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday**  
**\*\* Is 25: 6-9 \*\* Ps 114 \*\* 1 Cor 5: 6b-8\*\* Lk 24: 13-49 \*\***

**Next Services**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Easter 2)**  
**Message: Rev. John Candy**  
**Worship Leader: Anne Magarey**

**Reflection**

**Something to think about.**

On the seventh day of Creation, the story tells us that God finished creating and took a break – he rested. It was all good and clearly God stepped back, looked and was proud. After that, he did two things. He handed dominion over to us so that we might care for the creation and then allowed the creation to continue its creative way as it changed and developed.

We have been brought up to think of ourselves as being at the top of the tree when, as I read the story, we are the ones charged with caring for the Creation. We haven't been too good at doing that. Ants, for example, are just as important as us, even if there are countless millions of them and they appear totally insignificant.

Our indigenous friends have shown us how to care for the Creation and we can learn from them what dominion really means.

It is Easter, and it is a good time to become aware that its meaning is the opportunity for us to get God's message and get on with what us required as Easter is really the sign of the need for re-creation as God's creatures charged with dominion so that, once again, God can 'rest' and feel pleased.

Read Genesis 2:1-3 and John 20:1-18

**Adrian Brown**

## The Rev John Candy

This week, we welcome the Rev John Candy to Blackwood Uniting Church as supply minister for the next six months (April to September). John will be working .5 and will be responsible for the pastoral care of the congregation and for most preaching. John will be joined by Dr Craig Mitchell from May 1.

John has significant experience as someone who has practiced pastoral care of church members, other ministers and in hospital chaplaincy. He has pharmacy and IT qualifications as well as his ministerial studies. He also worked in the Solomon Islands and served in the New Zealand Army in the medical corps in pharmacy as well as worked as a pharmacist in pharmacies and managed pharmacies.

Previously an Anglican priest where his experience has included acting as Dean with care of clergy in the area. John has been a Uniting Church minister for a number of years.

We are pleased to welcome John and you can contact him for pastoral matters on 0411 267 639.

**Adrian Brown**

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## Supply Ministers Contact

While we welcome our two supply ministers (from April and May, respectively), you may want to make note of their email addresses while they are with us at BUC:

[minister@blackwooduc.org.au](mailto:minister@blackwooduc.org.au) – Rev John Candy

[worship@blackwooduc.org.au](mailto:worship@blackwooduc.org.au) – Craig Mitchell

In case you're wondering, the email address for data entry is still [buc.worship@gmail.com](mailto:buc.worship@gmail.com) and I'm sure will be put to much use by John and Craig.

**Karen Collins**

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## “Telling Truth” Art Exhibition

**Discover the untaught truths of Australian History which Colin Clarke developed into his art work.**

Exhibition Open for Viewing  
Tuesdays and Fridays 11am to 1pm  
\*not good Friday\*  
Saturdays and Sundays 1pm to 3pm.

Finishes April 14<sup>th</sup> 2024



## **First Friday friends**

Our next gathering will be on Friday April the 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in the coffee lounge. Nancy Cranwell is going to tell us about her volunteer work with several organisations.

You are all welcome to come hear Nancy and join us for tea and scones afterwards.

**Helen Blake**

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## **Help needed for Playgroup**

We are faced with an urgent need for volunteers to help set up the Hewett Room on Sundays, and pack up both rooms on Mondays. We are desperately missing Tony O, and our other stalwart, Trevor, is having shoulder surgery and will be out of action for several months.

It doesn't take long, about 10 minutes on Sunday mornings, and around half an hour of your time on Mondays from 11.20-ish, and if you come a little earlier we'll give you morning tea. There is a plan of the set-up in the Hewett room to guide you, and the parents/grandparents are very helpful when packing up both rooms on Monday. For more specific details about what is involved please see me, Marnie Agnew, and talk it over.

I'd like to see if we can set up a roster for the next 3 months and if we can get a few people to put your name down for one or two days for the term I'm sure we can share the load and cover what needs to be done.

What we need:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April set-up Hewett room

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April pack-up from 11.20

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April: set up both Hewett Room and Dene Room after church

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April: packing up from 11.20

Set up Hewett room on Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June, (no set-up on 9<sup>th</sup> June – King's birthday long weekend); 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June

Pack up on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July.

I'll have a roster in the morning tea room and you can put your names down when it suits you. I'll also have a list of things that need to be done for each day.

Looking forward to welcoming more of you to our playgroup team.

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**Marnie Agnew 0408 474 699 [agnew05@bigpond.net.au](mailto:agnew05@bigpond.net.au)**



## Mitcham and Hills Wellness Education Session

# Remembering 2 Remember

**TUESDAY 9TH APRIL | 5PM FOR 5:30PM START  
BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH (ROUNDBABOUT)**



Join Wendy Hall, Director of Dementia Doulas International, as she leads an interactive and practical presentation on common memory changes and what we can do to improve our memory. Getting older can often lead to forgetting more and this can lead to a fear of these changes being permanent along with other lifestyle implications. Learn how simple exercises and reframing your thinking can make a difference to everyday life.

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## **Messy Church**

We have kicked off in 2024 with joy after the attempt at the picnic in February was flattened by heat (though those few of us who went had a lovely time!). We had about 36 people at our March celebration, in which we started our year of Prayer with a bit of learning about the time of Lent, with children making prayer bead necklaces, and hand paintings of angels, and planting seeds to help us consider this season of transformation. At our next session, on April 7, we will spend some time learning about the Lord's Prayer.

In a bit of related news to share, the Mills family are going overseas for the year of 2025, so Bonnie will be unable to facilitate Messy Church during that time. We will need some extra help to keep providing this ministry to our families, so if you think you may be able to contribute even a few times over the course of the year, by organising crafts or activities prior, or helping to run events at the gatherings, or to share a story at the celebration, please contact Bonnie Mills, or Adrian Brown. Please keep the Messy Church team and families in your prayers in this regard.

## **Messy Youth Group**

For many years we have had a Messy Youth group running in parallel with the normal Messy Church programme. Sadly, since Covid, it did not really get underway again. However last Messy Church day was different. There were 6 young people who effectively graduated into the group which was an exciting time for Nancy and Peter. They finally had an opportunity to re-start and brush off the cobwebs. If you judge by the amount of chatting that went on, all of the young people were engaged and into it!! Conversations varied from splitting an atom to reading the book of Numbers!! So we are looking forward to what the next one will involve as these young people are encouraged to explore their faith and understanding of what Jesus may say to them in this time and place.

Please support these young people and keep them in your thoughts and prayers, as they truly engage in this journey.

Nancy and Peter Cranwell

**Bonnie Mills**  
**0405 455 567**

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Nunyara's 75th Anniversary Celebration Service

Nunyara Chapel, 5 Burnell Drive, Belair

Sunday 14 April 2024, 2pm

Followed by afternoon tea  
& a tour of the venue.

RSVP to [nunyara@uvsa.org.au](mailto:nunyara@uvsa.org.au)

ph 08 82781673

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# Word for the Week



“We are saved only by love – love for each other . . . being a parent, being a writer, being a painter, being a friend. We live in a perpetually burning building, and what we must save from it, all the time, is love.”

*Tennessee Williams 1911 - 1983*  
*American playwright and screenwriter.*

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## Looking ahead in 2024

Friday	29th March	Good Friday
Sunday	31st March	Easter Sunday
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	First Friday Friends

**Church Office**  
8278 7699

**Interim Minister**

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