



*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 5th of April 2024
Service on Sunday 7th April 2024
Services: 9.15am & 11 am
Message: Rev. John Candy
Worship Leader: Nola Pearce
Reader: John Corbett
Live Streamed

Lectionary readings – Sunday 7th April Easter 2

**** Acts 4: 32-35 ** Ps 133 ** 1 Jn 1: 1-2:2 ** Jn 20: 19-31 ****

Next Services

Sunday 14th April (Easter 3)
Message: Rev. John Candy
Worship Leader: Jan Furness
Reader: Robert Corbett

Reflection

Something to think about.

Who Christ is for us today? This question seems to be a relevant question for us all today and one which vexes each generation and its theologians. So, we too need to seek the answer for ourselves to underpin our faith journey. One of my friends expressed this clearly for me when he told me that he felt that each generation needed to find Christ and what Christ has and is doing, for themselves. We can be there to support, but we are unable to connect them with Christ. They need to do that for themselves.

If we observe what is happening in our community and our nation, we could become very confused as to whom Christ really is. Even within the Church, there are denominations and groups clamouring to tell us that they know who Christ is and no one else does. They would wish us to believe that they and only they hold the key to the truth of God. In the wider community, we would be led to believe that Christ is irrelevant. It is not surprising that many are left confused and bewildered. We seem to get hung up on should's.

As we journey in our own encounter with Christ, we need to express our encounter or lose forever what we as Christians believe to be an ultimate truth. Namely, that through the person of Jesus of Nazareth, somehow the reality of God has become an experience in human history that is universally available. That experience was love, a love that would not be confined or limited. All were transformed by that love. No barriers can be erected around the love of God that was seen in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Men and women, over the centuries have shared with us their experience of Christ as love and, we to can be part of that sharing. Through that love we to can be blessed so deeply.

John Candy

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

Supply Ministers Availability

Rev John will be available at the Church Office Monday 9am to 5.30pm, Tuesday 10am or 12pm to 5.30pm and sometimes on Friday between 9am and 2pm as well as Sundays for worship. For most of these times please drop in and see him if the need arises and he is not already seeing someone.

For Pastoral Needs and other issues please make an appointment to see him at the Ministers Church Office by ringing Church Office to make a time through the Rev John or Peta.

For emergency and urgent pastoral needs please ring 0411267639 to make a time and place that is appropriate for him to walk with you.

John Candy

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 – Rev John Candy

worship@blackwooduc.org.au – Craig Mitchell

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

Karen Collins

Philosophers Lunch

The Philosophers' lunch is on Sunday, 21st April.

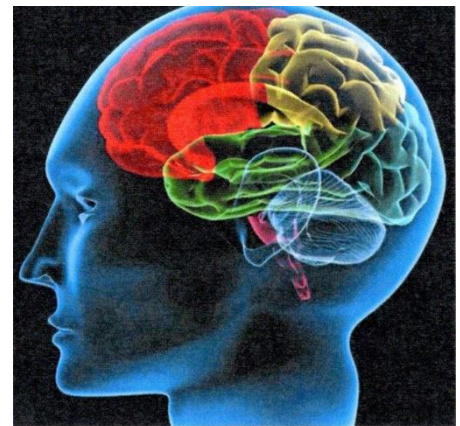
Please bring your own lunch and ideas to share as we chew the fat on many things philosophical, ethical, theological and more.

Blackwood UC coffee lounge, 12:15 p.m.

Heather Lee

RECENT ADDITION TO THE CHURCH LIBRARY

"Progressive Christianity. Study Series." by Michael Dowling and others.



Joy Belling

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be held at the home of Thelma and Rod Pike, 6A Lee St. Eden Hills at 2pm on Tuesday April 16th We will be discussing "**The Book Binder of Jericho**" by Pip Williams which follows on from the best seller, "The Dictionary of Lost Words".

Interested people are welcome to attend.

Email: rtpike31@gmail.com Phone: 0409044117

Thelma Pike

BUC KITCHEN NEWS

Recently, those of you who use the kitchen, may have noticed that Nancy Cranwell, with the assistance of Sue Fisher, has taken a large amount of time to clean out all of the fridges and freezers in the kitchen.

Unfortunately she did find some rather nasty surprises of decomposing food, as well as things dated to 2019 and lots of empty sauce bottles.

It would be super if we could all work together to keep our storage spaces in tip top order.

If you are a group who uses the fridges or freezers, please let us know at the office if you require a space for your use i.e. messy church, mainly music etc. We will then label your area for you to use, store your things, so that they are easy to find and not used by random visitors (yes this does happen).

If you are an individual or a group, and you leave things in the fridge, can you please label them as yours and also date them the date they have been opened. Markers will be left in the kitchen in a jar in the left cupboard above the left sink.

Please note that every 3 months all fridges will be gone through for cleaning and anything perishable or not dated will be removed.

We hope that everyone will enjoy having a lovely sparkling refrigeration experience when they use the BUC kitchen into the future.

Thanks so much for your assistance.



Peta Workman

Were you there?

*And they fossick 'til they find a stone shaped to their grief
And they scatter rose petals, soft with perfume, onto a reeking cross,
And they wonder at their champion's disgrace
And weep their tears into a shroud. And the people survey the bleakest
of days
And seek to understand a God of such device,
And there is silence Because the sadness is too raw.*

*Even then, mystery returns;
Tenderness suffusing suffering's face,
For this act of love, stronger than darkness and any stone fashioned for
a tomb,
Shines with stained glass radiance,
Illuminates in gold, And blazes with voices anthem-high.*

*And the people study the scars of their own living
And the congealed sweep of their own plans,
And wet with tears for themselves and a grieving world,
Depart, strangely soothed in hope.*

Ashleigh Lower

“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 14th 2024



THE BLACKWOOD HILLS CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FOR
REFUGEES PRESENTS...

Celebrity Quiz Night

with
celebrity presenters:



Mwajemi Hussein
The Survival of Kindness



Quentin Evers
Musician



Mystery Presenter



Catherine Hutchesson MP
Member for Waite

SATURDAY
MAY 18
2024

TICKETS: \$20
DOORS OPEN: 6:15 PM
QUIZ STARTS: 7PM

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Prepare to compete in this high energy quiz
night for a cause!

BRING Cash for Raffle and Silent Auction
BYO Drinks, nibbles, glasses

Funds raised support refugees in our
community, making a meaningful difference
in their lives.





Mitcham and Hills Wellness Education Session

Remembering 2 Remember

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



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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Songs of Faith

Music For Your Soul

*A beautiful afternoon of inspirational music, including **When the Saints, Amazing Grace, Amen, The Lord's Prayer**, the Xhosa prayer **Ukuthula** and much more.*

*Featuring a **30-piece orchestra** and performances by **all three 2024 scholarship winners!***

*Presented in the stirring neo-gothic **Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town.***

Sunday, 28 April

2.00pm

Wesley Uniting Church

27 Grenfell Street, Kent Town



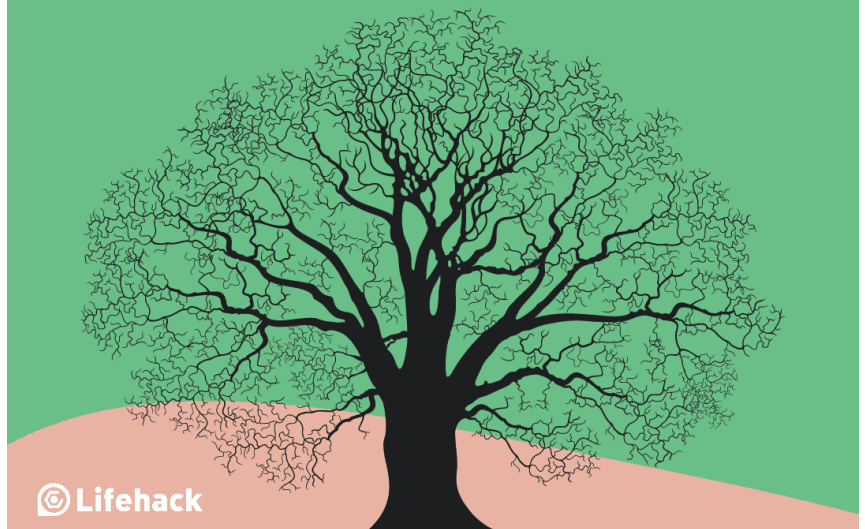
Tickets \$30

Via www.mmcsa.org,
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or call 0401 204 634



Word for the Week

The tallest oak in the forest was once just a little nut that held its ground.



Looking ahead in 2024

Friday	5 th April	First Friday Friends
Sunday	21 st April	Philosophers Lunch

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