



*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 12th of April 2024
Service on Sunday 14th April 2024
Services: 9.15am & 11 am
Message: Rev. John Candy
Worship Leader: Jan Furness
Reader: Robert Corbett
Live Streamed

Lectionary readings – Sunday 14th April Easter 3
**** Acts 3: 12-19 ** Ps 4 ** 1 Jn 3: 1-7 ** Lk 24: 36b-48 ****

Next Services

Sunday 21st April (Easter 4)
Service 9.15am & 11am
Message: Wes Bray
Worship Leader: Peter Cranwell
Reader: Jan Wiseman

Reflection

Something to think about.

The scripture from Luke entitled the Road to Emmaus tells us so very much about the human situation. It shows us some of the false assumptions we have about what God should do for us, as well as showing God's patience and mercy with us. It could well have been you and I on that road. Many of us would have acted as Cleopas and the other disciple did when they talked with Jesus without knowing who he was.

The disciples had glimpsed Christ's purpose but did not yet understand. They were confused in their understanding of what God and Jesus meant by redemption. They had expectations after seeing his mighty deeds and miracles. Their hopes sadly centred on the restoration of Israel as a nation to which all the scattered Jews could return.

Yet the disciples felt that their hopes were destroyed with the journey of events from Lent through to Good Friday that led to the death of Jesus. How many families have had their hopes destroyed with sudden loss, maybe of a child or home or all they have. Jesus had entered Jerusalem in triumph a few days before and with his death came sudden despair. God's promises seem to lose their meaning for us when calamity strikes close to us. It would be easy to get down and depressed and panic about the changes that might be required of us through the loving gift of the Resurrection

Jesus shared with those on the road and revived their confidence and helped them see who and what he really was. Not only the Jesus who was dead and crucified and seeming to be defeated but also the Lord and Christ - resurrected, alive and totally in control. For us the encounter is relevant because this is the power that can fill our lives with peace, quiet and joy. Jesus' resurrection rests as a seal upon our faith in God, that God's forgiveness of our sin is real and neither death nor trouble nor uncertainty need have any power over us. Therefore we are supported and strengthened to go into the future with hope and confidence in an atmosphere of love.

John Candy

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.

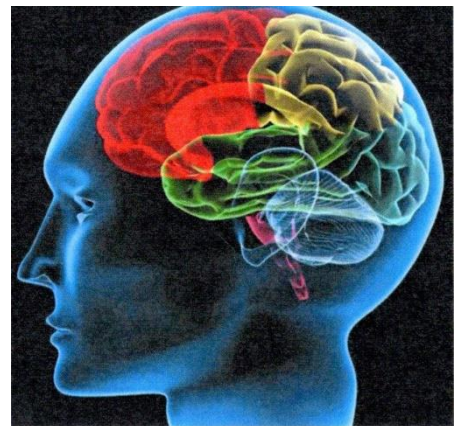
Please bring your own lunch and ideas to share as we chew the fat on many things philosophical, ethical, theological and more.

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

Take a Seat at Oodnadatta UC



Fellowship & Mission Support

Donations should be sent
to:

Ms Janet
Woodward Fellowship &
Mission Admin
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive
Brooklyn Park SA 5032

OR

Online

BSB 704095

Account Number:

195684

Reference: **"Oodnadatta"**.

Information Contact:

Rev Sue Ellis 0427162009

rev.sellis@gmail.com

\$80.00 will buy a new chair

for the nearly completed Oodnadatta
Congress Church

The Fellowship & Mission Support committee of the Synod Mission Resourcing unit is inviting Fellowship & Friendship groups and congregations to join in a project to support the new SA Congress building at Oodnadatta. Frontier Services Bush Chaplain, Pastor Julia Lennon is excited that the new building will be ready for opening in May 2024.

But there are no chairs.

Join this opportunity to Take a Seat at Oodnadatta and donate the cost of a chair and its transport to Oodnadatta before the end of May 2024.

The Oodnadatta Church needs chairs and this is a great way for congregations and groups to help.

Nancy Cranwell

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

You're invited!
**TO THE ULTIMATE
WOMBATS SA TEA
PARTY EXPERIENCE!**



**Treat yourself or that special
someone this Mother's Day Weekend!**

Join us for our annual fund raiser to help protect and preserve our precious native flora & fauna here in SA.

Gather your family and friends to enjoy a delectable afternoon of scones jam & cream, lamingtons, cake, sandwiches, sparkling wine, tea, coffee, and home-made lemonade!



There will be a wombats Mother's Day stall and our exciting silent auction.

Credit/debit cards and cash/coins are welcome!



When: Sat 11th May 2024

From: 2pm to 4:30pm

Unley Community Centre

18 Arthur Street, Unley



Seats are limited – book your free entry ticket:

<https://events.humanitix.com/wombats-sa-tea-party>

Important: Bring your own creation – a posy, bouquet or flower arrangement to help raise vital funds!



To donate use the QR code at the right.

For more Wombats SA information:

Website: wombatssa.org.au

Email: info@wombatssa.org.au



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

**BLACKWOOD
UNITING CHURCH
HALL**

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BYO Drinks, nibbles, glasses

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





The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia
Presents

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,
trybooking.com (QR Code)
or call 0401 204 634



Word for the Week



Looking ahead in 2024

Sunday	21 st April	Congregational Meeting
Sunday	21 st April	Philosophers Lunch

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