



*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 19th of April 2024

Service on Sunday 21st April 2024

Services: 9.15am & 11 am

Message: Wes Bray

Worship Leader: Peter Cranwell

Reader: Jan Wiseman

Live Streamed

Lectionary readings – Sunday 21st April Easter 4

**** Acts 4: 5-12 ** Ps 23 ** 1 Jn 3: 16-24 ** Jn 10: 1-8 ****

Next Services

Sunday 28th April (Easter 5)

Service 9.15am & 11am

Message: Rev. John Candy

Worship Leader: Mike Bull

Reader: Jan Wiseman

Reflection

Something to think about.

Psalm 23 is much-loved and undoubtedly one of the most well-known passages in the Bible. Many of the hymns in the hymn book have been inspired by these words.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the image of God as shepherd inspires trust and confidence but does not deny the multiple, sustained threats to that security. Thus, we should take care that our familiarity with this psalm does not give way to sentimentality.

In his teachings, Jesus describes himself as a shepherd. A shepherd who can be relied on to look after the sheep, not a person who does not care and will leave the sheep to look after themselves in times of trouble.

A good shepherd's love for the sheep bears the same qualities as those described in 1 John 3: sacrificial, bold, power filled. Furthermore, this shepherd is not the shepherd only

of these sheep. One flock, one shepherd (v. 16): other sheep, ultimately all sheep, belong to this shepherd.

As we listen once again to these familiar words, let us consider what it means to be part of the flock following the good shepherd.

Wes Bray

First Friday Friends

Our next gathering will be on Friday 3rd of May at 1.30 in the coffee lounge. Our speaker will be Anthony Furness. His topic is “ a church boy conscripted to the army”.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Helen Blake

The Poet and the Penman

The Poet and the Penman by Ashleigh Lower is yours for a donation of \$10 or more.

All proceeds support the work of the Blackwood Circle of Friends.

Ashleigh Lower

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

Walking Group

WALK GROUP Sunday 28th April Meet 2pm at carpark next to roundabout on corner of Chandlers Hill Rd and Kenihans Rd, Happy Valley.

We will do a circuit walk at the southern end of the Happy Valley Reservoir.
Geoff and Ann McLean 0416162048

Geoff & Ann McLean

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.

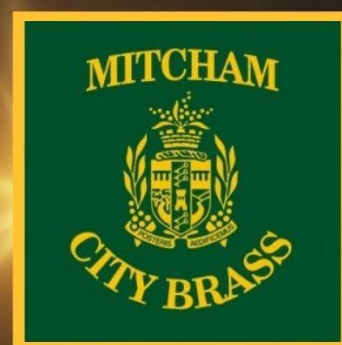
Nancy Cranwell



WARTIME MELODIES CONCERT 2024

Sunday 21 April 2.30 pm

Belair Community Centre
corner Sheoak Rd & Burnell Dr, Belair



To commemorate ANZAC Day, Mitcham City Brass, under the baton of Musical Director Steven Packer, presents a musical tribute to our service men and women, featuring a montage of melodies and songs from the war years. Tea/Coffee provided.



Adult: **\$20** | Pens/Student Conc: **\$15**

Child U/13: **Free**

Ex Service men/women **FREE**

Tickets

- Online - www.trybooking.com/CQLRS
- Reservations - phone 0419032312
- At the door

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Enquiries: secretary@mitchamcitybrass.org
or phone: 0419 032 312



Mitcham City Brass is proudly supported by the City of Mitcham, Presto Music, Goldsbrough Financial Services and Manos Partners Taxation & Accounting

Mitcham City Brass - bringing music to the Community since 1901

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 **SA Wellspring Community**
invites you to join us on an excursion to the
Adelaide BOTANIC Garden
on the **Saturday 11th May**

We plan to gather at the ***Friends' Gate*** entrance at **10.00am**.
This is located on Plane Tree Drive. Parking is also available along this road which
is one way with the entrance off Hackney Rd.
Cars can also be parked off Hackney Rd along from the Wine Centre
**Please note there is a fee for parking.*

From there we will walk to the

Garden of Health

This lovely area promotes the connection between plants, people
and wellbeing. It has two sections:

The Garden of Healing & The Garden of Contemplation

There are plenty of benches & we will spend time there learning about the various
plants, their cultural origins & potential for healing.

We will take time for reflection, sharing & worship. There is a kiosk close by for
lunch. If the day is wet there are a number of pavilions with different themes we
could visit instead. Please feel free to invite your friends.

RSVP Tuesday May 7th to
Lynona Hawkins, SA state contact for Wellspring
lynona@bigpond.com; 0438 021 263; 8278 3870

The **Wellspring Community** is an Australia-wide inclusive Christian Community.
We are an ecumenical community seeking to offer hospitality of the heart and inclusion to
people of all cultures, faith traditions and LGBTQIA+ identities.

Our areas of concern are:
Peace & Social Justice
Spirituality & Worship
First Nations Justice
Sustainability
Ecumenical & Interfaith matters
Hospitality & Healing

We are inspired by the Celtic spirituality of the Iona Community in Scotland.

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
266 MAIN RD,
BLACKWOOD SA
5051

Scan me for
tickets!



<https://www.trybooking.com/CPZPH>

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.





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



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

Word for the Week

Christianity was never intended to be a system or structure of belief in the modern sense; it originated as a disposition of the heart.



Diana Butler Bass

Born 1959 –

American historian of Christianity and advocate for progressive Christianity

Looking ahead in 2024

Sunday	21 st April	Philosophers Lunch
Thursday	25 th April	Anzac Day Dawn Service
Sunday	28 th April	Walking Group
Wednesday	1 st May	Community Classes resume
Friday	3 rd May	First Friday Friends

John Candy weekly office hours

Monday 9am – 5.30pm

Tuesday 10am or 12pm – 5.30pm

Friday 9am – 2pm

Church Office

8278 7699

Interim Minister

Rev. John Candy 0411 267 639

Peta Workman

Office & Community Program Coordinator

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 2:30pm

office@blackwooduc.org.au

Messy Church Coordinator

Bonnie MacLaine-Mills

0405 455 567

bonniemaclainemills@gmail.com

BUC website

www.blackwooduc.org.au

GIVING back to God

<http://blackwooduc.org.au/giving/>