



*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 26th of April 2024**  
**Service on Sunday 28th April 2024**  
**Services: 9.15am & 11 am**  
**Message: John Candy**  
**Worship Leader: Mike Bull**  
**Reader: Jan Wiseman**  
**Live Streamed**

**Lectionary readings – Sunday 26th April Easter 5**

**\*\* Acts 8: 26-40 \*\* Ps 22: 25-31 \*\* 1 Jn 4: 7-12 \*\* Jn 15: 1-8 \*\***

**Next Services**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May (Easter 6)**

**Service 9.15am & 11am**

**Message: Rev. John Candy**

*Worship Leader: Alison and Trevor Sutcliffe*

*Reader: Brian Pickering*

***Reflection***

***Something to think about.***

Let each member fortify their household to serve God.

I once read a little book called, "Francis: A Call to Conversion. Saint Francis is one of those people whom I would like to model aspects of my life on, and my membership of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis is important. The Third Order is found in both Protestant and Roman Catholic denominations. St Francis is still an example that is relevant in the twenty-first century.

Here are some thoughts about family and marriage that can be drawn from the life and teachings of ones such as Saint Francis that are relevant for us today. For Francis, family was crucial for his vision of the new humanity. Yet this was a paradox because Francis did not come from a happy home himself. He was not without yearnings for family but made the choice for a radical alternative. However most of us live in families or come from families and Francis recognised this

with the creation of the Third Order for people who wished to live the gospel life while remaining part of their family and the secular community with all its obligations.

The family constitutes the first church, the focus for the first business enterprises, the first state and the first school. Family is not just a phase in human experience even though it is true that the family does change its form. The family is not simply biological but a base from which love can be spread beyond the confines of the home. Mutual trust, loyalty, and submission result from the intention to love in both word and deed. This thing, love is the basis for all things involved in family.

A relationship begun in joyful celebration can lead to a testing time, but in journeying together, committed with love, many things can be faced, and the relationship strengthened on that chosen path. This then enhances family life giving future generation's positive role models. Something we desperately need in our community today.

**Rev. John Candy**

### **Holy Communion in May 2024**

Due to Reconciliation Sunday on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, there will be no Holy Communion on that day.

Instead, it will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. There will also be Holy Communion on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as per normal.

**Penny Harper**

### **New (and 2<sup>nd</sup>) Supply Minister – Craig Mitchell**

We are all delighted to welcome our second supply Minister Craig Mitchell to the BUC. Craig is looking forward to starting here with us on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

Craig spent time here at the BUC approximately 6 years ago and has great memories of his time here.

As yet the full details of Craig's availability are yet to be fully determined, but for next week he will be available Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May in the morning, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from morning to early afternoon and the same for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

We will have a clear view of Craig's availability for the next weeks newsletter.

You can contact Craig on his email address which is:

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

**Peta Workman**

## **First Friday Friends**

Our next gathering will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **Messy Church**

Messy Church for May has a request for boxes from tissue box size to shoebox size (no need for any bigger), and internal tubes of alfoil/glad wrap/paper towel by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The next Messy Church is on May 5, and will be focusing on the theme of "Mothers and Others" as we draw close to Mother's Day.

If they can be left in the church kitchen that would be fantastic.

Thanks!

**Bonnie Mills**

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*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](http://wombatssa.org.au)

Email: [info@wombatssa.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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 invited to explore many  
different expressions of Spirituality in  
a relaxed atmosphere

5 to 7pm

Beginning with drinks and nibbles

Hosted by the Blackwood  
Uniting Church Community

266 Main Rd, Blackwood S.A.

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BlackwoodUnitingChurch](https://www.facebook.com/BlackwoodUnitingChurch)

...with *Asylum*

**19th May 2024**

Hear the personal  
story of an  
Asylum Seeker

Have the legal  
complexities  
explained by

Tricia Rushton

Q & A  
opportunities as  
we consider

“How to journey  
with asylum  
seekers today?”

Journeying....

## 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**

## **BIKE SHED NEWS**



I know everyone at the BUC loves to hear about the programs that run as a part of the hub of this community. There is a lot that goes on here and if unless you happen to be about when the action is occurring, its easy to miss some of the wonderful goings on.

Over the last two weeks, the bike shed team of volunteers have delivered over 50 bikes to the refugee association at Salisbury, that's two full trailer loads!

Darryl Whittner kindly sent me the above photo to show just how many bikes can fit into one trailer. It's a lot.

Transport and getting about is a fundamental part of life that enable good mental health, strong community connection and the opening of the doors of opportunity for people. Well done guys, I am certain that all of your efforts are making the most amazing difference to people lives in so many places.

**Peta Workman**

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# Word for the Week

"The risk of love is loss, and the price of loss is grief - But the pain of grief is only a shadow when compared with the pain of never risking love."



*Hillary Stanton Zunin 1951 – 2021  
American High School teacher, co-founder of Napa Valley Can Do  
community group and children's grief expert.*

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## Looking ahead in 2024

Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Walking Group
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Community Classes resume
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	First Friday Friends
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Messy Church
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Journeying

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### 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](mailto:office@blackwooduc.org.au)

### Messy Church Coordinator

Bonnie MacLaine-Mills

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### BUC website

[www.blackwooduc.org.au](http://www.blackwooduc.org.au)

### GIVING back to God

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