



*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 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

**Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024**

**Services: 9.15am & 11 am**

**Message: Rev John Candy**

**Worship Leader: Heather Lee**

**Reader: Keith Rawolle**

***Live Streamed***

**Lectionary readings – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June (Pentecost 5)**

**\*\* 1 Sm 17:32-49 \*\* Ps 9:9-20 \*\***

**\*\* 2 Cor 6:1-13 \*\* Mk 4: 35-41 \*\***

**Next Services**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost 6) Holy Communion**

**Sunday 9.15 & 11 am Services**

**Message: Dr Craig Mitchell**

*Worship Leader: Dave Lister*

*Reader: Jan Wiseman*

***Reflection***

***Something to think about.***

The story of the battle between young David and Goliath the giant is one of the best-known stories in the Bible. Movies have been made about this story. Children's books and television shows have retold this wonderful drama about the boy who defeated the threatening man with a sling shot and five smooth stones. What a great ending! Who doesn't love to see the underdog win at the end?

Clearly, this is more than a children's story. God once again shows us who he is, even though he seems to be silent. We not only find young David testifying about his confidence in the heavenly Parent who saved him and his flock from lions and bears, but we see how God empowers a little warrior to do the impossible. David showed up and trusted what he knew about God as a result

of his own experience with him. In return, the Lord gave him the victory in the face of those who doubted him.

David also teaches us about authenticity. Too often we think that we cannot serve the Lord unless or until we fit into an invisible mould that makes us fit some image of worthiness (that really doesn't exist). Notice that spiritual armour is not one size fits all. It is armour that fits every size. It is just as powerful on a petite body as it is a tall and large body. David told Saul, "I can't walk in this because I've never tried it before." So he removed it and took up his staff.

We know what happened next. David spent a lot of time with the Lord. He was not only comfortable in his own skin, but he was comfortable as he was in God's presence. David was clothed in the righteousness of Christ. His relationship with the Lord was the comfortable, tried attire that gave him the freedom and power to take down Goliath.

**Rev John Candy**

### **Minister's Leave**

Rev. John will be taking Leave from 25<sup>th</sup> of June until 1<sup>st</sup> of July inclusive.

Rev. John will return to the Office on Tuesday July 2nd, 2024.

Any Pastoral, or other, Concerns during this time please contact Rev. Adrian Brown (0417 785 370) or Craig Mitchell (0417 323 088).

**Rev John Candy**

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### **Sewing classes teacher needed for refugee women.**

Mehak, a counsellor at STTARS, is organising a sewing group for refugee women at their new Salisbury office. It will run for 2 hours on Wednesday afternoons each week during school terms. They have sewing machines for use at class.

They are looking for a volunteer teacher who will be able to teach the women sewing skills. Women who come to my mind are quilters, ex teachers, crafts

Can you ask your networks if anyone would be interested in taking on this volunteer role? Some reimbursement for costs, e.g. travel will be provided.

Contact Mehak KhanDeparkar at STTARS 0882068900 or 0447824205 or the email above

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**Carys Penny & Monica O'Wheel**

Struggling with High Power and Gas Bills?

Join Our Free  
**ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY  
SEMINAR!**

**Date:** June 23, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Location:** Blackwood Church of Christ  
[367 Shepherds Hill Road, Blackwood](#)

**Part 1: Easy Changes:**

Discover simple and significant ways to reduce energy consumption and save money on your bills.

**Part 2: Decode Your Bills and Find Savings:**

Bring your latest electricity and gas bills, and we'll help you make sense of them. Learn about concessions, rebates, and whether you're getting the best deal.

Light afternoon tea with free barista coffee to follow.



Register your  
interest here



# BLOKES, BARISTA & BREAKFAST

29 JUNE, 8.30AM



## Dr John Kleinig speaking

Exploring the vocation of father in our society

*The challenges for Christian men of all ages:*

*+ those not yet fathers*

*+ those with children*

*+ those with children and grandchildren*

CoroUniting Church  
415 Main Road, Coromandel Valley

Donations welcome to cover food  
RSVP via the QR code, or to  
[james.armitage@corouniting.org](mailto:james.armitage@corouniting.org)



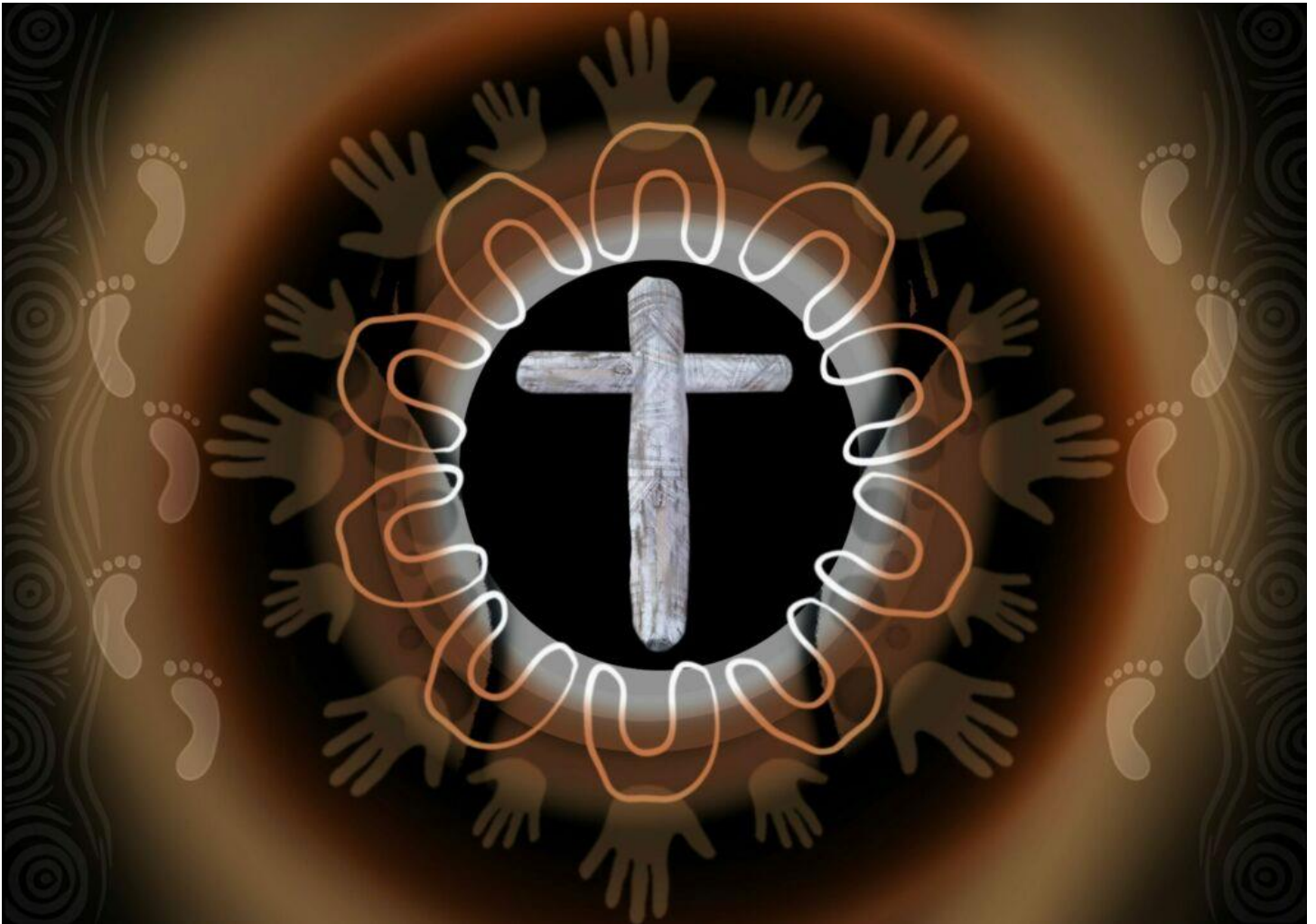
## Yanakanai: Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Covenant

This year the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and the Uniting Church of Australia celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Covenant between the two groups.

The anniversary is during Assembly (10<sup>th</sup> July), so the SA UAICC and the Synod Covenanting Committee are celebrating the event with Yanakanai, at Adelaide West Uniting Church.

People can gather from 6pm, with a start at 6.30pm. The event will provide opportunities to listen, learn, understand, yarn and eat, and will finish at around 8.30pm.

The posters around the church, and following in the newsletter, provide information about booking, which is purely for catering purposes.



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**Anne Magarey**

# *Yanakana*

*Celebrating the 30th  
Anniversary of the Covenant*

**Saturday, 6 July 2024**

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ACST

**Adelaide West Uniting Church**

312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive,  
Brooklyn Park, SA 5032



**UNITING ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER  
CHRISTIAN CONGRESS**



The Uniting Church in Australia  
Synod of South Australia

## **The Australian Faith Community Nurses Association (AFCNA)**

### **Compassionate Care for One Another**

AFCNA is offering a one-day course in compassionate care for one another.  
NB: This is for everyone, not just for nurses.

**Where:** Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

**Date:** Friday June 28th from 9 am - 3.30 pm.

The program will offer a 'deep dive' into 4 key themes (see brochure for details):

- Why we need compassionate care - context and biblical principles
- Who we care for – 'whole' person care and a theology of care
- How and when we can be most helpful - needs and strength-based care
- What practical responses work effectively - pastoral conversations and powerful question
- Q&A discussion & practice included throughout

The cost is \$50 and \$30 concession includes refreshments, lunch and course notes

People can register for 'Compassionate Care for One Another' at: <https://afcna30.wildapricot.org/event-5694737>

**John Candy**

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## **The Eco Station Newsletter - *\*\*link updated***

We know that everyone at the BUC is concerned with caring for our planet and ecologically sound solutions for everyday life.

So if you haven't already done so, it may be worth a quick peek at The Eco Station's June 2024 newsletter. You can click on the link to [subscribe](#) for yourself or you can click on the below links to read this month's relevant articles:

[Hard to recycle items.](#)

[Swap to some sustainable items.](#)

[Trial Size Shampoo Bars](#)

[Earthmya products - a sustainable and economic alternative](#)

These are just a taster and the detail is informative and easy to read. Its also great to be supporting locals who are doing something different.

Thanks to Peter C for bringing it to everyone's attention.

**Peta Workman**

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**Adelaide Harmony Choir**  
*presents*  
**Requiem Mass in D minor**  
**W.A. Mozart**  
*with other instrumental and vocal music*

*Conductor* **Andrew Chatterton**  
*with soloists*  
**Victoria Coxhill** *soprano*   **Emma Woehle** *alto*  
**Jiacheng Ding** *tenor*   **James Scott** *bass*  
*with orchestral ensemble*  
*and Andrew Georg* *organist*



**Sunday 23 June 2024, 2pm**  
**Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town**  
*(cnr Grenfell St and Fullarton Rd, Kent Town)*

***Tickets:*** Adults \$35  
Concession (P/S/U/Group 10) \$30  
Child \$10  
Book on-line [trybooking.com/CRTCv](https://trybooking.com/CRTCv)  
Or ring Marg on 0408 528 349  
Tickets will also be available at the door (*card or cash*)



# Word for the Week

"The older I get, the greater power I seem to have to help the world; I am like a snowball - the further I am rolled the more I gain."



*Susan B. Anthony*

## Looking ahead in 2024

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	UC 47 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	First Friday Friends
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Journeying

<b>John Candy weekly office hours</b> On leave from 25 <sup>th</sup> June to 1 <sup>st</sup> July inclusive Returning to office on Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July. <a href="mailto:minister@blackwooduc.org.au">minister@blackwooduc.org.au</a>	<b>Church Office</b> 8278 7699 <b>Interim Minister</b> Rev. John Candy 0411 267 639 & Dr Craig Mitchell
<b>Craig Mitchell weekly office hours</b> Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> - 10am – 2pm Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> - 10am – 1pm <a href="mailto:worship@blackwooduc.org.au">worship@blackwooduc.org.au</a>	<b>Peta Workman</b> <b>Office &amp; Community Program Coordinator</b> Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 2:30pm <a href="mailto:office@blackwooduc.org.au">office@blackwooduc.org.au</a>
<b>MHICC – BUC representatives</b>  Carys Penny Tim Lee	<b>Messy Church Coordinator</b> Bonnie MacLaine-Mills 0405 455 567 <a href="mailto:bonniemaclainemills@gmail.com">bonniemaclainemills@gmail.com</a>
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	<b>GIVING back to God</b> <a href="http://blackwooduc.org.au/giving/">http://blackwooduc.org.au/giving/</a>

**Order of Services to be emailed to [buc.worship@gmail.com](mailto:buc.worship@gmail.com) by Wednesday prior to the following Sunday.**