



*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 July 2024
Service on Sunday 14th of July 2024
Services: 9.15am & 11 am
Message: Lynona Hawkins
Worship Leader: Jan Furness
Reader: Robert Corbett
Live Streamed

Lectionary readings – Sunday 14th of July (Pentecost 8)

**** 2 Sm 6:1-5, 12b-19 ** Ps 24 ****

**** Ephesians 1: 3-14** Mk 6: 14-29 ****

Next Services

Sunday 21st July (Pentecost 9)

Sunday 9.15 & 11 am Services

Message: Craig Mitchell

Worship Leader: Marian Wicks

Reader: Robert Corbett

Reflection

Something to think about.

NAIDOC week - **Keep the Fire burning! 'Black, loud and proud'** - and the 30th anniversary of the Covenant between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress & Uniting Church have been celebrated. And in 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, the story of the Ark of the Covenant, finally transported into Jerusalem with much rejoicing.

Covenants old and new are important in helping us work and walk together towards common goals and a shared future. They give us direction and hope, yet if they are to remain relevant, they need to be revisited, changed, renewed and evolve over time. And the many voices and experiences need to be heard, valued, learned from and respected.

This Sunday we also have Lisa Wriley, Co-Leader of the Wellspring Community sharing in our worship. She will display the banner created from last year's ***Caring for Creation: Listening to First Nations and Celtic Voices***, pilgrimage which travelled around Australia, several days being spent in Adelaide. Blackwood Uniting Church folk gave generously of time, talents & financial support. While we didn't talk about covenanting as such we were encouraged to learn from and build meaningful relationships both with first nations people and the natural world.

Lynona Hawkins

Church Treasurer

It is with sadness that we advise that Tony Miller has submitted his resignation to the church council.

We receive this news with disappointment and acknowledge Tony's contribution to the financial wellbeing of the Blackwood Uniting Church over the last ten years.

He has carried out this challenging role with dignity and integrity and we are very grateful.

Rev. Adrian Brown

Book Club

Our next book club meeting will be held in the church coffee lounge at 2pm on Tuesday 16th of July. We have been reading "Question 7" by Richard Flanagan.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Helen Blake

URGENT ACCOMODATION REQUIRED – CAN YOU HELP.

"WANTED! – Urgent accommodation sought for Karen and Shanoa for about 3 months. Current accommodation has severe water damage that requires a huge fix!! Maybe someone needs a house/pet sitter or even has a granny flat?

Please contact Karen on 0475157508 if you can help or require further info. Or contact me on 0419844687

Peter Cranwell

Richard Beck on Prayer

On Sunday, I referred to Richard Beck's writing on prayer. You can find his [online material here](#), however you may need to sign up (free) to read it.

Richard Beck (PhD) is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Abilene Christian University and is the Senior Fellow of the Landon Saunders Centre for Joy and Human Flourishing. Richard also teaches in the Doctor of Ministry programs at Fuller Theological Seminary and Abilene Christian University.

Craig Mitchell

CHURCH TREASURY VACANCY

The Council invites expressions of interest for the role of treasurer of the church.

Before making an appointment, it will be important to review how this was undertaken, so we might make it less onerous.

If you have the skill and interest in this position, please contact Adrian Brown on 0417 785 370.

Rev. Adrian Brown, Chair of Church Council

Lunch for 11 o'clock Worshippers - July 28th.

Dear friends,

You are invited to gather after Worship on Sunday July 28th, to enjoy a simple lunch together!

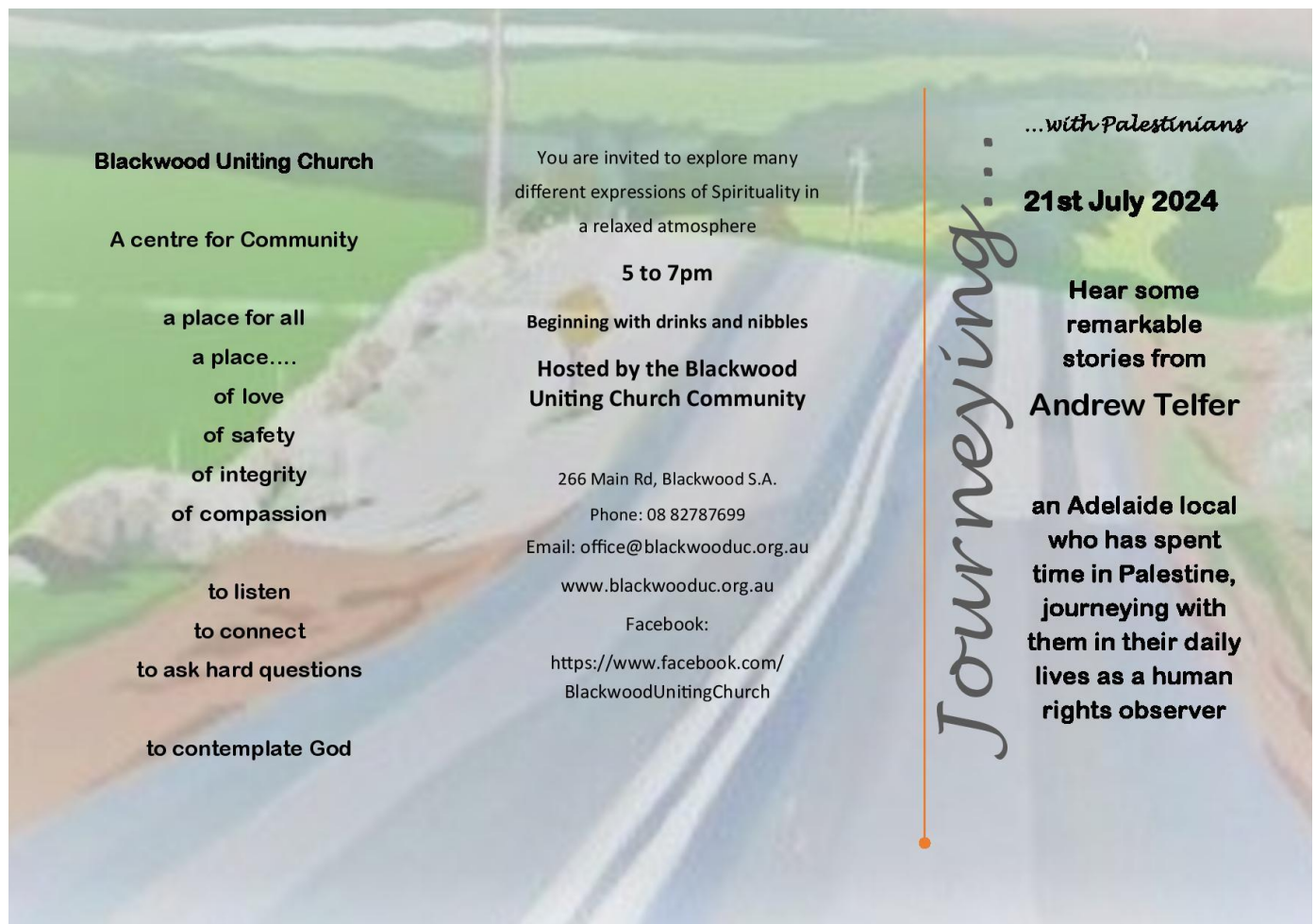
To enable us to cater efficiently, please let us know if you can join us, by July 21st.

As usual, a donation of \$5.00 per person will be appreciated, and any profits will be forwarded to Frontier Services in , memory of our wonderful friend and founder, Mary Thomas!

Looking forward to enjoying your company.

Helen Blake & Bev Eccleston
bjecleston70@gmail.com

July Journeying: with Palestine



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

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Journeying...

...with Palestinians

21st July 2024

Hear some remarkable stories from **Andrew Telfer**

an Adelaide local who has spent time in Palestine, journeying with them in their daily lives as a human rights observer

Peter Cranwell

The BUC New Music Singalong

On Saturday 27 July we are inviting our members, worship leaders, musicians and anyone who loves to sing to a singalong to learn some new music for worship from 3.00 - 4.30pm in the church.

We have some wonderful new contemporary music published by the UCA SA Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts. We figure that the best way to teach it will be if we have a big singalong. This will then help more people on any Sunday to know the songs and join in.



Our Conductor and Choirmaster on the day will be Craig Mitchell, who promises an experience of inspiration, fun and soul-stirring worship. Bring a bottle of water. We will also be joined by some folks from Rosefield Uniting Church. Please come and join us!

Craig Mitchell

BUC Travel Survey

Do you travel to Blackwood Uniting Church for things like congregation worship, meetings, fellowship and working bees? Great! Please complete this anonymous, 1 minute survey.

Use this QR code below to get to the link, or click [here](#)



One of the ways BUC is caring for each other, our community and all God's creation is having a goal to find ways we can reduce our carbon footprint towards net zero carbon by 2040.

The BUC Zero Carbon by 2040 Committee (Peter Cranwell, Tim Lee, Tony Dyson, Jane Bassham) is working on getting baseline information to help. We have already got over 60 ideas from our church members about how to reduce waste and unnecessary carbon emissions.

This travel estimate survey will help us learn more. Thanks for completing it and emailing it to office@blackwooduc.org.au or putting a hard copy in the box for completed surveys at the church office.

Want to know more?

Contact Peter Cranwell, Tim Lee, Tony Dyson, Jane Bassham or email office@blackwooduc.org.au



2024



Need a mission trip?

GOOD NEWS!

RED DOVE CAFE

Short term mission

Royal Adelaide show

August 31- 8 September

*Come by yourself
Come with a friend
Come as a small group*

*Come for a day
Come for a week!*



Serving those visiting from the country plus others visiting the show
Sign up with our QRcode or email
volunteers.rdc@gmail.com

Cost:

Your time: 5 hour shift
You receive: free show entry and a meal on the day you serve

All money raised for mission

PCW Thanksgiving Service

I am very pleased to send you all this invite to our 2024 PCW Thanksgiving Service which is to be held on Tuesday 30th July.

It is certainly an occasion when we wish to honour the work that PCW's do and we encourage them as they interact in that challenging space.



Mitcham Hills Inter-Church Council Inc.

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Schools Christian Pastoral Support

BEACON Project

local churches working together to help local people

Thanksgiving Service for our Pastoral Care Workers

Tuesday 30th July 2024

Blackwood Church of Christ

Corner of Shepherds Hill Road and Waite Street Blackwood

7.30pm.

Let us come together to bless and thank our Pastoral Care Workers;

Belair Primary School; Sara Walding

Blackwood Primary School; Izzy Rogers and Shenae Smith

Blackwood High School; Sam Thomson and Izzy Rogers

Coromandel Valley Primary School; Jenni Forder

Concordia College St Peter's; Jane Peplow

Hear from our Schools Ministry Group Regional Manager Vicki Woods

Supper provided after the service

Maxine Moore - MHICC

Preparing for storms is how you help

Sturt SES presents
'KNOW YOUR RISKS'
Free Public Community Forum

Sunday 21st July

3pm

Tiwu Kumangka Main Hall
Blackwood Library



Free fridge magnet torch, show bag and door prizes
Book your free ticket by scanning the QR code!



PRINCIPAL PARTNER



Hosted by



Bingo Night



FUNdraiser

Raising funds for “Rebuilding Schools Ukraine”

Tickets \$20 (includes your bingo cards)

Raffle and silent auction extra

Saturday 20 July 6.30pm, Eyes down at 7.00pm

Tables of 8-10

BYO supper – Drinks available at the bar

Ukrainian Community Centre

64-66 Orsmond St, Hindmarsh

Tickets and further information

from www.trybooking.com/CSMNY



Volunteers Midyear “Thank You” Day

Last Friday the 5th of July, the Community Program Volunteer girls got together for a thank you lunch. We all enjoyed the delicious fare at Joe’s Cafe at Henley Beach. It was a beautiful sunny Winter’s afternoon of chatter and friendship, celebrating all of the hard work that the girls have done so far this year. However, sadly, it was seriously far too cold for a sneaky paddle or a bare foot sojourn on the sand!

Our Community Program simply would not run without these amazing women. Their ability to work together as a team is the stuff of legends. We were only sorry that Bev Eccleston and Sai White were unable to be with us. We will simply have to spoil them even more next time.

Thank you so much, girls, here’s to all of you.



The Bike Shed Goings On.

In keeping with our philosophy that giving to those in need is our main focus, the Bike Shed recently came to the assistance of a primary school in the southern suburbs.

Hosting a push bike themed day coinciding with the last day of the school term and the Tour DE France this primary school came to understand that a significant number of students did not own a push bike and could not readily participate in the day's events. Bike Shed to the rescue!

We were asked if we could assist with the loan of a few bikes for the day. Loan? Never, we said! How about we give them to you for the students to keep? And would you like helmets and fries with that? It took a little while for them to accept that we were serious about the bikes and helmets and that we were very willing to give without question. We did fail to mention that we needed the room in the shed and that they were actually doing us a huge favour, but that's another story, so give we did.

Last Tuesday we opened the door and basically said help yourself. We now know that it is possible to get 15 bikes in the back of a Ute and the back seat of the teachers car (looking for a Guinness record for push bike cramming here). The teacher and helper were overjoyed that people were so willing to give and equally impressed that all the bikes within the shed had been donated by the wider community initially.



We can only hope that they will want more so that we can give more.



Cheers.

Peter Jones

Word for the Week

“The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been kindness, beauty and truth”



Albert Einstein

Looking ahead in 2024

Sunday

21st July

Journeying

Sunday

4th August

Messy Church

<p><u>John Candy weekly office hours</u> Wednesday 12.30pm – 5.30pm Friday 9am – 1pm minister@blackwooduc.org.au</p>	<p>Church Office 8278 7699 Interim Minister Rev. John Candy 0411 267 639 & Dr Craig Mitchell</p>
<p><u>Craig Mitchell weekly office hours</u> Thursday - 10am – 2pm Friday - 10am – 2pm worship@blackwooduc.org.au</p>	<p>Peta Workman Office & Community Program Coordinator Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 2:30pm office@blackwooduc.org.au</p>
<p>MHICC – BUC representatives Carys Penny Tim Lee</p>	<p>Messy Church Coordinator Bonnie MacLaine-Mills 0405 455 567 bonniemaclainemills@gmail.com</p>
	<p>BUC website www.blackwooduc.org.au</p>
	<p>GIVING back to God http://blackwooduc.org.au/giving/</p>

Order of Services to be emailed to buc.worship@gmail.com by Wednesday prior to the following Sunday.