



The Uniting Church in Wyndham News

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2023
Pentecost 19

We acknowledge the people of the Kulin alliance, the original custodians of the land which was never ceded and on which our buildings for worship stand and on which we gather.



OUR COMMUNITY NEWS FOR TODAY AND THE COMING WEEK

Multicultural Ministry: White Sunday



Crossroads and Hoppers Crossing UC congregations gave enthusiastic support to the young people of Samoan heritage who led our worship on the customary Second Sunday of October.

Led by Ms Tupu Latu, the theme “Instill our children in the ways of the Lord”

was carried through the worship service of scripture readings, prayers, songs and dancing.

Teenagers Jeremiah Tunai, Anina Latu, Wilberforce Fa’alogo, Roina and Caitlyn Latu and Anemorie Ropeti-Kalifi participated. Songs and scripture were screened in Samoan and English, so that everyone could participate.

Bev Lambie spoke for the two congregations when she said that “Our hearts have been uplifted in this time of praise.” This act of worship demonstrated the richness of Samoan Christian faith, an opportunity for all to celebrate Samoan cultural identity.

It was noticeable that the worshippers of non-Samoan ethnicity were wearing something white; joining in the spirit of the occasion.

All this was followed by a sumptuous morning tea, at which according to custom, the children were served first. (NT)

Editor’s comment on the book review:

Why don’t our politicians (and everyone else) do more than is happening at the moment? The answer is clearly related to the enormous dependence of our national economy on fossil fuel production and export. *Australia is now the largest exporter of liquified petroleum gas worldwide.* Poor planning and lack of leadership by previous governments, coupled with a lack of real support from the general population for any real change anyway, have led to the present invidious situation in which the cost of moving away from coal and gas mining is great indeed. An article in *The Age* this week showed how very concerned the Federal Government is to protect our nation’s gas exports to Japan that three Ministers have to reassure the Japanese government

Book review: *Hot Air* by Peter Stott

Watching ABC’s Four Corners recently I felt depressed, that a group of innocent, naïve climate protestors should take on the power of Australia’s fossil fuel industry, hoping to make a difference. It’s clear that the combination of politicians and natural gas industry can control the continued flow of massive carbon emissions in Western Australia.



Peter Stott, writer of *Hot Air* documents more than 30 years of struggle by climate scientists to halt the coming disastrous damage to the planet caused by CO₂ emissions.

Stott is a Science Fellow at the UK government’s Hadley Centre and Professor in Detection and Attribution at the University of Exeter. He has played a leading role in the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Stott tells of powerful efforts of climate change denialists employed by the fossil fuel industry to prevent action being taken to reduce carbon emissions. He assisted in the preparation of evidence of global warming for the COP 3 conference in Kyoto in 1997. COP reports to the year 2021 show unequivocal evidence of widespread and rapid changes in earth’s atmosphere and oceans. Carbon emissions need to be reduced rapidly and reach net zero to prevent global heating reaching catastrophic levels. (NT)

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that our attempts to reduce emissions won’t stop the exports! The Howard Government used the huge income from the mining sector to provide all kinds of ‘benefits’ to the middle classes rather than using the income to prepare for the future. Other governments have been too frightened of losing office to take up the demand for serious economic reform in the light of climate change. Will it have to be only the disastrous effects of climate change itself that will force the changes in the way we live and work in Australia? (RR)

NEWS AND NOTES

Bible Discussion Group

At the church - a time of sharing – 11.30 am discussion and bring lunch to follow at 12.30. Lectionary Gospel reading for this week is Matthew Chapter 22, verses 15-23. Neil T.

Boys' Brigade

Boys' Brigade – Monday night—7:00pm to 9:00pm at Dreambuilders Church, 37-43 Graham Court, Hoppers Crossing, contact Scott W or boysbrigadewyndham@gmail.com for details.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Please return your packed shoeboxes to the Church by **today**. If you would like your shoeboxes collected from your home, please contact Rose. (RG)

Invitation from Rev. David Withers

I am retiring at the end of this year – officially on 31 December 2023. With unused leave being taken before retiring, my final worship service is set for **9:30am Sunday 5th November 2023 @ St Andrews Uniting Church in Gisborne Road Bacchus Marsh**. The service will also embrace a sense of my ministry over the years including a precious time at Crossroads 2006-2014. Visitors welcome!

O.S.L.O. Occasional Sunday Lunches Out. 22nd

October We are booked with Holiday Inn which is just across the road from the church. If you are driving you take the carpark to the 3rd floor and then the lift to the 8th floor. No charge. Otherwise use the front entrance to the 8th floor. No special menu but limited choice and not expensive. Please contact by Thursday 18th October Elaine or Lorna for booking.

White Sunday photos

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

15 October: Rev. Angela Tampiyappa

22 October: Rev. Annetia Goldsmith

What's On This Week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 11.30am Bible Discussion

Wednesday: 9.30am Crossroads Property C'tee

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group

Friday: 1pm Sew 'n' Sow

Bible Readings 15 & 22 October

15 October: Exodus 32:1–14; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23

22 October: Exodus 33:12–23; I Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22; Psalm 99

Rosters for 15 October & (22 October)

Greetings: Margaret D (Elizabeth B)

AV: Jacob L (Paul C)

Morning Tea: Margaret F & Asanka P (Marie C & Virginia S)

Flowers: Margaret F (Bev C)

Music: Elliott S (Asanka P)

Prayers: Jan B (HX)

Reader: Wendy B (HX)

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