

# Epiphany 7

Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians

3:10-11,16-23

Matthew 5:38-48



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Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

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**If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church  
we are pleased you are here.**

## What does it mean to be the "People of God"?

The question is not about what does it mean to be a collection of persons of God. The biblical concept of Church is about a community not a sum of individuals. It is hard for us to imagine ourselves into an Israeli or early-Christian culture. We live in the most individualistic of ages in a society where researchers name us as the most individualistic of nations. How, then, can we approach concepts that call on us to be hospitable and relationally-oriented? The emphasis by biblical writers calls people to live more communally and more generously in what was already a community-oriented society.

One of the most exciting theological concepts is the idea of the "Community of God". Some theologians use the term to talk about God in Trinity (Father-Son-Spirit OR Creator-Redeemer-Sustainer). This is a way of thinking about God, not as only One, but also as Three, existing as a Whole and also as Community. The "People of God" are meant to reflect God in how we live together. We are meant to reflect our deep love of God to the world by reflecting how the Trinity God is holy community. As God's Holy People, we are meant to show the world a glimpse of what Sacred Community could be really like.

As we start thinking like God's sacred collective, we stop welcoming people on our own terms and by our own values. Instead, we start to pray about what might be different if God does the hosting of this community. In the teachings of Jesus, holy hospitality involved housing and feeding strangers, protecting the weak and ensuring widows and children held a special place of privilege. Do we shape our own relationships like that?

Belonging to God involves us in becoming the kind of community that serves the wider society as a temple. When people come into contact with this community, they should be getting a glimpse of what it means to live a life experiencing the constant friendship of a forgiving, loving, restorative God. We learn new ways of being family from God, so that we can become part of the good news for the sake of the world. God wants to bless the world through how we treat each other. They will know we are Christians by our love!

**Blessings,  
Amelia Koh-Butler**

### Sunday Worship times:

**creative traditional 9.15am**

**family worship 10.45am**

**youth & young adults 5.00pm**



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## Welcome to Worship,

This week in Kids' Space our Seahorses (Kindy) are looking at "Jesus Gathers his disciples". Our Mussels (junior primary), Dolphins (middle primary) and Orcas (upper primary) are looking at "Jesus gives people new life".

Today we have a visiting preacher Amelia Koh-Butler, whose current title is Executive Director, Mission. In Church this morning we will have a chance to ask some questions about what that involves. We hope the children will be in a very inquisitive mood!

## KCO forms are now available.

In order to keep the costs as low as possible, we need to take advantage of the early-bird rate. This means forms need to be returned by next **Sunday 26th Feb**. Any late forms will sadly incur an additional fee. Payment is also required as soon as possible, but not quite as urgently.

**Blessings,  
Lorraine.  
Children and Families Pastor.**

## A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus

### 2017 Community Fair initial planning meeting.

Anyone interested in helping plan and prepare for the 2017 AWUC Community Fair is invited to an initial meeting in the AWUC Chapel at **6pm on Tuesday 21st March**.

This is a great chance to confirm your commitment, present new ideas, or just show support for the event.

It is proposed the event will be held on **Saturday 21st October** with the suggestion it change from a morning to an afternoon/twilight event.

Last year we all had a ball, let's make this one even better. For more information please talk to any of the AWUC staff.

# Preaching Masterclass

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# PHILIPPIANS

*[re]discovering joy*

## 5pm news.

We are currently running a 9 week series preaching through the book of Philippians. We've titled it (re)discovering joy, and each week we are looking to Paul and the scriptures to instruct us on how we are to live with joy throughout all kinds of situations in life such as suffering, conflict, exhaustion and anxiety - situations where the world would tell us joy is simply impossible to be found - but in Christ Jesus joy is abundant and overflowing.

Lauren Andris | AWUC Young Adult Ministry

## Engage Youth

This term we're bringing it back to basics, and exploring the vision for Engage Youth. If you're in year 7-12, join us as for games, food, fun and worship every Friday of school term from 6 - 9:30pm

Dinner and dessert is just \$5 or FREE if it's your first time!

This **Friday 24th February** is a dress up theme night... "Hipsters VS Hippies"

**On Friday we looked at:** Engage Youth exists to... Equip young people with the gospel to grow in their Christian Faith.

**This week:** Engage Youth exists to... Encounter and enjoy God in worship, both together and individually.

**EY Sunday** is a program aimed for years 7 & 8. We meet in the youth room at the college every Sunday at the same time as Kids' Space other than the 1st Sunday of the month when we will join in worship for the full service and communion.

EY Sunday is here to help engage youth through biblical based study. The ministry serves as a transition to our major youth ministry on Friday nights, Engage Youth.



**Vision:** Our vision is to be a community of acceptance, hope and transformation in Jesus.

**Mission:** "To grow a church that mirrors the diversity of the surrounding community, drawing people into a relationship with Jesus Christ that contributes to the transformation of individuals, the community and the world."

**Values:**

**We are a community who are seeking to be:**

**Worshipful** - creatively, prayerfully and wholeheartedly

**Inviting** - Open, Welcoming and Accepting of all people

**Caring** - Nurturing, Loving and genuinely open to one another and seeking to establish peace, justice and environmental sustainability.

**Expectant** - Alive in the Holy Spirit and full of adventurous faith, sharing faith in Jesus Christ and participating in the Kingdom of God

**Growing** - Changing, Maturing, Learning, Striving for Excellence and developing leaders

**Giving** - Relevant, Serving and Generous



## What's on this week...

<b>Today</b>	9:15am	Amelia Koh-Butler
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	5:00pm	Jack Harington
<b>Monday 20th</b>	10am - 3pm	AWUC Stitchers BYO lunch & stitching AWUC hall—all welcome
	6:30pm	Girls Brigade AWUC hall
	7:30pm	Men's Choir practice AWUC Chapel
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	9:30 - 11:30am	Coffee, chat & share Craft Group AWUC hall
	7:00pm	prayer & fasting AWUC Chapel
	7:30 - 9:30pm	Preaching Masterclass AWUC
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	9:30 - 11:30am	Toolbox—the early years AWUC Chapel - registration required.
	9:30 - 11:00am	mainly music playgroup AWUC hall
<b>Thursday 23th</b>	6:00pm	Engage Youth AWUC hall <b>Hipsters vs Hippies night.</b>
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson Followed by share lunch
	5:00pm	Lauren Andris

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