

## Epiphany 4

Deut 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1Cor 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



# Adelaide West Uniting Church

Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

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**news  
of  
the  
church  
28th January**

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

**We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.**

I confess: there are times I feel embarrassed to be recognised as a Christian, even after 47 years of ordained ministry. It's not that I've lost confidence in Christ or no longer feel deeply grateful for the gospel.

Rather, because some parts of the church say things that leave me feeling ashamed.

I've heard people say that disasters befall people because they hold wrong beliefs or behave in unacceptable ways. According to them, God apparently punishes people when they don't toe the line. William Barclay on the death of his only child, was told by a brother in Christ that she was killed because of his liberal Christian views.

Why do we Christians feel we can put words into the mouth of God?

Why do we think we can speak for God and say critical and unloving things in God's name? My problem today is that the God they refer to, is not my God!

How come we fail to recognise that nowhere in the gospels did Jesus wreak havoc on someone. Quite the opposite!

And the irony is, there's a biblical commandment warning about speaking for God and running the huge risk of misusing the name of God.

Maybe it is urgent to make 'space for grace'; make room for others who don't exactly share the same beliefs as us. For it's one thing to be passionate about God and something altogether different when we think that we can speak for God and tell others what they should believe, or else!

Phil Carr

### Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional	9.15am
family worship	10.45am
youth & young adults	5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



### Welcome to Worship,

Kids' Space will recommence Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February (next week!) there will be an activity for the children this week during the sermon.

With the commencement of the new year I will be in the foyer to check vital information for the care of your children with parents.

Blessings Lorraine  
Children and Families Pastor

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

Engage Youth | returning in 2018

Engage Youth welcomes all youth in years 7-12 to come, hang out, relax, eat, make new friends, meet awesome leaders and most importantly *Engage* with God!

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5. Questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or [youth@awuc.org.au](mailto:youth@awuc.org.au)

Jack Harington  
Youth Ministry team Leader

### Stitches Group

STITCHES will commence this week and on the first and third Monday of the month in the hall, 10am to 3pm. BYO lunch. See Shirley or Trish

### Pastoral Note

Betty Burton, now resident in the Southern Cross Care Nursing Home in Gawler, wishes to wave hullo to all her female friends at AWUC and give a big hug to all her male friends. As is obvious, while many of her faculties are on the wane, her sense of humour is as vital as ever!

### Church Anniversary

We will be 15 years old in February this year and will include that in services on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Our custom is to celebrate every five years so this year is a celebration year. There are already some plans for a photo exhibition but maybe you have other ideas of how we can celebrate. Talk to Rod if you would like to be involved.

## Tickets for 'Child of the Killing Fields'

Mark-John Winter is a filmmaker and friend of Fergs. His latest work is a documentary called 'Child of the Killing Fields' which has been getting excellent reviews. It's the story of a child who miraculously survived the horrors of Pol Pot's brutal regime and grew up to become an inspirational leader in his community. We are hosting a fundraising screening of the movie at Adelaide West Uniting Church on Saturday, 10 February 2018. These tickets go on sale from this Sunday. They are available from Ferg A Ferguson, Ruth Harbinson-Gresham, Louise Fielke or from the church office. \$20 adults, \$10 for students.

### **Pick up a ticket after the service today!**

Don't miss this amazing documentary. There will be live music by Fergus Maximus at 7.00pm and then the movie will start at 7.30pm.

## Living your life with Purpose

Put in your diaries **16-17 March** for the Annual Women's Convention. Sponsored by Christian Women Communicating International.

Details available on the notice board or see Betty.

## Craft Group

The CRAFT Group will commence on the first Tuesday of the month 9:30 to 11:30am. Cost: \$2 for a lovely morning tea.

## Money Matters

FREE six week course in mastering your money. Next course starts Wed 14 Feb 9:30am - 12:30pm. See Notice Board for details.

Bookings Essential through MarionLife: 8277 0304



**Progressive Christianity Services** have commenced for 2018 on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Chapel. You are very welcome to attend.

For further information on Progressive Christianity, you are invited to contact John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy, or visit <https://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>

## What's on this week...

<b>Today</b>	9:15am	Phil Carr
	10:45am	Phil Carr
	5:00pm	Lauren Andris
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>	7:00pm	Prayer & fasting AWUC auditorium
<b>3rd February</b>	10am	Stitches Group
<b>4th February</b>	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	5:00pm	Jack Harington
<b>6th February</b>	9:30am	Craft Group

### Lent Event 2018: Faith in Action

Uniting World has sent us a bunch of information and thought provoking ideas to engage with lent this year. Feb 14th to March 31st. Pick up a brochure or sticker from the back table and check out the notice board for more details.

*An audio copy of every sermon is available on our web site if you want to hear it again or you miss attending any week. You can also catch up with newsletters or join a mailing list to receive them every week.*

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