

Pentecost 24

Judges 4:1-7

Psalms 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30



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**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 Kaurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.

The lectionary reading for today is Matthew 25.14-30, the parable of the talents. A talent was a very large amount of money and is not the same as our current use of the word talent. The parable is a difficult one particularly in the way it describes the treatment of the third slave. If we assume that the property owner is God do we really believe that God wants to cast people out to a place of darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth? Or is this like most parables where there is one or two major points but studying the detail can lead us to strange places.

What we can say is that the property owner places great trust in the slaves. They (even the third one) are given enormous resources to steward while the master is away. We can also say that using those resources is really important. We, too, have been given enormous resources (the kingdom has been given to us) and it matters that we use those to bring glory to God. We do not need to fear God and the good news of the kingdom is a treasure that needs to be shared.

Rod Dyson | Lead Minister

Sunday Worship times:

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



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship,

This week in Kids' Space our Seahorses (3-4 year olds) will be talking about "Jesus is the Vine". In our Mussels (5-6 year olds), Dolphins (7-9ish year olds), and Orcas (10 ish year olds to year 6) are talking about Lydia from Acts 16.

Don't forget.....

Saturday December 2nd 11am – 3pm: Back to Bethlehem @ Lockleys Reserve, Mellor Park

Sunday December 10th 10.45am Kids' Space Celebration Service.

Wednesday 20th December Carols Festival @ Lockleys Reserve, Mellor Park

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

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

Engage Youth | 24th November.

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!

This week we will have a break from our series #Blessed! and enjoy a movie night at the college due to the SYNOD meeting at AWUC and many of our team at Schoolies.

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5.

Any questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or youth@awuc.org.au

Jack Harington | Adelaide West Uniting Church

Adelaide Harmony Choir presents....

Christmas Harmony

Featuring highlights from Handel's Messiah and a program of Christmas carols.

Wednesday 13th December @ 7:30pm | Elder Hall, North Tce

Ticket prices and more details on blue notice board.

AWUC will once again be hosting the **SYNOD meeting** here from this **Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th November**. This meeting runs all day Thursday and Friday from 9am - 9pm and Saturday 9am - 4pm. There will be set up on Wednesday afternoon and pack up on Saturday afternoon. Pam Young is also looking for jubilee cakes & slices.

Set-up details:

Wednesday 22nd November

11:00am - 1:00 set up tables & chairs in the hall, Kids' Space rooms and marquee

1:30 - 3:00ish set up tables, cloths etc in auditorium

Things may change slightly, so if you even have a hour to help out, we can find something for you to do on Wednesday after about 9am.

Pack-up details:

Saturday 25th November.

From 2pm we can start packing up in the marquees and hall.
From about 4:30 - 5 o'clock we can start packing up in the auditorium working under the direction of Uniting Tech until they have finished.

We need to ensure set-up and pack up is done in a safe and caring manner - sometimes we have to just stand back and wait.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning will require 3 car parkers and 2 welcomers every day - please let Suzi know if you are available.

If you have spare time during the event and would like to lend a hand, please let Suzi know so she can arrange teams. It helps a lot if I know in advance when people are available.

Many hands make light work and there is always a lot of fun and fellowship to be had.

Christmas Cards

Frontier Services cards will be available today & 26th November during morning tea,

40c each or 3 for \$1

See Beryl Venner

Staffing announcements

The Youth Ministry Team Leader and Young Adults Team Leader contracts were extended by 3 years to October 31st 2020. We thank both Jack and Lauren for their continued dedication to Adelaide West and congratulate them on their contract extensions. Church Council has made the decision to not renew the Events/Administration position beyond 31st December 2017 being the end date of the current fixed term employment contract.

The decision to not renew the position has been based on two key considerations, being (1) the Church Council's decision for the Adelaide West congregation's activities to become more closely linked in collaboration with the key events and specific activities of Uniting College, and (2) Adelaide West Uniting Church becoming one of the five major Resourcing Congregations in the South Australian Synod of the Uniting Church. We thank Suzi for her contribution to the role over the past 5 years.

These are both significant changes for Adelaide West Uniting Church which will require consideration by Church Council to determine the resources and staffing requirements of the Adelaide West Uniting Church for 2018 and beyond.

Next steps

Adelaide West Council and Staff will spend some significant time in early work-shopping how this collaboration and sharing of resources might look for us for us at Adelaide West. We intend to spend a ½ day on February 10th 2018 white boarding how the future could look for this collaboration and our ultimate mission and ministry.

Interim arrangements will be made for the first few months of next year until staffing needs are clarified. We will be looking for volunteers to assist in the early part of 2018 with some administrative functions, as well as advertising for a 0.2 administrative support role commencing January 1st 2018. We encourage both internal and external applications for this 0.2 role.

If you are interested in applying for the 0.2 role, please contact Matt Cragg on 0407 616 510.



Space for Grace

The revised dates for Space for Grace are the 29th of November and the 6th of December at 7pm in the chapel. If you registered for the original dates please do your homework and turn up on the 29th ready to share. If you did not originally register but are available for the new dates please talk to Rod so that he can email you a homework sheet.

Upgrade Our Basketball Area

In consultation with various folks, I have lodged a grant application to resurface the basketball area and install a water fountain.

You can help secure the funding by voting. The more people who vote, the greater chance of the application being funded!

You need to **vote by 20 November**. To vote and see the details, log onto fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/rounds/fund-my-neighbourhood-2017/ideas/upgrade-our-basketball-area

A copy of the grant application is on the pinboard.

David Bailey 0408 207 675 or property@awuc.org.au

Funeral Services

There will be a funeral service for John Muller at 11 am Monday 20th at the church.

There will be a memorial service for John Burton at 1 pm on Tuesday 21st at the church.

Assistance with catering will be greatly appreciated. If you are attending one or both services please bring a plate of food to share. The Burton family have specifically asked for some gluten free food.

mainly music this week will be off site as we as a church show our hospitality to the wider church. We have a great opportunity to be "in" the community. We will meet at the Apex Park Playground on Burbridge Road, West Beach at our normal time of 9.30am. We have arranged a coffee truck to visit us there around 10am and we will have the opportunity to meet with other families that may also be utilizing the playground. Please pray for a wonderful time of connection and conversations talk about our Faith in God! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the mainly music team.



Blessings, Lorraine, Children and Family Pastor.

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	5:00pm	Bryan Crosby
Monday 20th	no stitchers due to funeral	
	6:30pm	Girls Brigade AWUC hall
	7:30pm	Men's choir - AWUC Chapel
Tuesday 21st	9:30 - 11:30am	Coffee, chat & share Craft Group AWUC hall
	7:00pm	Prayer & fasting - AWUC auditorium
Wednesday 22nd	from 9:00am	SYNOD set-up day. Help any time is appreciated. See note in newsletter.
Thursday 23rd	9am - 9pm	SYNOD meeting
	9:30 - 11:00am	mainly music playgroup off site.
Friday 24th	9am - 9pm	SYNOD meeting
	6:00pm	Engage Youth @ the college
Saturday 25th	9am - 4pm	SYNOD meeting
	From 2pm	pack-up - any help gratefully appreciated.
 26th November	9:15am	John Maddern
	10:45am	John Maddern
		Share lunch after the 10:45 service
	5:00pm	Small Group Discussions - Rod Dyson

A few key diary dates:

2nd December	Back to Bethlehem
20th December	Lockleys Carols

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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AWUC personal name tags can be ordered from the office.

Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip \$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.