



A large pile of folded clothing and bags, including a sign for the Micah Winter Challenge, ready for donation. The sign lists items needed: Blankets, Sleeping Bags, and Jackets. The pile includes various items like a blue and white patterned blanket, a blue jacket, a pink and white patterned blanket, and several bags, including a purple one with 'GIVE' and a white one with 'GIVE' and 'GIVE'.

REFLECTIONS

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FROM DAVID'S DESK

Hi all. It was great to hear the mandolin at our recent Music Lovers concert. (Thanks again to Dexterous Digits Duo, Cassandra and Jim, for a great playlist.) We don't often hear the mandolin. My familiarity with it mainly goes back to the 1980s and early 90s when listening to the music of Mark Heard – an extraordinary American Christian singer/songwriter whose songs were often marked by the struggle of living in this broken world and at the same time this world being met by the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He died at the way too early age of 40. He was an exceptional musician, which included playing the mandolin. He played it more in the roots/folk style than in the way that Cassandra played it at Music Lovers.

He plays it on a lot of tracks on his final studio album “Satellite Sky” released in 1992, which included a song called “Orphans of God”. It is a cut-back, yearning, longing, nigh on melancholic, song that expresses the deep, unsettling feeling of isolation and dislocation and abandonment in the modern world. His use of mandolin exemplifies the mood of the song – it is as if he picks up on the image of the mandolin as the wanderer's instrument that it often was/is. Someone who is unattached and longing for a place to belong. “... the view from my window is cold and obscene, I want to touch what my eyes haven't seen ...” (*Orphans of God*, Mark Heard). And yet as I listen to the song, there is an invitation in it to stand this experience of the world against that of say, John 14:18 where Jesus says to his despairing disciples on the eve of his leaving them, “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.”



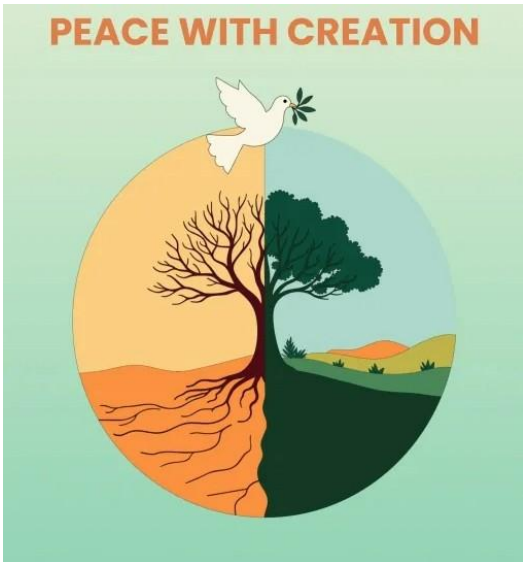
We are, in fact, claimed as the children of God – here is where we belong. Within this world we, and people around us, may at times feel isolated, forgotten, even abandoned, but we hear the promise of the one who welcomes us, comforts us and through his death and being raised to new life, doesn't leave us that way.

May the peace of God go with you and before you.

Rev David

SEASON OF CREATION

PEACE WITH CREATION



This special season of the church year has just finished.

The symbol for this year's theme of *Peace with Creation* is a tree in a world of two halves. On one side, the tree is barren and the landscape exploited. On the other side, the tree is lush and green, in a flourishing landscape. Above is a dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak.

(This is a very expressive image of the conflicting experience of the world today,

which David has just described in his reflection.)

Peace with Creation – Isaiah 32:14-18

The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Creation will find peace when justice is restored. To hope is to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

PEACE WITH CREATION

Creator of all,
we praise you for the gift of life
and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become—
from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses
have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.
Fertile fields have become barren,
forests lie desolate,
oceans and rivers are polluted.
Thriving communities have become places of suffering,
and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ,
who spoke “Shalom” to frightened hearts,
stir us to compassionate action.
Inspire us to work for the end of conflict,
and for the full restoration of broken relationships—
with you, with the ecumenical community,
with the human family, and with all Creation.

Prince of Peace,
through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity
with the woundedness of others,
of creation, and of the world.
Through your resurrection,
make us people of hope—
with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares
and tears transformed into joy.
May we come together as one family,
to labour for your peace—
a shalom where all your people
may dwell in safety,
and rest in quiet places. Amen.



I think I'd like to be remembered as someone who really helped people to have a little humility and realize that we are part of the animal kingdom not separated from it. (Jane Goodall)

This amazing strong and gentle lady and inspirer of young people to care for creation passed away this week.

PROPERTY NEWS

On Friday 19th September, Brenda, Sue, and John were busy last week planting out the Henry Clarkson Garden with plants donated to us by Paul, who held a stall on behalf of Paten Park Native Nursery at the Gap at our recent PlantBurst Day. The area is starting to look loved and will no doubt be greatly improved once the plants are established.

After the planting was complete, they cleared rubbish from along the kindergarten fence line. Helpers welcome! (We've heard that some pruning of the Pride of India trees is on the cards soon.)



MORE ELVES AT WORK AROUND THE SITE

A generous donation of a flowering Bougainvillea by Jan has really brightened up the Refreshed shop (and church) front. Jan bought the plant and new potting mix and, with a little help from Refreshed volunteers, replaced the neglected and unattractive specimen that had previously inhabited the large pot at the end of the front wall. It looks beautiful and has already garnered many compliments from customers. So, thank you, Jan!



DAVID DIDN'T KNOW

How many of your friends who visit the church for concerts or Refreshed, know the bowl in the garden is the old baptismal font from the Pioneer Church? Let them know too some CD copies of our history, TTNG, in digital format are still on sale at the church door. Thanks to Carolyn for replanting the bowl with tougher plants.



NEWS FROM COUNCIL

Church Council has been looking for ways to connect with people in our younger community, many of whom do come to our site and already feel a connection. So on **Sunday 26th October at 9 AM**, we're holding a joyful, child-friendly worship service to celebrate the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren.

This service is especially for grandparents and their families—both within our

congregation and in our circles of connection. We're inviting children (especially those aged up to 10, but all grandchildren are welcome - and all ages!) to come along with their parents and grandparents for a morning of **music, story, puppets, and fun**.

We're thrilled to welcome **Rev Paul Clark**, a children's author and puppeteer, as our special guest. There'll be a **picture book giveaway**, and **morning tea** will follow the service.

Whether you're a grandparent bringing your grandkids, a parent reconnecting with the church, or simply someone who loves seeing children thrive in community, we'd love to see you there. Please

feel free to invite friends, neighbours, and extended family!



MUSIC ALERT: Rosemary H does a great job building connections with musicians who perform at MusicLovers. Clancy Anderson who came in August and his friend Dom who form Solstice Guitar Duo have an opportunity to go to Spain to study further with their classical guitars. Council has agreed to share a fundraising concert to help them, with a % coming to KUC. Date planned is Saturday, 15th November, 7pm. This very different time should reach a wider audience. **WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH.**

Women's Fellowship

Join us for lunch and a catch up after the holidays at:

One Table Café Kenmore

Churches of Christ
41 Brookfield Road
Kenmore

See menu here:

<https://kenmore.church/onetable>

Date and Time:

Monday 13 October at 12.30pm



RSVP:

To: Rosemary C or Jan

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 30th November, 2025

Congregation Christmas Lunch at One Table who will be opening especially for us.

Time: 1pm Price: \$40 RSVP and Payment due by Sunday, 23rd Nov.

Please advise if you need transport or can offer it.

All the details will be in next month's Reflections.

PLEASE KEEP THAT DAY FREE.

MEN'S LUNCH AT ONE TABLE AT 12.15PM on Friday, 10th October.

Please advise Euan by Thursday 9th if you can come on

MICAH WINTER CHALLENGE

3 Carloads of goods have been delivered to Micah Projects over winter, the first (including beanies) so gratefully welcomed that we agreed to continue collecting. The second load delivered included some bedspreads and indoor bedding that were found to be what was needed for a family they had just found accommodation for in an unfurnished flat. This last load (see cover photo) was delivered last week by the Bushes and again welcomed by the staff. Maybe next year? For now, don't forget the Women's Refuge needs are ongoing.



***Brisbane City Hall, free concert.
Tuesday 14 October 12-1pm
REMEMBER ARTEMII AND HIS SISTER,
AMALIA?***

They performed for Music Lovers in April and previously as well.

If you are an avid lover of classical piano music, this is the concert for you!

Featuring Brisbane-based pianist and composer Artemii Safonov, this recital includes many classical piano works from

different music periods and styles, as well as a few pieces in collaboration with guest artist Amalia Safonova, performing as a vocalist and flautist. The repertoire will include pieces by Rachmaninov, Alkan and more, in addition to a few original works by the composer Artemi himself. **Join a KUC group. Rosemary H is heading in on the 444 – \$1 for the bus and free entry? – very good value.**

MUSIC LOVERS

On October 19, we will be welcoming back to Music Lovers, Classical Guitarist **Matthew Teakle**. Matthew is a Brisbane Based guitarist, cellist and educator. He studied jazz guitar at the Queensland Conservatorium and graduated with 1st Class Honours and a University Medal. During this time, Matthew became highly regarded as a versatile and enthusiastic performer, regularly performing in styles ranging from hip

hop to modern classical music at a high level. As a Cellist, Matthew regularly performs with the Queensland Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra. As guitarist, he holds the principal Guitar chair in the Queensland Jazz Orchestra and is a prominent band leader and sideman on the Brisbane jazz Scene.



Matthew will again combine with our always welcome violinist **Irina Lgotkina**. Irina was born in Russia. She gained a PhD in violin performance from Yekaterinburg

Conservatory & toured Western Europe as a performer from an early age. For the past 5 years Irina has been based in Brisbane and has appeared with various ensembles and orchestras, including the Brisbane Symphony Orchestra. the Bach Society and the Amadeus Orchestra when she recently played a solo role in their production of Mozart's Requiem Mass in D minor. This should be an excellent morning.

This is our last concert for the year and one which offers something fresh and different.

These young ladies with impeccable classical credentials have experience overseas and in Australia and are just at home on the traditional concert stage as at folk Festivals.

Violinist **Camille Barry** showed her talents at a very young age and entered the Con at 15, completing her Bachelor of Music by the age of 18. **Chloe Williamson** has already established a reputation as the foremost player of

tango double bass in Australia and studied with some of the best tango teachers in the world. A diverse musician, Chloe has also performed with the QSO, Camerata and the Qld Chamber Orchestra as well as setting up her tango band.

Cara Tran, after completing her degree in music performance with first class honours with Dr Max Olding at UQ over a decade ago, has played with Symphony orchestras in Queensland, Vancouver in Canada, Sydney with whom she toured China as well as playing at numerous Festivals.

Please help with all the usual tasks, but most of all, talk about it to people you know. An extra 20 or 30 people makes a big difference to the funds raised and you can have no qualms about recommending these quality players.

COOL & CLASSIC

Kenmore Uniting Church
2025 Sunday Concerts

19TH OCTOBER 2PM



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Flirtation & Fire
Nostalgia & Nonsense

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REFRESHED NEWS – SEPTEMBER

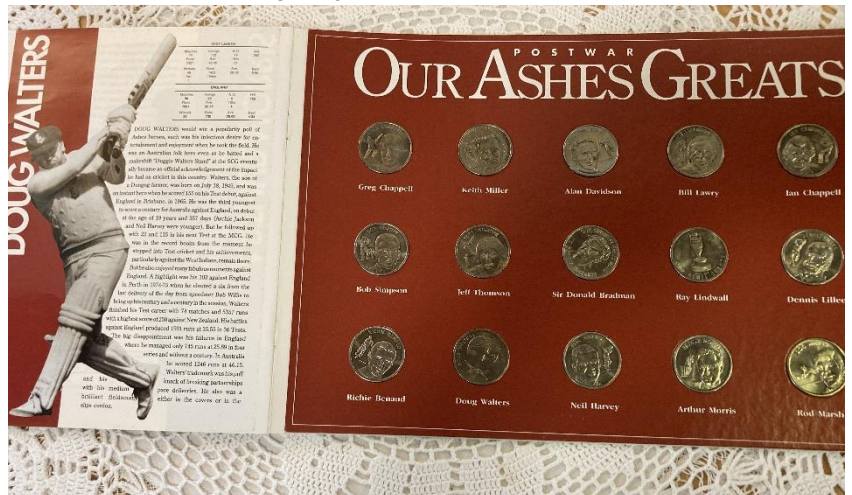
What a difference the lovely spring sunshine and warmer weather has made to the number of customers coming in to the shop. We have had several days of \$200+ sales at Refreshed, and in addition, over \$500 in plant sales since PlantBurst. We have also had a sizeable number of quality donations as spring cleaning seems to be in full swing around Kenmore.

Some really special items have arrived at Refreshed.



One of our volunteers donated three pieces of pure silk fabric which had been languishing in her cupboard. All are around three metres in length. The red is a heavy silk/satin and is an ideal weight for a jacket or formal dress. This fabric is beautiful and will delight any seamstress/tailor looking for a special occasion project.

DOES ANYONE HAVE A CRICKET TRAGIC IN THEIR FAMILY WHO WOULD LOVE THIS FOR CHRISTMAS?



These 1980s commemorative coins will certainly appeal to cricket fans. We are open to offers on pricing, as they are rather “niche”, but are sure to be treasured by sports lovers who remember these cricketing greats. They are in excellent condition and the accompanying booklet gives information and statistics about each of the players.



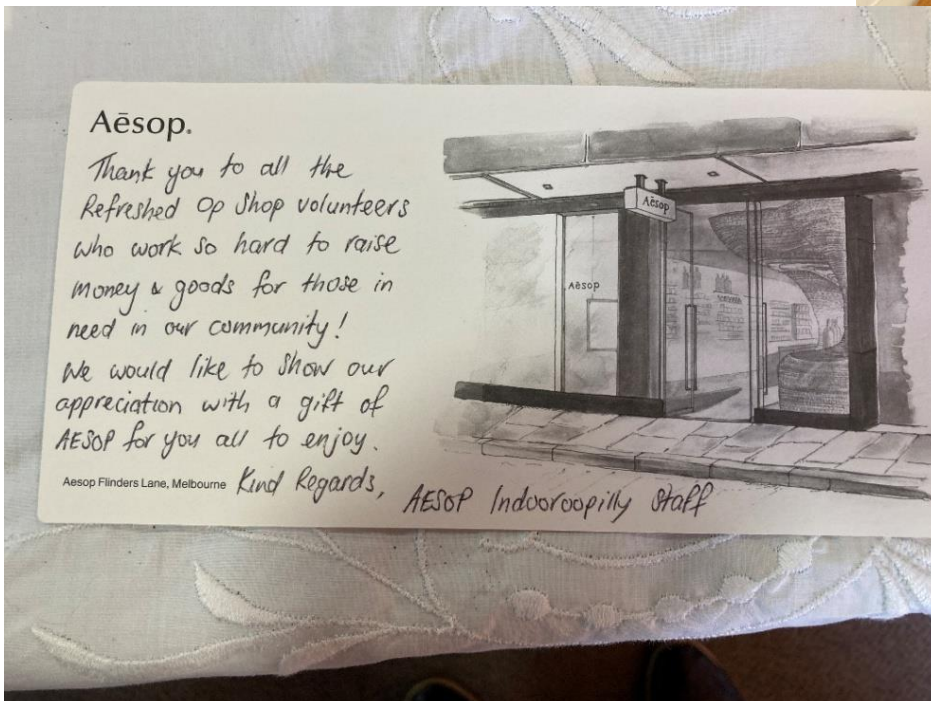
So many Refreshed items have a story. The mother of one of the Refreshed volunteers fell in love with this beautiful leather handbag by Caprice back in the 1980s or 90s but just never felt it went with any outfit she had, so it has never been used. Now she is de-cluttering with her daughter's help and this lovely item is available in perfect condition.



If you have a **Melbourne Cup lunch** to go to, check out these fascinators that have arrived, because they won't last. Two of them have sold since this photo was taken in the middle of the week.

Apart from these special items, we have lots of new stock, especially ladies' and children's wear. These include quite a few designer labels, some new with tags still attached. First in, best dressed! Our quality clothing is very popular and sells quickly.

One of the volunteers also works in the elegant Aesop shop at Indooroopilly which specialises in classy lotions and cosmetics. When they heard about what Refreshed support they gave these special items for the volunteers to use as an acknowledgement.



Two of our volunteers, Leng and Diane, are going overseas this month so if anyone has availability to help out at Refreshed on a Tuesday and/or Thursday, please let me know. We wish Leng and Di 'Bon

Voyage' and look forward to welcoming them back in mid-November. **Jenny**

The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it.

WE ARE COMMUNITY

Some very special birthdays this month: Today HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ROSEMARY H! for a very important milestone and a week later to Coralie who will celebrate at the Women's lunch. A little later in the month will be Bill's day and Bill operates on the premise that birthdays are good for your health. The more you have, the longer you live! November starts on a Sunday so we shouldn't miss a couple of special ones coming up then, particularly Iain on the 1st day before we print.



And now for a real birthday! Introducing Saoirse Frances Faridah, 4th great grandchild for Rosemary H. who made her grand debut on the 12 August, at 2:09pm. Saoirse (*Sounds like Circe?*) weighed in at a respectable 3.35kg and 51.5cm long. Her name is Irish for 'Freedom'. All the family doing well.



Of course some people decided there were other important events to celebrate. Bill came to church last week decked out to show his pride.



But with joy, there is often some sadness. Our prayers and sympathy to Coralie and her family as her sister-in-law died very unexpectedly during the week. This was the grandmother of her famous young swimming relative.

Please remember to pray also for those whose daily lives are quite a struggle, such as Lyle and Val, Sonia and Iain and Celma and Tony.

Some have been having a great time away on holiday and have sent some interesting snaps and snippets for us all to enjoy or envy. Rosemary [redacted] went to Phillip Island.



Above, Churchill Island and below Cape Barren Geese (with babies?)
No live penguin photos as you aren't permitted to take them, but the Penguin Parade was excellent. **Rosemary C.**

The Penguin Foundation no longer need jumpers for actual penguins caught in oil spills, because they have plenty in stock, but they would love jumpers to the same pattern be knitted to put on penguin toys. These toys sell really well with themes like Christmas patterns, popular sporting clubs, or flag colours and all the money raised goes to penguin rehabilitation and research. This means they don't have to be pure wool, but can be a fun project with decorations.

<https://penguinfoundation.org.au/whats-new/knitters-we-need-you>

EVERYDAY KINDNESS After a regular check up at the Breast Clinic, I was the last person to be seen at the end of the day and was at reception where my husband was waiting. When the previous lady left, the receptionist told me that she notices that the second last lady often waits with the last so she doesn't wait alone.

JACOBSONS' TRIP TO SA

Our recent trip to South Australia in August this year, took us through the Clare Valley with its surrounding villages, vineyards and fields of yellow canola to the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. The Clare region is steeped in history with some interesting connections to the Cape wine industry in South Africa. Apparently vine stocks were imported from the Cape to supplement a declining grape harvest in the Clare Valley in the 1800's.

However, our destination was ultimately Wilpena Pound, so we had a brief overnight stay in Auburn before setting out on a 3-hour trip through semi-arid regions with picturesque villages along the way. Carrieton and Orroroo were desolate but featured unique "Australian" murals and historic churches. On the road the feeling of endless space intensified with soaring



wedge-shaped eagles punctuating a cerulean sky. Despite the recent drought, we saw flowering gazanias, perhaps the result of some recent good rainfall?

My first impressions of Wilpena Pound resort was the abundance of ancient Ngartu (White Gum) and Wida (RiverRed Gumtrees). My love of gumtrees has grown substantially over the years with my increasing knowledge and appreciation of their unique adaptation to their often harsh environment. But it is their sheer beauty of form, often stark and gnarled from fire and drought, that is testament to their endurance. This is a region of boom or bust and the fauna and flora have to survive flood, fire and drought in their own unique

way. Such is the beauty of nature that out of destruction, resources are distributed which gives new life to smaller animals such as Yundu (dunnart) and fallen tree trunks provide a home for Mudlu (carpet pythons), while many plants need the fire to regenerate.

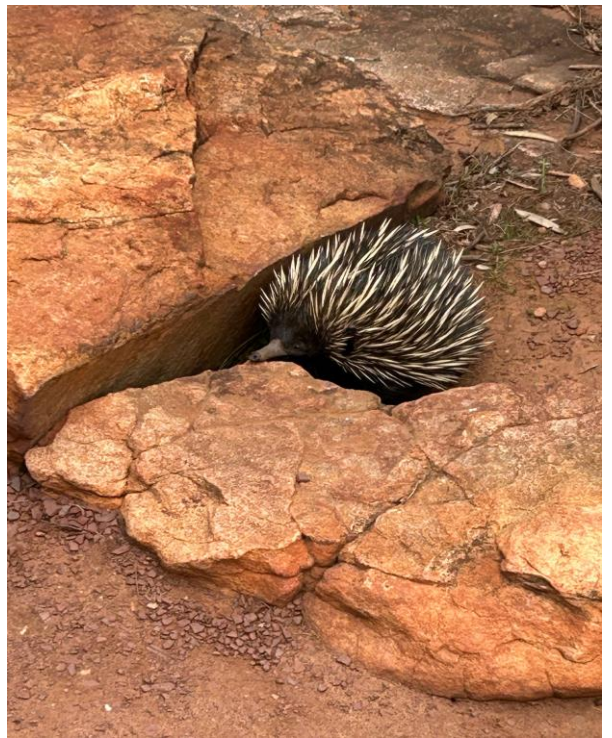
There has been a concerted effort to remove unwanted, introduced feral animals such as goats and foxes in the National Park. The boost in number

of echidnas and quolls to the area is a sign of the success of this plan. We spotted both during our stay in the park but we also saw many goats unfortunately.

Our trip back to Clare Valley included a stop at Sevenhill Vineyards, one of the original vineyards planted in the region by 2 Jesuit priests from Silesia (now Poland) in 1848. The property includes the cellars, a retreat and the St Aloysius Church.

On our return trip we visited Martindale Hall, the Georgian home built by the Bowman family. It was the movie set for “Picnic at Hanging Rock” based on the book by Joan Lindsay. It’s certainly an imposing monument to British colonial settlement, and quite incongruous in the Australian setting of bush and pastoral land.

The trip was very stimulating and unique in history and natural beauty.
From Anne.



Wendy & Rob heading for even colder climes.

**Their purpose holds to sail
beyond the sunset (sunrise?)
– apologies to Tennyson**



After collating so many beautiful contributions from different people, it seems very fitting to end with this prayer of praise and thanks by Kay.

TRIUNE GOD

I praise you, my Heavenly Father,
I worship you, Almighty God:
You created the earth, sea and sky,

And all that is within them – all were
created by your mighty Word.

Most glorious Heavenly Father,
God of tender faithfulness and love,
My God who gives without measure -



Jehovah Hireh, Heavenly Father, who - *for love* - gave up his Son.

I worship you, Jesus my Saviour,
The Way, the Truth and the Life.
You redeemed your sin-sullied people
By paying the only acceptable price.

It was your life that redeemed us - *your blood* - that most holy sacrifice.

Lord Jesus, I thank and I praise you.
I'm redeemed, forgiven, set free!
Free to be with you forever -
With you for all eternity.

O Jesus my Saviour; King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Thank you for your gifts - so lavishly given -
Abundant love, tender mercy and grace,
And your joy, compassion and peace:



New life: given to a world - blind, uncaring - still writhing in anguish and pain!

Thank you, transforming Holy Spirit, blessed Spirit of truth,
You abide with us and within us, through all of life's journey:
To help, to protect and to guide.



Holy Spirit, Living Water, Counsellor; Spirit of wisdom and power.

I worship you, Father, Son, Holy Spirit,
 Not bound by time or space,
 Ever at work in the lives of your children -

To you, be all worship, honour and praise; our Triumphant Triune God. Amen.

From Kay.

Year 'C' Revised Common Lectionary (October, 2025)

Date 2025	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel	Colour
5 Oct Pent 17 *UCA Older Persons Sunday	Lam 1: 1-6	Lam 3: 19-26 or Ps 137	2 Tim 1: 1-14	Lk 17: 5-10	G
12 Oct Pentecost 18	Jer 29: 1, 4-7	Ps 66: 1-12	2 Tim 2: 8-15	Lk 17: 11-19	G
19 Oct Pentecost 19 (22 Oct) Anniversary of the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse	Jer 31: 27-34	Ps 119: 97-104	2 Tim 3: 14 - 4:5	Lk 18: 1-8	G
26 Oct Pentecost 20	Joel 2: 23-32	P65	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk18: 9-14	G
Saturday 1 Nov All Saints Day	Dan 7:1-3, 15-18	Ps 149	Eph 1:11-23	Lk 6: 20-31	W
2 Nov Pentecost 21	Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Ps 119: 137-144	2 Thes 1: 1-4,11-12	Lk 19: 1-10	G

DIARY

10 October	12.15pm Men's Lunch – One Table
13 October	12.30pm Women's Lunch – One Table
16 October	10am MusicLovers – Matthew Teakle & Irina Lgotkina
19 October	2pm COOL & CLASSIC CONCERT – Tango Enigmatico
26 October	9am Celebrating Grandkids Service
07 November	12.15pm Men's Lunch – One Table
10 November	12.30pm Women's Lunch – One Table
15 November	7pm Fundraising Concert Classical Guitar
20 November	10am Music Lovers – French Choir
23 November	RSVP re Christmas Lunch – final day
30 November	1pm Congregation Christmas Lunch – One Table

October 2025

	5 October	12 October	19 October	26 October
Elder	Rosemary C	Dawn	Rosemary C	Rosemary C
Music	Jenny	Jenny	Jenny	TBA
Prayer	Marleine	Juana	Wendy	David
Reading	Coralie	Margot	Andrew H	Dawn
Steward	Carolyn	Blair	Ralph	Allan
Steward	Philip	Andrew L	Rob	Andrew L
Cha Bar	Gemma	Rosemary H	Sally	Rosemary H
Cha Bar	Jan	Carolyn	Rosemary C	Joycelyn
Ann'nts	Dawn	Marleine	Dawn	Dawn
PA System	Andrew L	John S	Lester	John S
PowerPt	Rosemary C	Gemma	Wendy	Rosemary C
Notice Board	John S	John S	John S	John S

November 2025

	2 November	9 November	16 November	23 November	30 November
Elder	Rosemary C	Rob	Rob	Rob	Rob
Music	Jenny	Jenny	Jenny	Jenny	Jenny
Prayer	David	Dawn	Wendy	Juana	Marleine
Reading	Marliene	Andrew H	Coralie	Margot	Dawn
Steward	Carolyn	Blair	Lester	Allan	Lester
Steward	Philip	Rob	Ralph	Andrew L.	Rob
Cha Bar	Rosemary H	Carolyn	Wendy	Arini	Sally
Cha Bar	Jan	Rosemary C	Joycelyn	Rosemary H	Carolyn
Ann'men ts	Rosemary C	Marleine	Rosemary C	Rosemary C	Rosemary C
PA System	Andrew L	Lester	Andrew L	John	Andrew L
PowerPt	Rosemary C	Wendy	Rosemary C	Wendy	Rosemary C
Notice Board	Merle and Colin	Merle and Colin	Merle and Colin	Merle and Colin	Merle and Colin