

ON EITHER SIDE
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-Tree of Life-

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A R E F O R T H E

*Healing of the
Nations*

Revelation 22:2



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

2017 Calendar

Healing of the nations

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

– Revelation 22:2



Pictured: Rev Nigel Rogers and Rev Sue Ellis in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, a 51 hectare public garden located in the north-east corner of the Adelaide city centre.

Photo: Bindy Taylor

The church constantly looks for signs of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus used parables to help the people of his day to understand the Kingdom – one of these is the parable of the mustard seed:

The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field... it grows into a tree and birds come and make nests in its branches. – Matthew 13: 31

It is always amazing how great trees grow from such humble beginnings.

Equally amazing is how the Christian church has grown from its humble beginnings of a handful of followers of Jesus. Yet, all this growth comes from God's hand.

Mustard seeds, wattle seeds, canola seeds are created to die and become plants that produce a harvest of food to attract and nourish creatures of the kingdom.

Men and women who encountered the healing and hope that Jesus gave, found their lives were transformed and new beginnings made possible. The reign of God's kingdom comes when we die to self and allow the life of Christ to flourish within us. From small seeds of faith grow strong disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples who sow and grow seeds of God's love, and who nurture Christ's life in one another, allowing a harvest of healing, justice and mercy to flourish.

In this calendar year, as we gaze upon the trees and consider the growth in the Uniting Church in South Australia, let us commit ourselves afresh to being places and spaces where others may come and build new lives through the life of Christ that each of our congregations and organisations offers.

Rev Sue Ellis
Moderator

Rev Nigel Rogers
CEO/General Secretary

Thank you for supporting the Uniting Church

The Mission and Service Fund is a great example of our financial commitment to mission and service – together.

This page explains our proposed budget for 2017 for this Fund – it is far more than a set of figures because it expresses how we finance our mission in South Australia and beyond. The Presbytery and Synod of South Australia is in the business of Uniting People. This budget, along with the following pages, demonstrates how the Uniting Church seeks to live out this intention through mission and in community.

Budgeted income		2017
Congregational contributions		1,538,683
Congregations contribute 10% of their income to this Fund, so this is where you have a direct impact on how much mission we can undertake together – THANK YOU!		
Income from investments		5,086,765
We receive income support from a range of Uniting Church investment entities including UC Invest, Epworth SA, Parkin Mission and Parkin Trust, plus whatever we can earn on our Fund reserves.		
Costs recovered and income earned by Presbytery and Synod Ministry Centres		3,543,540
<i>Each of our Ministry Centres recovers the costs of, or earns income on, some of the services they provide. (Each of these Ministry Centres are listed under the expenditure column.)</i>		
Costs recovered for our insurance program		1,108,554
We have a Synod-wide insurance program and the costs of this program are recovered from congregations and Ministry Centres.		
Other income		34,100
Total income		11,311,642

Budgeted expenditure		2017
Presbytery/Synod Ministry Centres		
Mission Resourcing and its Mission Resourcing Centres		864,756
Uniting College for Leadership & Theology		2,175,552
Costs associated with Finance, HR, IT&T, Property, Screening Services and WHS departments		2,164,800
Governance, Innovation and Communications		
Secretariat		734,190
UnitingCare		337,287
Communications		342,737
Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning (including Ministers Support and chaplaincy)		1,674,205
Sub-total		8,293,524
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress		474,995
Synod-wide insurance program premiums and related costs		1,116,248
Wider Church (Assembly and ecumenical support)		431,835
Congregation support (including Grant in Aid)		30,000
Other (mainly rent, depreciation and interest and shared office expenses)		964,978
Total expenditure		11,311,583
Operating Surplus for 2017		59

This budget information is subject to change before or at the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery and Synod in November 2016.

Access to any of the Presbytery and Synod's audited financial statements or other financial information can be arranged by contacting Uniting Church SA's Financial Services Department on finance@sa.uca.org.au or phone 8236 4229.

Peter Battersby,
Executive Officer, Resources
10 October 2016



Growing the church's future

The National Christian Youth Convention (NCYC) is a five-day event for young people (aged 16-25) from Uniting Church communities across Australia. Held every two to three years since 1955, NCYC gathers young Christians from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures to grow in faith and community together.

Pictured: NCYC celebrates the rich diversity of the Uniting Church through worship and performances, as depicted in this photo from Yuróra 2013.

Photo: Tilly South

January 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day (public holiday)	2 New Year's Day Holiday (public holiday)	3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Tour Down Under begins
15	16	17	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	19	20	21
22 Tour Down Under ends	23	24	25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends, Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26 Survival Day, Australia Day (public holiday)	27	28 Chinese New Year
29	30 School Term 1 begins (SA)	31				

1 JANUARY Christmas 1

Is 63:7-9
Ps 148
Heb 2:10-18
Mt 2:13-23

6 JANUARY Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-7,
10-14
Eph 3:1-12
Mt 2:1-12

8 JANUARY Baptism of Jesus

Is 42:1-9
Ps 29
Acts 10:34-43
Mt 3:13-17

15 JANUARY Epiphany 2

Is 49:1-7
Ps 40:1-11
1 Cor 1:1-9
Jn 1:29-42

22 JANUARY Epiphany 3

Is 9:1-4
Ps 27:1, 4-9
1 Cor 1:10-18
Mt 4:12-23

29 JANUARY Epiphany 4

Mic 6:1-8
Ps 15
1 Cor 1:18-31
Mt 5:1-12

FEBRUARY

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Growing global relationships

The United Church SA highly values its formal partnerships with Christian churches in Asia and Melanesia. The relationship between the United Church of Christ in the Philippines has grown stronger in recent years as partnerships and projects have developed. A new Indigenous (Ayta) Community Development Project will focus on improving agricultural practices and will work to give continued use of land rights to marginalised people in the Philippines.

Pictured: Children playing in a village in North Luzon during a visit by United Church SA representatives.

Photo: Supplied by International Mission

February 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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12	13 Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Adelaide Fringe Festival begins	18
19	20 World Day of Social Justice	21	22	23	24	25 Invigor8 Children & Family Ministry Conference
26 Mission & Service Fund contributions due, Uniting College Semester 1 begins	27	28 Shrove Tuesday, UnitingCare Pancake Day				

5 FEBRUARY Epiphany 5

Is 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Ps 112:1-9 (10)
1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16)
Mt 5:13-20

12 FEBRUARY Epiphany 6

Dt 30:15-20
Ps 119:1-8
1 Cor 3:1-9
Mt 5:21-37

19 FEBRUARY Epiphany 7

Lev 19:1-2, 9-18
Ps 119:33-40
1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23
Mt 5:38-48

26 FEBRUARY Transfiguration of Jesus

Ex 24:12-18
Ps 2 or Ps 99
2 Pet 1:16-21
Mt 17:1-9

MARCH

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Growing in solidarity

Established in 2006, Seeds of Affinity is a not-for-profit group that supports women as they make the challenging transition from prison to life in the wider community. Seeds of Affinity members meet twice weekly at Semaphore Uniting Church to share with each other, build one another up, and craft products to raise funds for the group. Members are also empowered to contribute meaningfully to the community in different ways.

Pictured: Seeds of Affinity co-founders Anna Kemp (left) and Linda Fisk (right) with Rev Frances Bartholomeusz at a Seeds of Affinity quiz night fundraiser held at Semaphore Uniting Church.

Photo: Bindy Taylor

March 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ash Wednesday, UnitingWorld Lent Event begins	2	3 World Day of Prayer, Adelaide Festival begins	4
5 First Sunday of Lent, Clean Up Australia Day	6	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10 WOMADelaide begins	11
12 Second Sunday of Lent	13 March Public Holiday/ Adelaide Cup Day (public holiday), WOMADelaide ends	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18
19 Third Sunday of Lent, Adelaide Fringe Festival ends, Adelaide Festival ends	20 International Day of Happiness	21 Harmony Day	22	23	24	25 KCO begins, Earth Hour
26 KCO ends, Fourth Sunday of Lent	27 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	28	29	30	31 National Youth Week begins	

1 MARCH Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or
Is 58:1-12
Ps 51:1-17
2 Cor 5:20b - 6:10
Mt 6:1-6, 16-21

5 MARCH Lent 1

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Ps 32
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

12 MARCH Lent 2

Gen 12:1-4a
Ps 121
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17
Jn 3:1-17
or Mt 17:1-9

19 MARCH Lent 3

Ex 17:1-7
Ps 95
Rom 5:1-11
Jn 4:5-42

25 MARCH Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14
Ps 45 or Ps 40:5-10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

26 MARCH Lent 4

1 Sam 16:1-13
Ps 23
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

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Growing through storytelling

Spicer Uniting Church's immersive Easter event, Sights and Sounds, has been held biennially since 1996. Using drama and multimedia, the congregation brings a taste of Old Jerusalem to the general public in Adelaide. Held in the week prior to Holy Week, the event's interactive performances and tours provide an opportunity for people to walk alongside Jesus and his disciples during the tumultuous events leading up to his crucifixion.

Pictured: As part of the Easter story reenactment, members of Spicer portray the High Priest and Roman soldiers as they plot to have Jesus crucified.

Photo: Supplied by Anne Wilson

April 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30						1
2 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time ends	3	4	5	6	7 World Health Day	8
9 Palm/Passion Sunday, National Youth Week ends	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday, School Term 1 ends (SA)	14 Good Friday (public holiday)	15 Easter Saturday (public holiday), UnitingWorld Lent Event ends
16 Easter Sunday	17 Easter Monday (public holiday)	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25 Anzac Day (public holiday)	26	27 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	28	29

2 APRIL	9 APRIL	9 APRIL	13 APRIL	14 APRIL	16 APRIL	16 APRIL	23 APRIL	30 APRIL	MAY
Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Passion Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Day	Easter Evening	Easter 2	Easter 3	S M T W T F S
Ezk 37:1-14									1 2 3 4 5 6
Ps 130	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29	Is 50:4-9a	Ex 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Ps 22	Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6	Is 25:6-9	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
Rom 8:6-11	Mt 21:1-11	Ps 31:9-16	Ps 116:1-2, 12-19	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	Ps 114	Ps 16	Ps 116:1-4, 12-19	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
Jn 11:1-45		Phil 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35	Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	1 Cor 5:6b-8	1 Pet 1:3-9	1 Pet 1:17-23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
		Mt 26:14, 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54			Jn 20:1-18 or Mt 28:1-10	Lk 24:13-49	Jn 20:19-31	Lk 24:13-35	28 29 30 31

May



Growing our destiny together

Individuals and communities from the Uniting Church SA, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, and Uniting College for Leadership & Theology are invited to join together for pilgrimages each year. These pilgrimages take place in locations across South Australia, and provide unique opportunities to hear stories of creation and reconciliation.

Pictured: People of all ages and backgrounds gathered for the Spirituality Pilgrimage on Adnyamathanha (Flinders Ranges) land in May 2016.

Photo: Caryn Rogers

May 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 School Term 2 begins (SA)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 National Volunteer Week begins	9	10	11	12	13 World Fair Trade Day
14 Mother's Day, National Volunteer Week ends	15 International Day of Families	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Ascension Day, Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26 National Sorry Day	27 National Reconciliation Week begins, Pilgrimage of Healing begins
28	29	30	31			

7 MAY Easter 4

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 23
1 Pet 2:19-25
Jn 10:1-10

14 MAY Easter 5

Acts 7:55-60
Ps 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Pet 2:2-10
Jn 14:1-14

21 MAY Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20
1 Pet 3:13-22
Jn 14:15-21

25 MAY Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47 or Ps 93
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 24:44-53

28 MAY Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14
Ps 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Jn 17:1-11

JUNE

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Growing church partnerships

Individuals and communities within the Uniting Church SA have formed rich, valuable relationships with international church partners. Naracoorte Uniting Church has a long-running partnership with Kiribati Uniting Church. Referred to as the "Kiribati Connection", the relationship between the two churches has been strengthened through cultural exchange programs, and assistance with community and education projects.

Pictured: Naracoorte Uniting Church members Ruby Dow, Rebecca Eastwood, Brie Roberts and Nicole Mugford on cultural exchange in Kiribati. This photo was taken on the first day of their exchange as they played with children living in the Kiribati Uniting Church headquarters.

Photo: Supplied by Nicole Mugford

June 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 National Reconciliation Week ends, Pilgrimage of Healing ends
4 Pentecost Sunday	5 Whit Monday, World Environment Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Trinity Sunday	12 Queen's Birthday (public holiday), World Day Against Child Labour	13	14 World Blood Donor Day	15	16	17
18 Refugee Week begins	19	20 World Refugee Day	21	22 Uniting Church 40th Anniversary	23	24 Refugee Week ends
25	26 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	27	28	29	30 Presbytery & Synod Meeting begins, Uniting College Semester 1 ends	

4 JUNE Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30
Ps 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39

11 JUNE Trinity Sunday

Gen 1:1 - 2:4a (21:1-7)
Ps 8
2 Cor 13:11-13
Mt 28:16-20

18 JUNE Pent 2 [11]

Gen 18:1-15 (21:1-7)
Ps 116:1-2, 12-19
Rom 5:1-8
Mt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

22 JUNE UCA Anniversary

Ezk 37:15-28 (21:1-7)
Ps 122
Heb 13:1-8
Jn 17:20-26

25 JUNE Pent 3 [12]

Gen 21:8-21
Ps 86:1-10, 16-17
Rom 6:1b-11
Mt 10:24-39

JULY

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Growing into a new season

Many Uniting Churches begin planning community events in the lead up to spring. The promise of warmer weather inspires us to cast off what we no longer need, and encourages us to begin thinking about new projects, events and ideas. For many of our churches, community events are a way to show God's love to our communities.

Pictured: Members and visitors enjoy fun, food and frivolity at Adelaide West Uniting Church's annual community fair.

Photo: Bindy Taylor

July 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31					1 Presbytery & Synod Meeting ends
2 NAIDOC Week begins	3	4	5	6	7 School Term 2 ends (SA)	8
9 NAIDOC Week ends	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 School Term 3 begins (SA), Uniting College Semester 2 begins	25	26 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	27	28	29

2 JULY Pent 4 [13]

Gen 22:1-14
Ps 13
Rom 6:12-23
Mt 10:40-42

9 JULY Pent 5 [14]

Gen 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67
Ps 45:10-17
or So 2:8-13
Rom 7:15-25a
Mt 11:16-19, 25-30

16 JULY Pent 6 [15]

Gen 25:19-34
Ps 119:105-112
Rom 8:1-11
Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

23 JULY Pent 7 [16]

Gen 28:10-19a
Ps 139:1-12, 23-24
Rom 8:12-25
Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

30 JULY Pent 8 [17]

Gen 29:15-28
Ps 105:1-11, 45b
or Ps 128
Rom 8:26-39
Mt 13:31-33, 44-52

AUGUST

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August

Growing through diversity

The Uniting Church SA encompasses a diverse array of backgrounds, communities and cultures – a living example of the 1985 Assembly declaration that “we are a multicultural church”. One Great Sunday of Sharing provides an opportunity to celebrate the Uniting Church’s diversity as people come together to worship Christ and share with one another across cultures.

Pictured: Members of the Fijian congregation at Vermont Uniting Church enjoying Spanish worship music at One Great Sunday of Sharing in 2016.

Photo: Bindy Taylor

August 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day	5
6 Lay Preachers' Sunday	7 Homelessness Week begins	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People	10	11	12 International Youth Day
13 Homelessness Week ends	14	15	16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day
20	21	22	23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26
27 Refugee and Migrant Sunday	28	29 Uniting Leaders conference begins	30	31		

6 AUGUST Pent 9 [18]

Gen 32:22-31
Ps 17:1-7, 15
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:13-21

13 AUGUST Pent 10 [19]

Gen 37:1-4, 12-28
Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Rom 10:5-15
Mt 14:22-33

20 AUGUST Pent 11 [20]

Gen 45:1-15
Ps 133
Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32
Mt 15:(10-20), 21-28

27 AUGUST Pent 12 [21]

Exo 1:8 – 2:10
Ps 124
Rom 12:1-8
Mt 16:13-20

SEPTEMBER

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 September

Growing in generosity

Every year, Red Dove Café serves delicious, home-style food to throngs of excited show-goers during the Royal Adelaide Show. The volunteer-run Red Dove Café has supported the South Australian community since 1951, donating 100% of its profits to Uniting Church ministries.

The café building was demolished in 2016 as part of an upgrade to the showgrounds. Red Dove Café will make the most of its new location during the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show, ensuring its support of vital ministries continues into the future.

Pictured: Volunteers, including Red Dove Café committee members, contributing their skills at the café during the Royal Adelaide Show in 2016.

Photo: Bindy Taylor

September 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Frontier Services Great Outback BBQ (all month), Royal Adelaide Show and Red Dove Café open, Uniting Leaders conference ends	
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Father's Day		International Day of Charity			International Literacy Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Suicide: it's no secret, World Suicide Prevention Day, Royal Adelaide Show and Red Dove Café close				R U OK? Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				International Day of Peace		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Social Justice Sunday	Mission & Service Fund contributions due	Frontier Services Birthday			School Term 3 ends (SA)	SAYCO begins

3 SEPTEMBER

Pent 13 [22]

Exo 3:1-15
Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Rom 12:9-21
Mt 16:21-28

10 SEPTEMBER

Pent 14 [23]

Exo 12:1-14
Ps 149
Rom 13:8-14
Mt 18:15-20

17 SEPTEMBER

Pent 15 [24]

Exo 14:19-31
Ps 114
or Exo 15:1b-11, 20-21
Rom 14:1-12
Mt 18:21-35

24 SEPTEMBER

Pent 16 [25]

Exo 16:2-15
Ps 105:1-6, 37-45
Phil 1:21-30
Mt 20:1-16

OCTOBER

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Growing men in ministry

Now entering its seventh year, the Living Water Men's Conference provides space for Christian men to connect with God and one another in a rural setting. Held over three days at the Emmaus campsite in Halbury, the conference welcomes men from all walks of life. The attendees enjoy getting back to nature, camping under the stars in the evening, hearing from local speakers and sharing testimonies throughout the day.

Pictured: Conference attendees share with one another over a campfire between sessions.

Photo: John Adams

October 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time begins, International Day of Older Persons	2 Labour Day (public holiday), SAYCO ends, International Day of Non-Violence	3	4	5	6 Living Water Men's Conference begins	7
8 Living Water Men's Conference ends	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11	12	13	14
15	16 School Term 4 begins (SA)	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18	19	20	21 Children's Week begins
22	23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due, Universal Children's Day (Aus)	26	27	28
29 Children's Week ends	30 Blue Knot Day	31				

1 OCTOBER Pent 17 [26]

Exo 17:1-7
Ps 78:1-4, 12-16
Phil 2:1-13
Mt 21:23-32

8 OCTOBER Pent 18 [27]

Exo 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps 19
Phil 3:4b-14
Mt 21:33-46

15 OCTOBER Pent 19 [28]

Exo 32:1-14
Ps 106:1-6, 19-23
Phil 4:1-9
Mt 22:1-14

22 OCTOBER Pent 20 [29]

Exo 33:12-23
Ps 99
1 Th 1:1-10
Mt 22:15-22

29 OCTOBER Pent 21 [30]

Dt 34:1-12
Ps 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Th 2:1-8
Mt 22:34-46

NOVEMBER

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November



Growing through outback outreach

Uniting Church Patrol Ministers are frequently on the road, visiting Aboriginal communities, mining sites, small communities and people who are isolated by the remoteness of our great Australian desert. Much of their time is spent simply listening to people who face the daily challenge of isolation. Patrol Ministers demonstrate care, counselling and compassion to people in the outback and offer a comforting and supporting presence in people's daily lives.

Pictured: Pastor Paul Glazbrook (Parkin-Sturt Patrol, South Australia) and Rev Sunil "Sunny" Kadaparambil (Cunnamulla/Burke and Wills Patrol, Queensland) lead an outdoor ecumenical service in remote Australia.

Photo: Robyn Glazbrook

November 2017



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 All Saints' Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day
12	13	14	15	16 International Day for Tolerance	17 Uniting College Semester 2 ends	18
19 International Men's Day	20 Universal Children's Day (international)	21	22	23 Presbytery & Synod Meeting begins	24	25 Presbytery & Synod Meeting ends, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
26	27 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	28	29	30		

1 NOVEMBER All Saints Day

Rev 7:9-17
Ps 34:1-10, 22
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12

5 NOVEMBER Pent 22 [31]

Jsh 3:7-17
Ps 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Th 2:9-13
Mt 23:1-12

12 NOVEMBER Pent 23 [32]

Jsh 24:1-3a, 14-25
Ps 78:1-7
1 Th 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13

19 NOVEMBER Pent 24 [33]

Jdg 4:1-7
Ps 123
1 Th 5:1-11
Mt 25:14-30

26 NOVEMBER Christ the King

Ezk 34:1-16, 20-24
Ps 100
Eph 1:15-23
Mt 25:31-46

DECEMBER

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Growing closer at Christmas

Christmas is a joyful time for many, gathering family and friends together in community and providing an opportunity to give thanks to God. For others, it can be a challenging time as they struggle with feelings of loneliness or remember a loved one who is no longer with them - for these people, Christmas can provide space for reflection and drawing on God's strength. Over Christmas, Uniting Church congregations welcome the wider community through their activities and services – Christmas celebrations, Blue Christmas services, nativity re-enactments, Christmas tree festivals, and more. Wherever you are in SA this Christmas, there is a Uniting Church waiting to welcome you.

Pictured: Children climbing a hay bale Christmas tree entered in Willunga Uniting Church's Christmas Tree Festival, which is held in November each year.

Photo: Jenny Esots

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 New Year's Eve					1 World AIDS Day	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3 Advent Sunday, International Day of People with Disability	4	5 International Volunteer Day	6	7	8	9
10 International Human Rights Day	11	12	13	14	15 School Term 4 ends (SA)	16
17	18 International Migrants Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day (public holiday)	26 Proclamation Holiday (public holiday)	27 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	28	29	30

3 DECEMBER
First Sunday of Advent

Is 64:1-9
 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Mk 13:24-37

10 DECEMBER
Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-11
 Ps 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Pt 3:8-15a
 Mk 1:1-8

17 DECEMBER
Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-4, 8-11
 Ps 126
 or Lk 1:46b-55
 1 Th 5:16-24
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

24 DECEMBER
Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-11, 16
 Lk 1:46b-55
 or Ps 89:1-4, 19-26
 Rom 16:25-27
 Lk 1:26-38

24/25 DECEMBER
Christmas Day 1

Is 9:2-7
 Ps 96
 Titus 2:11-14
 Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)

24/25 DECEMBER
Christmas Day 2

Is 62:6-12
 Ps 97
 Titus 3:4-7
 Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20

24/25 DECEMBER
Christmas Day 3

Is 52:7-10
 Ps 98
 Heb 1:1-4, (5-12)
 Jn 1:1-14

31 DECEMBER
Christmas 1

Is 61:10 – 62:3
 Ps 148
 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:22-40

JANUARY 2016

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Pictured: Sturt desert peas thrive on Sturt Vale Station, east of Burra.

Photo: Paul Glazbrook



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