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Hebrew 10:24-25 (AMP)

"and let us consider  
how we may encourage  
one another to love and  
to do good deeds ..."



The Uniting Church in Australia  
Synod of South Australia

## **2020 – A year for making connections.**

We live in a highly connected world. Our smartphones give us immediate access to whatever we need to know. A text or an email can travel in an instant to someone on the other side of the world. We can observe or control our home from our computer at work. The internet connects billions of devices and people across the globe.

Our congregations are also rich networks of connections with God, with each other and with the wider community, providing a way to faithfully join in God's mission for our world. These connections are personal and relational; they are authentic and intentional.

We make connections in many ways, some of which are shown in the pages of this calendar. They are often personal connections, built on relationships developed over time and with a desire to express God's love, care and compassion to others.

Some connections are fleeting – providing practical help to someone in need or welcoming a visitor to worship. Others last longer – a bible study group that becomes a place for sharing and encouragement or a congregation's support of an overseas project. Some last a lifetime – a baptism that becomes a confirmation that becomes a call to ordination through the discipling ministry of a supportive congregation.

As the Uniting Church in South Australia enters a new era, with a new structure, there will be opportunities for individuals, congregations and presbyteries to make new connections as they seek to reflect Jesus in their communities.

In 2020, may you seek out the opportunities to connect in meaningful ways and may God bless you in the year ahead.

**Bronte Wilson**  
Moderator

**Rev Felicity Amery**  
General Secretary



**Pictured:** General Secretary of The Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of South Australia, Rev Felicity Amery (Deacon) and Mr Bronte Wilson, Moderator.  
**Photo:** Petronella Lowies



# 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 2020 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. 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	2020
<b>Congregational contributions</b>	1,547,168
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	
<b>Income from investments</b>	5,373,391
We receive income support from a range of Uniting Church investment entities including UC Invest, Epworth SA, The Parkin Mission in SA and The Parkin Trust, plus whatever we can earn on our Fund reserves.	
<b>Costs recovered and income earned by Synod Ministry Centres</b>	3,858,198
Each of our Ministry Centres recovers the costs of, or earns income on, some of the services they provide. (Each of these Ministry Centres is listed under the expenditure column.)	
<b>Costs recovered for our insurance program</b>	1,273,396
We have a Synod-wide insurance program and the costs of this program are recovered from congregations and Ministry Centres.	
<b>Other income</b>	59,017
<b>Total income</b>	<b>12,111,170</b>

Budgeted expenditure	2020
<b>Synod Ministry Centres</b>	
Mission and Leadership Development	3,100,488
Resources	2,403,041
Insurance Program	1,273,396
Governance, Innovation and Communications	1,443,146
Pastoral Relations and Mission Planning (including Ministers Support)	341,233
Chaplains	720,568
Ministers Support and Training	222,619
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>9,504,491</b>
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress	505,551
Wider Church (Assembly and ecumenical support)	527,183
Congregation support (including Grant in Aid and Presbytery Pool Allocation)	638,867
Other (mainly rent, depreciation and interest, and shared office expenses)	935,078
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>12,111,170</b>
<b>Operating surplus for 2019</b>	<b>0</b>

*Note: This budget does not include an allowance for any costs associated with claims relating to Redress. This budget information is subject to change before or at the Annual Meeting of the Synod in November 2019.*

Uniting Church in South Australia Members may access the Synod's audited financial statements by contacting the Uniting Church SA Resources Ministry Centre via email: [resources@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:resources@sa.uca.org.au) or phone on 08 8236 4229.



## Connecting leaders

Leaders from across The Uniting Church in Australia joined together for an Executive Leadership Development Program, which worked to connect national colleagues and nurture leaders in change management and Christian leadership. The course spanned 18 months and was the first cohort of its kind. Its initial success has paved the way for

its continuation and additional education on leadership and Christian theology, including the organisation of a theological symposium to be held at the Uniting College for Leadership & Theology in February 2020. The course signifies the Uniting Church's commitment to growing leaders in changing times.

**Pictured:** The first cohort of leaders who completed the 18 month course finishing in 2019.



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

## 1 January New Year's Day

Eccl 3: 1-13  
Ps 8  
Rev 21: 1-6a  
Matt 25: 31-46

## 1 January Naming of Jesus

Num 6: 22-27  
Ps 8  
Gal 4: 4-7  
or Phil 2: 5-11  
Luke 2:15-21

## 5 January Christmas 2

Jer 31:7-14  
Ps 147:12-20  
Eph 1:3-14  
Jn 1:(1-9), 10-18

## 6 January Epiphany of the Lord

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

## 12 January Baptism of Jesus

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

## 19 January Epiphany 2

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

## 26 January Epiphany 3

Epiphany 3  
Is 9:1-4  
Ps 27:1, 4-9  
1 Cor 1:10-18  
Mt 4:12-23

## FEBRUARY

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## Connecting through community care

Through UnitingCare SA, the Uniting Church is a part of a network of Australian and South Australian not-for-profit organisations that are building stronger communities. Organisations associated with the Uniting Church deliver a broad spectrum of services, including support for those experiencing times of need, the aged, and those requiring health care, as

well as educational support to the leaders of our future. Donations and money raised by Pancake Day each February and March go directly to local UnitingCare organisations in South Australia.

**Pictured:** Rev Andrew Robertson, Minister of CityView Uniting Church and Rev Peter McDonald, Executive, Advocacy, Uniting Communities, at the new U City Building, built on the former Maughan Uniting Church site. Uniting Communities is one of the not-for-profit organisations associated with the UCA SA.

**Photo:** Tayla Martin



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples	13	14 Valentine's Day Adelaide Fringe Festival begins	15
16	17	18	19	20 World Day of Social Justice	21	22 National Day of Prayer and Fasting
23	24	25 Shrove Tuesday UnitingCare Pancake Day Mission and Service Fund contributions due	26 Ash Wednesday First day of Lent	27	28 Adelaide Festival begins Extol Conference begins	29 Extol Conference ends

## 2 February Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Mal 3: 1-4  
Ps 84 or Ps 24: 7-10  
Heb 2: 14-18  
Luke 2: 22-40

## 2 February Epiphany 4

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

## 9 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

## 16 February Epiphany 6

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

## 23 February Transfiguration of Jesus

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

## 26 February 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

## MARCH

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## Connecting with children

For generations the Uniting Church has had the opportunity to connect in discipleship with children between the ages of seven and twelve at annual Kids Camp Out (KCO) events. KCO assists kids to explore faith through their own discovery while encouraging sharing and relationships with their peers. At KCO kids enjoy a wide range of performances, activities,

games, worship and music, all based around a central theme. The theme aims to teach the campers about Jesus' life and teachings in a manner that is appropriate to their context and a great deal of fun.

**Pictured:** Campers became part of a nature appreciation demonstration as they held a Centralian Carpet Python during KCO 2019. The demonstration was held by Animals Anonymous with presenter Tamara instructing the kids about a variety of creepy crawlies from the animal kingdom.

**Photo:** Bindy Taylor





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Clean Up Australia Day	2 Uniting College Semester 1 begins	3	4	5	6 WOMADelaide begins	7
8 International Women's Day	9 WOMADelaide ends Adelaide Cup Day (public holiday)	10 Retired Ministers' Day	11	12	13	14
15 Adelaide Festival ends Adelaide Fringe Festival ends	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19	20 International Day of Happiness	21 KCO begins Harmony Day
22 KCO ends	23	24	25 Annunciation of the Lord Mission and Service Fund contributions due	26	27	28 Earth Hour
29	30	31				

## 1 March Lent 1

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

## 8 March Lent 2

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

## 15 March Lent 3

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

## 22 March Lent 4

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

## 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

## 29 March Lent 5

Ez 37:1-14  
Ps 130  
Rom 8:6-11  
Jn 11:1-45

## APRIL

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## Connecting with rural communities in need

The Pilgrimage of Healing, usually held in May, reaches out to young people in Oodnadatta who are eager to grow in discipleship. In 2019 Ex-Moderator Rev Sue Ellis led a pilgrimage and working party to the remote Oodnadatta Faith Community just after Easter. The working party helped to build partial shade over the preaching platform of Oodnadatta's open-

air place of worship. They also prayed and worshipped together and planted trees on the barren site.

**Pictured:** Ian Dempster and helpers from the working party planted trees at the Oodnadatta Faith Community's worship site.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time ends	6	7 World Health Day	8	9 Maundy Thursday School Term 1 ends (SA)	10 Good Friday (public holiday)	11 Holy Saturday (public holiday)
12 Easter Day	13 Easter Monday (public holiday)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 ANZAC Day (public holiday)
26	27 School Term 2 begins (SA) Mission and Service Fund contributions due	28	29	30		

## 5 April Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-9a  
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29  
Phil 2:5-11  
Mt 21:1-11

## 5 April Passion Sunday

Is 50:4-9a  
Ps 31:9-16  
Phil 2:5-11  
Mt 26:14 – 27:66  
or Mt 27:11-54

## 10 April Good Friday

Is 52:13 – 53:12  
Ps 22  
Heb 10:16-25  
or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1 – 19:42

## 11 April Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14  
or Lam 3:1-9, 19-24  
Ps 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Pt 4:1-8  
Mt 27:57-66  
or Jn 19:38-42

## 12 April Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
or Jer 31:1-6  
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24  
Col 3:1-4  
or Acts 10:34-43  
Jn 20:1-18 or Mt 28:1-10

## 12 April Easter Evening

Is 25:6-9  
Ps 114  
1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Lk 24:13-49

## 19 April Easter 2

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Ps 16  
1 Pt 1:3-9  
Jn 20:19-31

## 26 April Easter 3

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Ps 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Pt 1:17-23  
Lk 24:13-35

## MAY

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## Connecting with international partners

The United Church in Australia, Synod of South Australia, partners with Christian churches in Asia and Melanesia with a focus on developing relationships, engaging with challenging social and spiritual issues and empowering strong connections. Rev Mark Schultz, leader of the Synod's Mission Resourcing Team, and Rev Mike Wardrop, Coordinator of the Intern Year

Program, led the 2019 Intern Year group to the Philippines to meet with pastors, congregations, ministry leaders and advocates from across the breadth of The United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Along the way they connected with community members and influencers alike, strengthening the partnership.

**Pictured:** Intern Year student, Larissa Ramsey, takes a selfie with children from the mountain town of Batanes, Philippines.

**Photo:** Rev Mike Wardrop





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

## 3 MAY Easter 4

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

## 10 May Easter 5

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

## 17 May Easter 6

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

## 21 May Ascension Day

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

## 24 May Easter 7

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

## 31 May 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

## JUNE

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## Connecting with social justice issues

Social justice is at the core of our ethos as the Uniting Church, as an active faith in a just and loving God and care for those around us are inseparable. The former Urban Mission Network played an instrumental part in the launch of Safe Harbour SA, a project that creates awareness of people seeking asylum in Australia through pop-up art installations all

over the state. More than 500 small wooden boats, each decorated by everyday South Aussies, are used in the art installations.

**Pictured:** The Safe Harbour SA project was launched in early 2019 in front of St Francis Xavier's Catholic Cathedral, next to Victoria Square, Adelaide. Pilgrim Uniting Church's Rev Sandy Boyce spoke at the opening.

**Photo:** Petronella Lowies





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Whit Monday	2	3 Pilgrimage of Healing ends National Reconciliation Week ends	4	5 World Environment Day	6
7 Trinity Sunday	8 Volunteer's Day Queen's Birthday (public holiday)	9	10	11	12 World Day Against Child Labour	13
14 World Blood Donor Day Refugee Week begins	15 Uniting College Semester 1 end World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	16	17	18	19	20 Refugee Week ends World Refugee Day
21	22 UCA Anniversary	23	24	25 Mission and Service Fund contributions due	26	27
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**7 June**  
**Trinity Sunday**

Gn 1:1 – 2:4a  
Ps 8  
2 Cor 13:11-13  
Mt 28:16-20

**14 June**  
**Pent 2 [11]**

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

**21 June**  
**Pent 3 [12]**

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

**22 June**  
**UCA Anniversary**

Ez 37:15-28  
Ps 122  
Heb 13:1-8  
Jn 17:20-26

**28 June**  
**Pent 4 [13]**

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

**JULY**

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## Connecting through empowered women

International Women's Day is celebrated each year on 8 March by highlighting the issues of gender equality and the rights of women in society and the workplace. On International Women's Day in 2019, South Australian women from across the Uniting Church in SA came together for a day-long retreat during which they learned about living a balanced

life filled with joy. The retreat is planned to become an annual event.

**Pictured:** Women from all over South Australia enjoy a retreat organised by the Synod of South Australia, focusing on living a balanced life. They were treated to stimulating talks, space to be creative and to de-stress.

**Photo:** Bindy Taylor





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

## 5 July Pent 5 [14]

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

## 12 July Pent 6 [15]

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

## 19 July Pent 7 [16]

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

## 26 July Pent 8 [17]

Gn 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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## Connecting with strangers

Food insecurity is quite an alarming topic, especially in a country like Australia where no one is expected to suffer from hunger on a regular basis. But at least 3 in every 10 Australians go without food for a day once every week. In South Australia there has been a 15% increase in people seeking food relief from charities just over the last year.

The necessity to feed the poor and the hungry is not just a Biblical imperative; it is also a basic humanitarian principle. Several Uniting Church congregations have projects in place that assist those in their immediate communities to put fresh, affordable meals on the table while making lifelong friends in the process.

**Pictured:** Twice weekly, The Grove Uniting Church offers a free food pantry where no one is turned away.

**Photo:** Winaya Kamaputri





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

## 2 August Pent 9 [18]

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

## 9 August Pent 10 [19]

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

## 16 August Pent 11 [20]

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

## 23 August Pent 12 [21]

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

## 30 August Pent 13 [22]

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

## SEPTEMBER

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## Connecting to help ensure Earth's future

The month of September leading up to St Francis of Assisi Day on 4 October is known as the Season of Creation. This begins with the day of prayer for the environment on 1 September. The Season of Creation was inaugurated in the Uniting Church in 2004 and has been encouraged by the World Council of Churches since 2008.

The Uniting Church in Australia officially joined the Climate Strike on 20 September 2019. We demanded government policies that support 100% renewable energy generation by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050; no new coal, oil or gas projects; and a just transition and job creation for workers in industries impacted by climate change.

**Pictured:** Members of the Uniting Church in South Australia joined 20,000 other South Australian marchers for climate action on Friday 20 September 2019. They marched from Victoria Square to Parliament House, while other groups gathered in Kingscote, Naracoorte and Port Lincoln.

**Photo:** Petronella Lowies



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Red Dove Café opens Royal Adelaide Show begins	5 International Day of Charity
6 Father's Day	7	8 International Literacy Day	9	10 R U OK? Day World Suicide Prevention Day	11	12
13 Red Dove Café closes Royal Adelaide Show ends	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23	24	25 School Term 3 ends (SA) Mission and Service Fund contributions due	26
27	28	29	30			

## 6 September Pent 14 [23]

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

## 13 September Pent 15 [24]

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

## 20 September Pent 16 [25]

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

## 27 September Pent 17 [26]

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

## OCTOBER

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## Connecting with youth ministry

Traditionally, the youth from our congregations have gathered over the Labour Day long weekend for the South Australian Youth Camp Out (SAYCO). However, in 2019 SAYCO morphed into a day-long celebration at the Lost/Found Youth Festival, where youth from 23 Uniting Churches ate together, sang together, prayed for each other and welcomed

10 young people into the family of Jesus for the very first time.

Youth and leaders thanked God for SAYCO and began to look to what the Spirit might have for a new season of future youth events.

**Pictured:** One50 Dance Crew performs at the 2019 Lost/Found Youth Festival, held at Adelaide West Uniting Church.

**Photo:** Ethan Wildman





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 International Day of Non-Violence	3
4 Daylight Savings Time begins	5 Labour Day (public holiday)	6	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day
11	12 School Term 4 begins (SA)	13	14	15	16	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Children's Week begins
25	26 Mission and Service Fund contributions due	27	28	29 Synod Annual Meeting begins	30	31 Synod Annual Meeting ends

## 4 October Pent 18 [27]

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

## 11 October Pent 19 [28]

Ex 33:1-14  
Ps 106:1-6, 19-23  
Phil 4:1-9  
Mt 22:1-14

## 18 October Pent 20 [29]

Ex 33:12-23  
Ps 99  
1 Thes 1:1-10  
Mt 22:15-22

## 25 October Pent 21 [30]

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

## NOVEMBER

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## Connections that create belonging

The month of November features International Men's Day on the 19th, as a result of which a number of events are held to focus on men's health and wellbeing. But looking after each other's physical and mental health should not be something assigned to just a single day or even a single month.

For many years the Men's Shed has been a saving grace for men looking for the camaraderie of like-minded souls. A Men's Shed provides men from all stages of life with an opportunity to meet, talk and share, helping to address potential mental health issues associated with loneliness.

**Pictured:** The Morialta Uniting Church's Men's Shed is a well-equipped space where men meet once a week to tackle craft and DIY challenges together. It forms part of a wider community outreach program which the congregation has in place.

**Photo:** Winaya Kamaputri





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

## 1 November All Saints Day

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

## 1 November Pent 22 [31]

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

## 8 November Pent 23 [32]

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

## 15 November Pent 24 [33]

Jgs 4:1-7  
Ps 123  
1 Thes 5:1-11  
Mt 25:14-30

## 22 November Christ the King or the Reign of Christ

Ez 34:11-16, 20-24  
Ps 100  
Eph 1:15-23  
Mt 25:31-46

## 29 November Advent 1

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

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## Connecting communities through Christmas

Christmas is a joyous time of year as many people take time out from the busyness of everyday life to share with family and friends. Uniting Church congregations and faith communities provide different gifts to the community at this time. Some hold Blue Christmas services, others host carols nights, celebratory meals and nativity re-enactments.

The country community of Willunga, south of Adelaide, has come to look forward to the annual Willunga Christmas Tree Festival which is hosted by Willunga Uniting Church. With a new theme each year, the festival runs over two days and includes a Christmas Tree decorating competition, carols in the chapel, wreath and decoration workshops and more.

**Pictured:** Former Moderator Rev Sue Ellis enjoys the varied entries for the Christmas Tree decorating competition in a festive Bethany Hall, Willunga.

**Photo:** Gail Kirby





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

## 6 December Advent 2

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

## 13 December Advent 3

Is 61:1-4, 8-11  
Ps 126 or Luke 1:46a-55  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## 20 December Advent 4

2 Sm 7:1-11, 16  
Lk 1:47-55 or  
Ps 89:1-4, 19-26  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

## 25 December Christmas Day 1

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

## 25 December Christmas Day 2

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

## 25 December Christmas Day 3

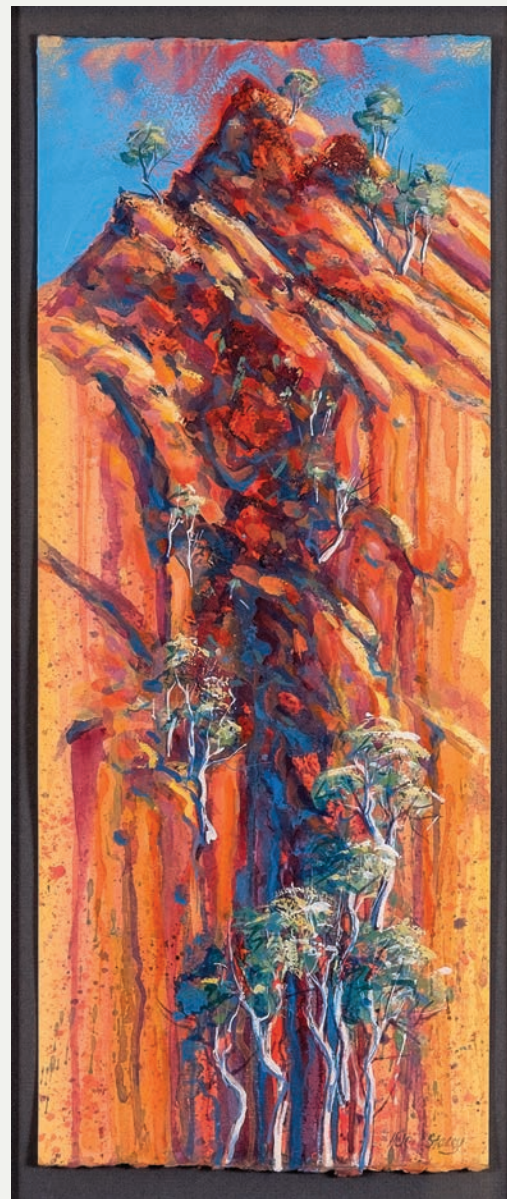
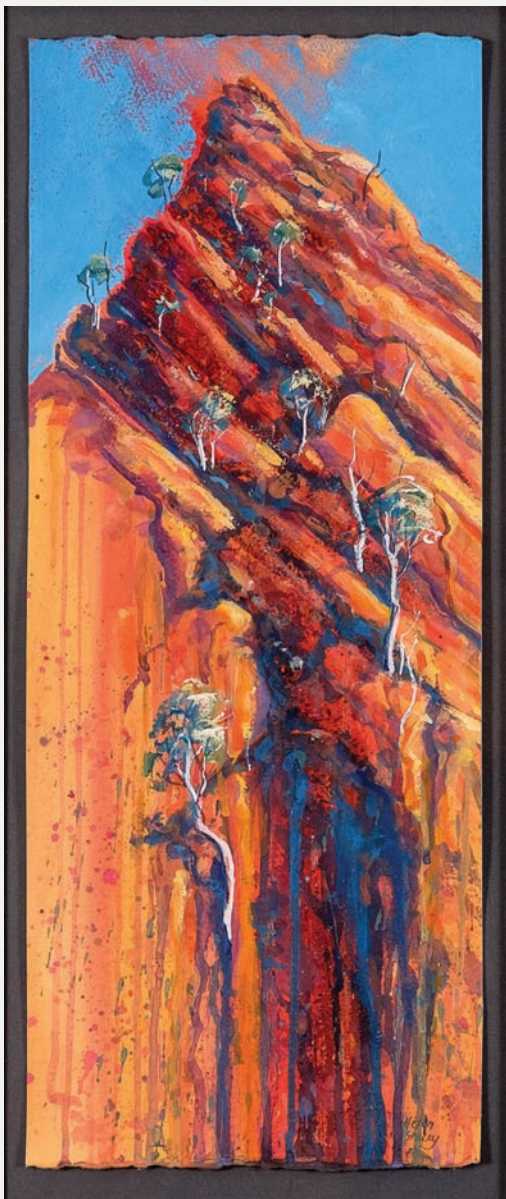
Is 52:7-10  
Ps 98  
Heb 1:1-4,(5-12)  
Jn 1:1-14

## 27 December Christmas 1

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

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***The Sentinels***, Brachina Gorge.

**Painted:** Merna Mora Station, Flinders Ranges, SA.

**Artist:** Helen Stacey

**Photo:** Malcolm Edward-Cole

***The Sentinels*** is my response to the awareness of being 'watched' by the spiritual guardians of this country when I went to paint there. After an hour of respectfully walking around and quietly sitting I sensed I had permission to start work.

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