

AUGUST 23RD 2020

# WALKERVILLE UNITING CHURCH

A community in Christ for all generations



## ONE NEW HUMANITY

When the Berlin wall came down there was much rejoicing because it signalled the end of the long separation of East Germany from West Germany and the communist dictatorship that caused the split in the first place. However, not everyone was equally excited about the unification of Germany because the East Germans – impoverished and under-educated as they were – would soon become a social and economic burden on the more affluent West Germans. People from both sides of the wall had to embrace a whole new reality for the future of Germany. Something like that was true for Jewish and Gentile Christians of the early church.

The Jewish believers had to forgo their position as 'insiders' and the Gentiles had to be willing to let go of their position as 'outsiders.' Now the original stones from the demolished temple and the new stone from the open field were about to be built into a whole new temple. From now on there would be no Jew or Gentile, first or last, good or bad, insiders or outsiders, nor any other separating category, since now everyone and anyone could be included in the new thing that God was doing. In any case, everything is by grace, and no one can claim superior rights or rank in the order of things.

## Scripture Readings:

- Old Testament:  
Isaiah 49:1-6
- New Testament:  
Ephesians 2:11-22

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- **Hike Group** *Sunday*  
23rd August 1.30pm
- **Craft Group** *Tuesday*  
25th August 10am in Hall 2
- **Seniors Exercise**  
*Tuesday 25th*  
August 10.30am in Hall 1
- **Bible Study**  
*Wednesday 26th*  
August 10am in Hall 2
- **Prayer Group**  
*Wednesday 26th*  
August 11.15am in Vestry
- **Playgroup** *Thursday*  
27th August 9.30am
- **Ladies Chat Group -**  
*Thursday 27th August*  
1pm in Hall 2

## ONE NEW HUMANITY CONT.

Nevertheless, there were tensions between Jews and Gentiles, even in the church. For the Jews this new reality was hard to accept and, for the Gentiles, it was difficult to receive. Unfortunately, these tensions remain to this day. Jews still think themselves above the church - the new kids on the block – and Gentiles still disparage the Jews for their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. The truth is that Christ died for both Jews and Gentiles and it is only through him that either can enter the new temple.

For the Jews it is vital to acknowledge that their special status was always intended to be shared with all the nations, and for the Gentiles it is necessary to recognise that their faith is a gift that has been bequeathed to them through the Jews. Thus, Paul writes, "So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." (Ephesians 2: 19-22). And as we have explored before, this is the main thing that is going on in the world and you get a front row seat to the action.

In faith

David Kowalick

COMING UP

**Men's Munch** - Tuesday 1st September.  
12pm John Laubsch 0475 563 130

**Craft Group** - Tuesday 8th September  
10am. Contact Helen B 0407 830 640

**Men's Group** - Thursday 16th September.  
7pm. Speaker: John Laubsch. Topic: Wood carving/whittling.

**Quiz Night** - Saturday 19th September 7pm  
**msg@5** - Sunday 20th September 5pm

**For leaders:**  
Child Safe Environs  
Full Day Training  
28th September  
9:30am start

Save  
the  
date



## NEW COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS

Last Sunday I spoke about how privileged we are at Walkerville (and in South Australia) to be able to gather for in-person worship. However, I also said how concerned I have become about complacency creeping into our greeting of one another, in our seating in church and at morning tea time.

With regard to our seating during worship, please stagger your seating. It is impractical to totally re-arrange our seating because obviously members of the same household can sit together, but others do need to spread out. Please be aware that some of your friends may not be comfortable sitting or chatting in close proximity.

Last Sunday we encouraged seating at morning tea and we will continue to provide seating, with the necessary social distancing, every Sunday. Seating will be arranged in both the foyer and Hall 2 to allow for social distancing while enjoying your morning tea. Obviously, you are not confined to one group and I imagine some of you will move around, but please minimise standing in groups. In addition, as we have returned to using our espresso machine, those of you who order the barista coffee will have your coffee delivered to you wherever you are sitting. We are fortunate at Walkerville that our commercial grade

dishwasher ensures a high temperature wash so that we are able to gather for morning tea and coffee.

You probably heard the SA Premier last week foreshadow the introduction of the compulsory role of 'marshal' for restaurants, gyms, licensed venues, shopping centres, supermarkets, and places of worship. The designated 'marshal' is required to undergo a simple, free on-line training course. Marshals will be expected to remind people of their obligations, direct them to sit down if necessary and to observe social distancing. This role came into operation last Friday, and I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Carolyn Andrew and Mrs Sue Clark have agreed to act as marshals for our congregation, covering morning worship, msg@5 and playgroup. Our minister, David, has also completed the training course, so that he can be a back-up if necessary.

We are so fortunate in South Australia to enjoy the freedoms that we do. Confronting news reports show us how easily community transmission can occur, including church clusters in NSW. We appreciate that some of our friends are in the vulnerable category, and others just do not feel comfortable attending public gatherings. Please be aware of others' feelings in your social interactions.

Sue Farrant, Church Chairman



## ROSTERS

### Assistants for Sunday 23rd August

Welcomer: R Sellars

Morning Tea: Slaters

Prayer: M Hobby

Bible Reader: Rob Smedley

Flowers: P Morrison

Children's Chat: C Preston

Godly Play: S Farrant & L Baum

Stewards & Counters: R Jew & M Millard

Sound Desk: L Preston

### Assistants for Sunday 30th August

Welcomer: R Sellars

Morning Tea: Slaters

Prayer: M Millard

Bible Reader: J Iles

Flowers: T Jew

Children's Chat:

Godly Play: T Leidig & A Hoppo

Stewards & Counters: R Jew & M Millard

Sound Desk: R Jew

**WALKERVILLE UNITING CHURCH**

# **ALL CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT**

**WHERE? AT THE CHURCH**

**WHEN? SEPTEMBER 19TH, 7 P.M.**

**WHAT TO BRING?**

**A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT TO MAKE UP THE PRIZES  
NIBBLES AND SOFT DRINKS**

**BOOK  
NOW!**



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NOW!**

**THIS IS AN ACTIVITY FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND  
CONGREGATION AND NOT INTENDED AS A FUND-RAISER**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PART OF A TABLE OF FRIENDS,  
YOU WILL BE ALLOCATED A TABLE ON ARRIVAL**

**ALL WELCOME**

**If you want to make an offering to the church using an electronic transfer, our banking details are:**

**BSB: 740 095 Acc: 188610**

**Ref: Offering (include your name if you wish)**

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