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# THE WALKERVILLE WRITE-UP

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## Advocating

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:17

In these times of isolation, we have been reminded of the importance of human connection. Imagine if the only means to speak to your loved ones was taken away. The government is trying to pass a law that threatens people seeking asylum's access to mobile phones. For those who are in detention, their phones are a lifeline to hope. My client in detention told me that "it will break us if they take our phones away. The phone is the only good thing that we have. I can talk to my son on video and feel like I'm there with him even though I'm not".

Jesus calls us to take action to welcome those in need. What will you do to welcome our brothers and sisters who are seeking asylum?



Take action by signing a [petition](#) to stop the government from confiscating mobile phones from people seeking asylum in detention. You can also call the office for the acting [Minister for Immigration, Alan Tudge](#), to ask him to release people seeking asylum from detention.

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Common Grace <http://www.commongrace.org.au/>



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- **Sunday 21st June** service online
- **Wednesday 24th June** Bible Study 10am in Hall 2
- **Wednesday 24th June** Prayer group 11.15am in Hall 2.
- **Friday 26th June** Craft Group 9.30am-12pm in Hall 2.
- **Sunday 28th June** Hiking Group 12pm Onkaparinga

## GO WHERE YOU ARE GUIDED

This week we will continue our journey through the Gospel of John, however we will skip the whole of Chapters 19 and 20, as both these chapters we have explored in detail in recent times during the season of lent and Easter. Instead we will pick up on the story of Peter where we left off a couple of weeks ago when we explored his three-times denial of Jesus.

Post-resurrection, we find Peter feeling dejected; convinced that his failure had disqualified him from front-line service forever. John takes up the story with Peter returning to his old trade of fishing—at least that was something he knew how to do without too much effort. But his first foray was fruitless—even after fishing all night. Someone on the beach called out to Peter, and the others with him, asking,

**“Friends haven’t you any fish?”**

**(John 21: 5).**

“No,” they answered, rubbing salt into the wound of failure. But the man on the beach insisted that they throw their nets, one more time, on the right side of the boat. When they did, they were unable to haul in the nets because of the large number of fish they had snared. (John 21:6). Suddenly Peter realised who it was standing on the beach: it was Jesus! Peter was so thrilled he immediately leapt into the water and swam ashore to greet Jesus. Clearly, Peter still loved Jesus, but his betrayal hung heavy on his heart.

Then we have the famous conversation on the beach in which Jesus leads Peter back into his calling by effectively cancelling out Peter’s three-fold-denial with his three-fold-reinstatement. After this Jesus said the most remarkable thing, “Truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” (John 21: 18-19). Jesus was bringing Peter to a new understanding, “In your youth you were a self-reliant, self-made man, who did what he willed whenever he wanted. But the time has come for

you to learn to be led and go where you are guided.” Now Peter was truly ready to follow Jesus.

It comes as no surprise then, that the Peter we meet after this is quite different from the Peter we know in the Gospels. Later in life Peter was able to write, “Since Jesus went through everything you’re going through and more, learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you’ll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want. (1 Peter 4: 1-2 Message Translation). I cannot imagine the Peter pre-resurrection writing such a thing. Something fundamental had changed in him, and now he was no longer leaning on his own prowess but on the faithfulness of Christ instead.

This kind of attitude was certainly at the back of his conduct when he and John were on their way to the temple to pray and had a chance encounter with a certain crippled man begging for money. Peter looked at the man and confessed he had no money, but he did have something far better than that and he commanded the man to be healed in the name of Jesus (Acts 3: 1-10). Naturally, when all the local people began to realize what had happened, they came running to Peter and John in astonishment at what they had accomplished. “When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.” (Acts 3: 12-13).

Now Peter is fully aware that this remarkable event had nothing to do with his own “power or godliness” and everything to do with the God of “Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”. The cause of this ‘all-surpassing power’ is God: it is certainly not from Peter or you or me.

In faith

**David Kowalick**

# CELEBRATING 80



At Walkerville for a long, long time we have done "0" celebrations at the church. The congregation usually gets together for lunch, often at the Windsor Hotel at Windsor Gardens, as close as possible to the date. We celebrate birthdays ending with an "0", starting at 60, then 70, 80, and yes we have done 90s, and special wedding anniversaries.

Eddie and I organise the hotel booking and send out invites to church friends, and anyone the guest of honour would like to join them. There can be from 40 to 50 who gather together for a fun time, with one card signed by all, no gifts, and there are supposed to be no speeches. Sue F presents the card signed by all of us. Often there are lots of personal cards as well. Everyone buys their own lunch.

This month we have two special birthdays happening and we want to acknowledge them both, wishing them well, and we hope it won't be long before we can have a big party celebration when we can all get together.

Jeanette Seed will be 80 on the 27th June

Helen Baker will be 80 on 30th June

Patricia and Eddie Morrison

HAPPY  
80<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY



# CELEBRATING HELEN



*What year were you born? On what date? What day of the week was it? Where were you born?*

Born Tuesday 30/06/40 at McBride's Hospital, Medindie. I was on the Walkerville cradle roll in 1940. Mum - Blanche Jenkins.

*Did your parents tell you anything about the day you were born?*

After losing their 2-1/2 yr old son to Meningitis following Measles, they adopted me.

*Why were you given the first (and middle) name(s) that you have?*

The names they chose for our family were specifically short: Bruce, Lloyd, Helen Barbara (I was given an extension). My birth mother had chosen Judith Ann.

*What did you want to be when you grew up?*

As a child I wanted to be either a teacher or a nurse. Or maybe a hairdresser. To be old enough to apply, I worked in an office, which job I never left until having married 18 months before, I resigned to have a baby. I subsequently had two more.

*What do you know now that you wish you'd known when you were young?*

In 1995 I found my birth mother, and spent the next five years getting to know her. More recently, I discovered my birth father through Ancestry DNA. He died in 2000, birth mum 12 months before. I wish I'd been brave enough to search earlier. At least I have some medical history which may prove helpful in future.

*What have you liked best about your life so far?*

*What's your happiest or proudest moment?*

After writing poems, short items and music, then as a Lay Preacher preparing sermons I could say they have given me some proud moments, but I first have to say my proudest moments come through my children and grandchildren. It doesn't take much to make me happy- it seems to bubble up from within. I've rediscovered my joy of sewing in the last few years, and this too has given me much happiness. The older I get, the simple things become highlights. I wish I'd known that when I was young!



## HISTORY SNIPPETS WITH JIM

### WALKERVILLE UNITING CHURCH MEMORIALS

In 2015 Australia celebrated the Centenary of Anzac with many commemorative events held around the nation. Walkerville Church has 2 memorials relating to WWI. The Honour Roll and the Soldiers Memorial Pipe Organ.

**THE HONOUR ROLL** which lists 64 names was dedicated and unveiled on Sunday 22nd July 1917 by Colonel S Price Weir. Originally 2 flags were at the top of the plaque, a Red Ensign and a Union Jack. These Flags which are now fragile are held in storage. Names of members of the Congregation who served in WW II were later added to the original Honour Roll.

### THE SOLDIERS MEMORIAL ORGAN

In 1919 members of the Walkerville Methodist Remembrance League suggested that a Pipe Organ be built as a Memorial to those who had lost their lives in the 1914-1918 War. The Trustees called tenders for a new organ. The tender of Melbourne Organ Builder W.L.Roberts Ltd was accepted. The other Organ in S.A .built by Roberts was installed in the Tod Street Methodist Church Gawler in 1925.

The total cost of the organ including alterations to the building was 813 pounds (\$1626). A search of the "Advertiser" in 1921 shows the following costs which puts the project into perspective. A St. Peters Villa with 5 rooms cost 700 pounds, a Prospect 4 roomed Villa cost 735 pounds, and in North Adelaide a large villa cost 1200 pounds.



The organ was opened and dedicated on Sunday 27th November 1921 and was free of debt. On Sunday 19th April 2015 an Anzac Service of Commemoration was held at Walkerville (above) with the guest preacher army chaplain Rev David Prior with special guests the Mayor of Walkerville and the President of the Walkerville R.S.L. The organist, Mr Noel Tiver presented a recital before and after the service with music appropriate for the occasion. Several members of the congregation wore their parent's Medals to the service.

The organ has continued to be used as part of the Sunday worship at Walkerville since 1921 and is a fitting memorial to those 12 people whose names are recorded on the plaque in the Church and were killed during World War I.

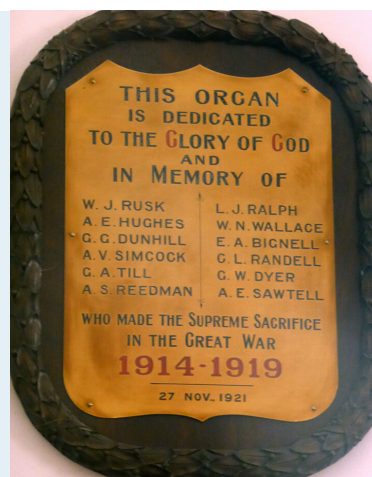
Jim Everett

## PRAYER POINTS

Published on the UC e-News.

This week we pray for:

- All those who stand against racism and seek racial justice.
- For the healing of racial tensions worldwide, including here in Australia, and an end to racial inequality and racist attitudes.
- For refugees, both those known and unknown to us, for greater compassion from our decision makers, for the safety and wellbeing of refugees living in hardship and for endurance of people supporting refugees.



## SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

Recent announcements of restrictions lifting mean we can return to most of our 'normal' activities bar our full worship gatherings.

Activities that are on:

- Bible Study
- Prayer Group
- Craft Group
- Hiking Group
- Holy Communion services (new)

It's important that we continue to comply with the rules concerning public gatherings, such as social distancing, registering attendance on arrival, hand-washing protocols and we appreciate your RSVP of intention to attend.

Activities set to resume soon are the Women of Walkerville, Men's Group, Men's Munch and Gravity Fighters - we will let you know as soon as we do.

A number of our tenants have returned with all of them expected to have resumed activities by August, September at the latest.

## GENERATE WEBINARS

The Momentum webinar series final session is on Thursday the 25th of June. The Renewing and Planting Churches webinar is on from 7:30-8:30pm.

If you have missed out any of the previous sessions:

- 4th June- Evangelism
- 11th June- Discipleship
- 18th June- Raising Leaders

head to the [Generate website](https://generate.ucasa.org.au/resources/#videos) to see all the previous Momentum Sessions on Video.

<https://generate.ucasa.org.au/resources/#videos>

To catch the final session visit the [facebook page](#)



### WUC Hiking Group 28th June 2020

**Old Coach Road Track, Onkaparinga NP**  
**Walk grade: medium, steep down section at end**

Please join us for our yearly "southern" hike.



For the start there are 2 options:

**12noon:** bring your lunch (or buy it at Beck's Bakery down the street) to Sue and John Clark's, 13 Clarke St, Port Noarlunga

OR

**2pm:** meet at the car park of the Old Noarlunga Uniting Church,

50 Malpas Road, Old Noarlunga. UBD Page 196, D13, <https://goo.gl/maps/LwmzcEH0wwTQ8Jy86>

**4pm :** Coffee and cake Old Noarlunga Hotel, 38 Patapinda Road, Old Noarlunga

Come for coffee and cake even if you can't make the walk.

**RSVP** for the hike/lunch to Sue Clark 0400 445 714 or email [familyclark@adam.com.au](mailto:familyclark@adam.com.au)



## THE LATEST ROADMAP...



The Uniting Church in Australia  
Synod of South Australia

UPDATE: 17 JUNE 2020

# ROADMAP TO RE-OPEN CHURCHES

SA.UCA.ORG.AU/UNITING-CHURCH-MEDIA-RELEASES/COVID-19-UPDATE

THIS ROADMAP REFLECTS THE SA GOVERNMENT'S STEPS AND IS CONTINGENT UPON THE MOVEMENT THROUGH THOSE STAGES. **CHURCHES ARE ADVISED TO TAKE A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO REOPENING AND ONLY TO PROCEED WHEN ALL ASPECTS ARE CONSIDERED.**

The Step 3, maximum 75 in one room is dependent upon social distancing i.e. 1 person per 4 square metres. Our church space will allow for 36 people to be present.

### STEP 2 PLUS: (From 19 June)

- **300 max** on whole site: that is 4 rooms with 75 max per room
- 1 person per 4 sqm
- 1.5 metres physical distancing
- Record of attendance and contact details to be kept for all activities

### STEP 3: (From 29 June)

- **All details/ dates are to be confirmed depending on State Government advice when released**
- No max limit, but 1 person per 4 sqm rule per room
- 1.5 metres physical distancing
- Record of attendance kept

In-person worship gatherings  
Singing  
Holy Communion  
Baptism  
Offering  
Weddings/ Funerals

Allowed, up to 75 max in one room  
Up to Congregation to decide  
Strict guidelines\*\*  
Postpone except special circumstances  
Online, one in service collection point  
75 max within govt guidelines

Children's/ Youth ministry  
Fellowship/ Bible study/ other groups  
Pastoral care  
Church events (for e.g. camps)  
Hospitality / food service

Further clarification being sought  
May resume with appropriate hygiene and cleaning measures  
Encouraged to continue  
Encouraged within govt guidelines  
BYO allowed\*\*\*

Church office

May resume within govt guidelines

Hall hirers

Calculate room capacities, need to see groups COVID-Safe Plan

## NEED CARPETS CLEANED?



Call Corey 0405 203 027 at Jim's Carpet Cleaning. He looks after the carpets at Walkerville and comes highly recommended by Rhonda S and Sue F

## MEN'S MUNCH



Men's Munch at The Walkers Arms Hotel is resuming Tuesday July 7th. There is a booking for 12 people for a 12.00 noon lunch. Numbers need to be confirmed on Monday 22nd of June, so contact John Laubsch to RSVP by Sunday evening. 0475563130 or email jonronlau1@gmail.com

## WOMEN OF WALKERVILLE

The WoW group will gather at Robyn's house at 7pm Thursday 2nd of July - our first opportunity to get together since Covid restrictions. So, it will be a lovely chance to catch up, share our experiences and insights, new or old hobbies, interests, skills and our hopes and dreams in the world of pandemic. In other words - let's talk. Bring a small plate of food if you would like to. RSVP Robyn Sellars 0410 522 557



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