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Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

***news***  
**of**  
**the**  
**church**  
**3rd February, 2013**

If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here. If you would like more information about our church and what we offer, please ask someone for a visitors card to fill out.

## Rod's Space

Just over two years ago we moved house. One of the first things I did was to work on the garden. There were lots of good plants already there and we added some, including fruit trees, that we really wanted. I enjoy seeing the changes that every day brings in the garden. There is always growth and change. Healthy plants never stay the same. Growth means constant change.

It is just the same with us. The great commandment challenges us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. God constantly seeks to transform our hearts, minds and souls so that more and more we are like Christ. That work of the Holy Spirit is never complete – at least here on earth. We can cooperate with this work or resist it. Of course, when it is our loving God making these changes, why would we want to resist? Why not pray today asking God to transform us again and again?

**Blessings, Rod**

**Sunday Worship times:**

worship for today 9.15am  
family worship 10.45am  
young adults 6.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

## Men's Choir Practice

Practice is Monday 4th Feb at 6.15pm then we are heading to John & Heather Maddern's for a share dinner with our families.  
2 Jamaica Ave Fulham Gardens.

Sound check Thurs. morning at 7.30am at St. Patrick's for Opening of Parliament Service. "Normal" practice then from 7:30 every Monday in the AW chapel. If you have been thinking about joining the men's choir have a chat to Meredith.

## SYNOD help needed.....please.

As always we get excited about the opportunity to once again host the Synod and Presbytery of South Australia meeting at AWUC. The meeting is Friday 15th from 6:30pm and Saturday 16th from 9:00am. This year we are also hosting and catering an additional resourcing session on Thursday 14th Feb 9:30 - 3:30. Pam Young is looking for log cakes and slices for these events. Please let her know how you are able to assist. We also need extra help with washing dishes and general cleaning and tidying. We will have TWO set up times - Wednesday 13th 2:00pm and Friday 15th at 10:00am.

Clean-up will be Saturday 16th from 3:30pm

If you can do anything to help please see me today after either morning service or contact me via the office. This will save me having to go chasing people next week.

This is a HUGE fundraiser for our church and a 10 year old building has many expenses.

**Thanks for helping, Suzi**



A very special happy **102nd** birthday to Freida Andrewartha on Tuesday 5th February.



**mainly  
music**

**mainly music is back for another year of excitement.  
Thursday morning 9:00 - 11:30  
\$4:00 per family  
Children 0 - 4 years**

**Tell friends and family about this great programme  
and keep the leaders, families and children in your  
prayers.**

## **A day of celebration**

We are very excited to be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the official opening of AWUC today. As the plaque says...

**To The Glory of GOD**

**This church was officially opened on the 2nd February, 2003**

**by the Moderator of the Uniting Church in South Australia**

**Jan Trengove**

**and the Building Project manager**

**John Burton.**

We are grateful to John and his team that 10 years on we still have a wonderful building to gather in and worship. Some of us have been here that full 10 years, many have come since and in God we trust that many, many more will become a part of our community and be loved and accepted here.

## **Church Key and Swipe Card update**

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary it is a good time to think about the many roles people play in the life of the church and how that often changes over time. For all the right reasons people have keys and swipe cards and some may no longer need them.

In the office we are updating the key & swipe key records.

If you have a key and/or swipe card can you please e-mail/phone or drop a note into the office with the key number and colour and swipe card number. This will greatly assist us with maintaining a log.

If you have a key or swipe card you no longer need, please return it to the office.

## **Opening of Parliament Service.**

The Adelaide West Men's Choir has been asked to sing at the Ecumenical Service to mark the opening of the Parliamentary Year. The service will be held in St. Patrick's Catholic Church Grote St. on **Thurs. 7th Feb. at 8am.** The Ecumenical Parliamentary Fellowship is responsible for organising the service and the preacher will be Bill Vasilakis. The service will conclude at 8.45am to allow members of parliament sufficient time to attend the Opening of Parliament at 10am. 8am is a very early start for most people, but I am sure that members of the choir would greatly appreciate your attendance if possible. The service is open to all members of the community so we would be delighted if Adelaide West was represented.

Meredith Dowdy.

## What's on this week...

### Today

A commissioning for Suzi Cousins as Office & Event Coordinator will take place at the 9:15 and 10:45 services.

10:45 will also commission Kids Space Leaders.

We will also acknowledge the 10th Anniversary of the official opening of AWUC.

Kids Space starts for 2013 during 10:45 service.

**Rev Rod Dyson preaching and communion at all 3 services.**

**Monday 4th Feb** 6:30 - 8:00pm Girls Brigade AWUC hall.

6:15 men's choir practice AWUC chapel followed by share tea.

**Tuesday 5th Feb** 9:30 - 11:30am Coffee, chat & share craft group.  
AWUC hall

**Thursday 7th Feb** 8am Men's choir at opening of Parliament Service.  
St Patrick's Church

9:30 - 11:00 mainly music AWUC hall. \$4.00 per family. Children 0 - 4

7 - 10pm Church Council meeting AWUC chapel.

**Friday 8th Feb** CY Dinner @6:00 at AWUC, Zane is speaking.

**Next Sunday 10th Feb** Transfiguration Sunday

Rev Rod Dyson preaching at 9:15 & 10:45

Pancake morning tea—gold coin donation

Di Holden preaching at 6:00pm

### 2013 EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Maundy Thursday	7pm	Communion
Good Friday	9:30am	All Age Worship
	6:00pm	Young Adults
Sunday	9:15am	Creative Traditional
		Share Morning tea
	10:45am	Family Centred
	6:00pm	Young Adults



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