

## COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS UNITING CHURCH



Easter 2 & 3: 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### The Road to Emmaus

In Luke 24, one of the resurrection appearances of Jesus is where he meets two disciples travelling to Emmaus. The story of the walk to Emmaus is the story of how people discover who Jesus really is. It's a story we too are a part of, for we are all on a journey, a walk to discover who Jesus really is and how he can change our lives.

The challenge for us today is to encourage more people to take the journey to finding faith. And to make sure we stay on the journey to finding an ever increasing intimacy with Jesus and to move our relationship with Jesus to a whole new level. This can be a difficult thing to do in our world where everyone else is screaming out at us to invest our time and energy into other things and not to take time to invest in our relationship with Jesus. We feel time pressured, we often lack motivation, we often feel too tired, to take the journey to find Jesus every day.

When one goes on a journey, one has to prepare what they will take. When you leave home, you take your lunch, a drink bottle, your phone and car keys are never too far away. If you are going on a long walk, you might take a 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, and wear good walking shoes. You might take a jumper for if it gets cold, or rain jacket if you think it might rain, if it's really hot, you take some sunburn cream so you won't get burned and if it is cold, maybe a beanie to keep warm. All that means you might take some sort of backpack to put it all in. You prepare yourself beforehand to make sure you can enjoy the journey and have the things that you might need.

What about the walk to Emmaus? The walk to find Jesus: how will you prepare, what will you take? In the end you don't need much, a Bible, maybe a note pad to take some notes; it doesn't matter where you are or what the time is, you can rest assured that you will always find Jesus, you can always connect with him no matter what.

And we can begin our journey with an air of expectation that as we look for Jesus, we will find him in all sorts of unexpected places.

I want to encourage you to keep seeking Jesus.

*God bless, Lawrie Linggood*

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**"Washed up?"**

**"Not yet!"**



*"What's all this about another fund?" "It's our Dishwasher Replacement Fund"*  
*"Huh. What's that?" "You can read about it in our newsletter below."*

Last year, our commercial dishwasher died after ~25 years of service. We've considered not having a dishwasher or changing down to a domestic model. However, domestic models have a cycle time of 30 minutes or more. It's important to look after those exercising their gifts of hospitality and not expect them to spend extra time in the kitchen cleaning up after a long night catering, especially as they would have been the first arrive for any function. The solution? A commercial dishwasher which has cycle-time of just a few minutes. A dual drawer model with 60-120 second cycle-time can cost ~\$7,000. If you would like to contribute to our **Dishwasher Replacement** fund you may use an envelope marked as above in the offering, or ask if you would like to contribute by credit or debit card. Those pesky coins are welcome too!

Remember to put them aside and bring them along. *Thank you!*

*Watch out for the 'Washed up' story on our foyer TV!*



Remember, when you are out shopping...

**'Shop & share' for Puddle Jumpers.**

***Sharing the Love, Hope and Joy of Jesus!***

*A full basket each Sunday is a powerful witness to our love and concern for the less fortunate and the practical support we offer.*

**Please note: All home made goodies must have a list of ingredients attached.**

**Thank you!**

**Newsletter: Next Edition: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**Copy closing 9 am Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

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# Welcome to worship!

Sundays @ 9.30 am and online [clg.ucasa.org.au](http://clg.ucasa.org.au)

*We pray that you will experience*

*the Love, Hope and Joy of Jesus!*



## Renewal of Existing Screening Checks

Under our UCA Safe Church policy it is a requirement that all engaged in ministry (that's all of us!) has a current Screening Check:-

- Vulnerable Person Related Employment\*
- General Employment\* Probity
- Working with Children Check (WWCC)

You will have received an email reminder about this.

It is important that you respond by following through the steps which are set out. If you need assistance with completing the process, a family member or friend may be able to assist—or ask John C.

Margaret Southwell has been kind enough to volunteer to be our Safe Church Officer, responsible for overseeing and reporting on all Safe Church matters. However, like all of us, she is a volunteer, not a 'police-person'. But she does worry when any matter such as an outstanding Screening Check comes up on an exception report. *So please, please, please, whatever you might think about this process, doesn't matter.* It is a requirement, not only of the Uniting Church but all churches in Australia under a NCCA National Framework set in place to meet mandated legislative requirements including in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

*So please, put your views aside and help lighten the load which Margaret bears on our behalf, look through your emails and get this sorted. Thank you!*

\* Under WHS legislation, volunteers are considered as 'employees'.

In considering ways in which we could '**look beyond ourselves**', the Church Council of Mission invited **Toh Sang Ng** to speak on possible **Mission projects in Lombok** from his recent work and contacts in Indonesia, which we might support. These include:-

- Training projects to help the poor:  
eg in making liquid organic fertilizer, animal feed, plastic rice fields.
- Caring for the sick
- Planting a house church
- Equipping local leaders
  - Discipleship Making Movement (DMM) training once a year
  - Educating the next generation

*There will be more information on this at our AGM this Wednesday —please see across.*

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**Mondays @ 10 am: Lectio Divina Discover the Bible**

Come and really discover the Bible and how it speaks to you.

**Wednesday Prayers @ 11 am:** Come and pray for our church and the world.

**This week...**

## Annual General Meeting of the Congregation

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00 pm**

Agenda Items include:

- \* Receiving reports on our church life for 2023
- \* Approval of the Budget for 2024
- \* Matters from our Church Council of Mission:-
  - \* Community outreach: How can we build on Scone time?
  - \* Possible Mission Projects  
(please also see separate newsletter item)
  - \* How should we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of this Congregation? – November 1994
- \* An opportunity to raise and discuss matters concerning any aspect of our church life.

## **Thank you!**

To all who helped make such a success of our **Pleasant Sunday Afternoon** which the **Metropolitan Male Choir** last week 24<sup>th</sup> March.

A very special thanks to all who helped with the afternoon tea which was very much APPRECIATED— and not just by the choir!

Our primary objective of a community outreach, church awareness event was well realized with an attendance of over 100 –plus the choir of 40.

Additionally, \$590 was raised for the church which will be directed to our **Dishwasher Replacement Fund** (please see over).

**Next Sunday is Donut Day!** Free donuts 14<sup>th</sup> April after service with thanks to Mitcham Hills! Of course, you do have to come to service first!

## **Wednesday Fellowship Afternoon Tea**

Will be at **Wildflower Café** 2.00pm on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

All welcome! Katherine 0438 767 927

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