Alice Springs Uniting Church

ASUC Newsletter 19/11/2023

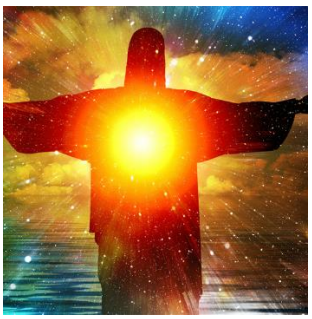
ASUC News

From Rev. Emily Hayes

Hello and welcome to the Alice Springs Uniting Church.

This week, we will continue our reading of 1 Thessalonians with 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Many in Thessalonica were concerned about those who had died. Paul, Timothy and Silas address this dilemma that echoes through the ages. Some interpretations of this passage focus on a secret rapture but scholars such as Wright dispute this idea. He says, "When Jesus comes back, it's not to snatch people away from earth but rather to transform earth with the life of Heaven and to transform us as well. He doesn't come back to take us away, but to heal the world and to heal and transform his people."

In this time, leading up to advent, when we will again prepare for Christs coming as a baby, this lectionary passage invites us this week to ponder what the return of Christ means for us today?



Church Events

Dinner and Discussion	**Sun 19th Nov @ Whitegums**
Prison Visit	**Sun 19th Nov**
CC's	**Friday 24th Nov**
Church Christmas Party	**Sun 26th Nov**

Streams Retreat

Sat 2nd Dec @ Campfire in the Heart 9am to 1pm followed by farewell lunch for Susanne Doecke. Bring some food to share.
Topic: A golden thread

Community Carols

Sunday 10th Dec @ Traeger Park.
Talk to Mel if you can help with kid's activities on the night.

Devonshire Tea in Adelaide House

The Country Women's Association will be again serving their Devonshire Tea's in Adelaide House on market Sundays. Grab one after church.

TEARFUND Useful Gifts Stall.

This year we are again selling useful gifts for Christmas to raise money for TEARFUND. For details on how this works please see here. Useful Gifts | Buy a Goat and other Charity Gifts from $5 | Tearfund

Free item from the Op Shop for anyone who buys a gift.

Website

If you would like to access past sermons or newsletters you can find them here:
News – Alice Springs Uniting Church (aliceunitingchurch.org.au)

Bible Studies

Youth Bible Study: Wednesday fortnightly
Adult Bible Studies: Wednesday fortnightly and Thursday fortnightly of the month

Prayer

Pray for Old Timers again in lockdown due to a COVID outbreak. Pray for the residents with COVID and pray for the staff.
As COVID numbers rise again pray against the spread of this disease and its impacts
Continue to pray for the St Philip's community and the family of Rasheed Ladouce.
Pray for schools and for school students, especially year 12 students across the country and the town taking HSC exams.
Pray for people living with PTSD, depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges.

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

CHURCH ROSTER

	Sun 19 Nov	Sun 26 Nov	Sun 3rd Dec
Pick Up	Anne	Martin	Anne
Welcome at the Door	Su Sze	Sarah P	Mikaila
Communion	Carol	Kerrie	Sarah P
Music	Jesse, Keith, and Mel	Ralph and Tash	Jesse and Mel
Bible Reading	Stella	Neil	Su Sze
Reflection	Emily	Emily	Emily
Prayers of the People	Eric	Eddie	Sarah P
Tech	Benj and Martin	Shanon	Benj and Martin
Morning Tea	Sondra and David	Christmas Party	Neils
Godly Play	Mel Q and Shanon	Mel Q and David	Tash and David
CC's	Thea and Alex	Celia and Stella	Mikaila and Toby

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BSB: 634 634
A/C 1000 855 65.
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