

## ASUC News

From Rev. Emily Hayes

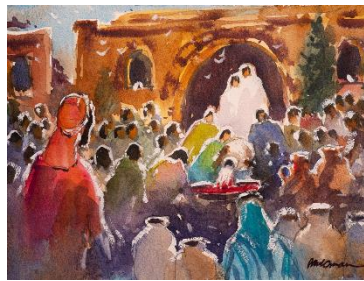
Hello and welcome to the Alice Springs Uniting Church.

Last week we began a series on John's gospel that is going to take us all the way through to Pentecost in May. We began with John's version of the calling of the first disciples and this week we are reading about the wedding at Cana in which Jesus famously turns water into wine.

This is the first of 7 miracles in John. In this gospel these miracles are called signs because they each reveal something about Jesus and this revelation is more important than the miracle itself. But what deeper reality is Jesus revealing here? What are we supposed to see about Jesus in this rather surprising act?

I think it reveals the abundance, and new life now present in the world through Jesus. Turning water into wine is a revealing of God's abundant grace. There are times perhaps we find it hard to see this abundance alongside the need. Sometimes perhaps we even feel we should not. But Jesus first act seems to me, to affirm the importance of joy, celebration, pleasure, and

hospitality. As disciples of Christ, we are called to see and respond to need but also to celebrate together and to delight in the world and our community.



Paul Oman | drawn-to-the-word.com

### Pancake Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

7am at Emily's place in Eastside or the Quilliams in Gillen.

Please RSVP by text to Benj or Emily (our numbers on page 2) for catering purposes and addresses.

### Bible Studies

Wednesday night fortnightly  
High school bible study: resuming  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### Save the Dates

**Church Camp: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Hamilton Downs**  
**Youth Camp NSW: 30<sup>th</sup> Sept -3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

### World Day of Prayer

Friday March 01<sup>st</sup>  
7pm @ the Catholic Church

This is an ecumenical event celebrated across Australia and the world.

### Website

If you would like to access past sermons or newsletters you can find them here:

[News – Alice Springs Uniting Church \(aliceunitingchurch.org.au\)](https://www.aliceunitingchurch.org.au)

### Prayer

Give thanks for all the new life that is coming up in and amongst our church and community. There are also a number of challenges. Pray for wisdom, for energy, for resources for all of us to meet these.

Pray for people facing physical and mental health challenges and for those who care for them in our church and community.

Give thanks for the cooler change and this beautiful land on which we live. Pray that governments and all people will take action to care for the environment.

Pray for the community of Alice Springs and all the organisations struggling to find staff and provide the services that are required. Pray for people to fill those vacancies.

### READINGS

[John 2:1-11](#)

## CHURCH ROSTER

	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Pick Up	Robyn	Anne	Martin
Welcome			Sarah P
Communion	Carol	Thea	Carol
Music	Ralph and Katharine	Jesse, Keith, and Mel	Joel and Tash
Bible Reading		Stella	Neil
Reflection	Emily	Emily	Emily
Prayers of the People	Alex P	Eric	Eddie
Tech	Benjamin and Lester	Dante and Martin	Shanon
Morning Tea	Sondra and Dante	David and Robyn	David and Robyn
Godly Play	Mel C and . . . .	Mel Q and Brittany	Mel Q and David Y
CC's		Thea and Alex	Stella and . . . .

The Alice Springs Uniting Church congregation worships @ 9.30am in the John Flynn Memorial Church Building:

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