

## TWO

# KINGDOMS



“Toto ... we’re not in Kansas anymore.” So said Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz. Today’s gospel reading (Matthew 20:1-19) says the same thing in an even more radical way.

There are two different worlds, and Christ (not the rainbow) is the bridge between them.

Jesus often prefaced his parables with the statement, “The kingdom of heaven is like ...”. He’s not talking theoretically. When he says this, he’s simply telling us what he knows, and what he has experienced. He has come *from* somewhere, to bring us home with him *to* somewhere. He’s telling us of the reality of his world. He’s letting us see how things *really* are, not how we think

they are. God’s kingdom (the realm of his reign and rule) is totally different from ours. It runs on different operating principles, uses a different currency, values different things and leads us in totally different directions to our own natural inclinations.

Jesus’ parables are powerful not because his world is *like* ours, but precisely because it is utterly different.

The parable asks this question: “do you begrudge my generosity?” (Matt. 20:15 ESV). Those of us schooled in Sunday response will say “No!” but it’s put to the test every time we treat others with disdain, look on someone with contempt, or envy another’s personality, possessions or position in life.

The good news is that God is not in the business of changing our paltry world into his kingdom. His kingdom judges our world, sets us free from it, and unites us with Jesus to bring us into the reality we’ve not understood beforehand. In turning us upside down and inside out, God actually sets us right way up and right way around. That’s the promise and hope of the gospel.

Pastor Noel Due

# Worship @ Home Order (website or dvd)

stpetri.org.au (Service order is in online in bulletin available on website)

## HOME OR GROUP WORSHIP

Sunday 20th September, 2020

14A Pentecost

Pastor Noel Due & Pastor Adrian Kitson

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

GOD WELCOMES US: WE SPEAK AN OPENING WORD

I am the bread of life,

**Whoever comes to me will never go hungry**

**And whoever believes in me will never go thirsty.**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

WE SING (Organ) Lord of all hopefulness LHS 870

**Lord of all hopefulness,**

**Lord of all joy,**

**whose trust, ever childlike,**

**no cares could destroy:**

**be there at our waking**

**and give us, we pray,**

**your bliss in our hearts, Lord,**

**at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness,**

**Lord of all faith,**

**whose strong hands were skilled**

**at the plane and the lathe:**

**be there at our labours**

**and give us, we pray,**

**your strength in our hearts, Lord,**

**at the noon of the day.**

Lord of all kindness,  
Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness,  
Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping  
and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

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WE CONFESS OUR SIN: GOD FORGIVES *(from Psalm 73)*

**Lord God, our heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against you. I am sorry that I have displeased you, and repent of the evil I have done. For the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.**

WE SHARE CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you  
And also with you

GOD SPEAKS TO US: WE HEAR HIS WORD

Philippians 1:21-30

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 20:1-19

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## WE LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE

WE SING (Band) Good Good Father

**I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone**

**You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am**

**I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love**

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett

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WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND EACH OTHER  
WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom  
come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

GOD BLESSES US:WE GO WITH GOD

I am the bread of life,  
**Whoever comes to me will never go hungry  
And whoever believes in me will never go thirsty.**



<b>SUNDAY MORNINGS</b>	9.30 AM	Worship (service of the word)
<b>WEDNESDAY MORNING</b>	10.00 AM	Holy Communion Service 1st & Third Wednesday In the Church
<b>WEDNESDAY EVENINGS</b>	7.00 PM	Worship Service - Will be filmed Welcome to attend as congregation.
<b>WORSHIP AT HOME</b>		Recorded worship service available across the weekend. Holy Communion for small groups available upon request.

For worship in the St Petri building on Sundays and Wednesdays you need to tell us that you are coming!

Let us know if you would like to be on the "every Sunday" or "every 1st & 3rd Wednesday HC" list.

Register at [www.stpetri.org.au](http://www.stpetri.org.au)  
Or ring the office 8562 1011

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT RETURNING TO WORSHIP, PLEASE DO NOT  
FEEL OBLIGED, ONLY DO WHAT IS OK BY YOU, BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!



# bring Jesus

being missional in culture, theology and practice



## Fifty years ago, something changed my life, and I wasn't even there!

Last Saturday evening Ruth and I drank a toast: "To the Holy Spirit for stirring up the ministry and mission that came to be known as Jacob's Ladder, and to the people who listened, believed God's promises, and made it a reality." You see, last Saturday was the 50th anniversary of Saturday 5th September 1970, the night that Jacob's Ladder Coffee Lounge at 102 Gawler Place, Adelaide, first opened its doors.

Neither of us were there that night, nor did we meet at Jakes. We met at St Stephens Lutheran Church in Wakefield Street, where Ruth was working as a deaconess and I was assigned for field work as a Seminary student. However, our lives would not have been the same if Jacob's Ladder had not happened. For that, we are eternally grateful. Jakes had a profound influence in shaping who we are today. The Spirit was at work, and he is still at work shaping our lives now.

I can't tell you the story here, but I have just done so in a book, ***Jacob's Ladder: Missional Church in the 1970s***. It will be published in the next month or so. I will let you know when and where you can get a copy.

Meanwhile, let me tell a little about why it was such a significant time for us. The *Jesus Movement* was in full swing. No way was the devil going to have all the good music! The Spirit touched the lives of many, mostly young people, around the world. It was all about Jesus, and bringing him to those who did not yet know him. It wasn't a burden or a drudge. It was exciting. We knew we were on the cutting edge of something God was doing in his world. Even here in little old Adelaide. We prayed. We talked about Jesus with anyone who would listen. We studied and shared. Miracles happened. People's lives were changed. Many others, like Ruth and me, look back on those days as a time when God used us and prepared us for the service of the rest of our lives.

It began as a coffee lounge and grew into a community that brought Jesus to young people on the streets, in the pubs and anywhere that people gathered. Many of those who came to faith were involved in drugs, outlaw bikie gangs, crime and eastern religions. The focus was not on feeding the poor and hungry, but people were fed and given a place to stay. The focus was not on justice, but the oppressed were set free. The focus was not on human rights, but God-given dignity and freedom were

proclaimed. It was unapologetically evangelistic: bringing Jesus to those who did not yet know him.

### **What can we learn for today?**

If the church is going to bring Jesus to those who do not know him today, it also needs to form Christian community in ways that are different to most established congregations. The old attractional models where we run worship, programs and events that we hope our non-Christian friends will find attractive simply doesn't work in Australia and New Zealand today. Years ago there may have been a societal pressure that saw non-worshipping parents want to send their children to Sunday School. Even that is long gone.

Jakes went out into the street-culture of the time and sought to form Christian community with those we met. The clear expectation of the Church at the time was that we would bring them back into existing churches. That was also the hope of many when the LCA expanded its network of schools. It didn't happen then either. I hope that expectation has finally changed. The Jakes story clearly illustrates why that doesn't work. The reason is cultural.

Jakes set out to form 'Church' with and among those it was led to. We did our best to bridge the cultural gap rather than expecting them to do so. That is being missional church. The kids on the street were not 'seekers'; they were not looking for a church to join, nor did they generally have an interest in spiritual things. Many were aware that their lives could be better but most were too busy dealing with their daily problems in their family, housing and relational issues and did not have any idea about getting their lives on track. While we set up a Coffee Lounge/House/Drop-in Centre it was really still an 'evangelism first' not a 'service first' or 'worship first' approach. The Centre gave us a base and became important when it came to follow-up, but the real work was done by teams that went out onto the streets, pubs and other venues, and we listened to and talked with people.

That makes biblical sense. After all, Jesus didn't say, "Sit in your churches and wait for them to come." He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations...." GO! And, "As the Father sent me, so I send you..." SENT! into the world. God is missional. The Father sent Jesus, Jesus and the Father sent the Spirit, and Father, Son and Holy Spirit send us into the world with good news.

### **God was at work**

We had a theology of the incarnation but this was not only about being a Christian presence. We weren't just trying to improve people's lives a bit, but to bring them to the cross of Jesus Christ. We therefore did not focus on being a 'presence' of Jesus, rather on bringing Jesus in both law and promise. The sense of guilt and shame in

street kids often indicated that the law was already doing its work. The promise, on the other hand, was good news, but it couldn't just be a head-trip or a doctrine or philosophy. Christians often seem to believe in their theology, rather than in God; and bring a product called 'the forgiveness of sins' rather than Jesus. Forgiveness is essential, but there is more to God's mission than that. It is not about teaching a doctrine, but helping people to meet Jesus. God is doing so much more than getting a few individuals into heaven.

For us, Jakes was a lasting lesson in God being at work. He is doing things all the time. God has 'agency' as some people like to say today. He is a player, not a spectator. We learned that we were working with God, not for him. We learned that if God didn't 'show up' we had nothing to offer anyone. Sure, there were many failures and our sin and weakness ruined much, but in spite of that, God worked in and through us imperfect, young, at times arrogant human beings. God is good. All the time. And when we fell on our faces, when there was pain and disappointment, we learned that this, too, was part of the Christian walk. We needed to trust God and hang on to his promises.

### **Evangelism**

During our time with Jakes, we learned that evangelism was not a naughty word. Today talking about evangelism seems to make many Christians cringe. They immediately picture someone brow-beating another, or manipulating people with emotional blackmail. They think of canned programs with set questions and presentations. They imagine it involves a 'bait and switch' methodology that approaches others with some pretense, only to switch the focus to making a gospel presentation. Jakes taught us that evangelism was not like that at all. We didn't feel any superiority nor that we had things to give, but nothing to learn. By God's grace, we had met Jesus, and that was worth sharing. That was good news. Too often today, so-called 'outreach' has become a gospel-free zone. We do many good things but never clearly say why we are doing them. Sometimes it even gets to the point where Jesus is no longer necessary. Evangelism is not a dirty word. It is just one beggar showing another beggar where to find bread, as Luther reportedly said.

### **Structures and Policies**

Jakes has been a lifelong reminder to me that we need to hold structures, processes and their associated rules, lightly. They are our servants, not our masters. That is difficult for those of us with a Germanic/northern European mindset. A friend recently suggested to me that we Lutherans should have much more freedom than we do. He said that it went right back to the Reformation. When none of the German bishops came over to the Lutheran side, the princes stepped in and filled the void. A secular

authority oversaw the church. It was made up of individuals who were Christians, but it was secular nevertheless. The princes ruled and bureaucracy won out. The legacy of that today is a focus on management and control, and not on creativity. We should not use our constitutions and policies to take away what we give in our theology. That is not to say that we don't need some of that to keep us functioning in a safe and responsible way and to meet modern legal requirements. However, it has become stifling and more importantly tends to quench the Spirit, not set him free. Jakes, with all its problems and weaknesses, showed us another way.

## **Mentoring**

We needed leaders from outside the community who would walk alongside us, pray with us and help us talk things over. Instead, we generally got controlling boards and committees, mostly made up of people who were not involved in the ministry. Our thanks to the late Dr Daniel Overduin, who was one of the notable exceptions. There were others. However, sadly, for many of our older brothers and sisters, we were the 'problem child' or the 'designated patient' that needed to be fixed. Good order can easily become an idol, rather than a means to an end. The Holy Spirit seems to have a habit of disrupting our good order. Jakes operated with a 'centred set' not a 'bounded set' approach. The Church mostly wanted to guard the boundary, rather than elevating the centre. We focused on the centre, which was and is, Jesus, and were a fuzzy-edged community. Conflict, I guess, was inevitable.

As one who went on to have wider leadership responsibilities in the Church, that is a lesson I needed, as well as being one that too often, I failed to heed. To the extent it got through my thick skull, I tried to raise an umbrella when a person was 'raining on someone else's parade', and to create space for those whose approach and understanding was less than perfect. I discovered that, if your eyes and ears were open, the surprises of the Spirit were often there to be discerned. My 'office'—in the sense of my role and responsibility — was not to control God's church, but to try to stay out of the Spirit's way, and to support others as a fellow traveller on the journey, while still being free to step in on occasion, and say, "I don't think so!" It was a great privilege and I thank the Jakes community for preparing me for further service.

For the rest, I guess you will need to read the book! J

Therefore, Ruth and I are grateful for that day fifty years ago, when Jacob's Ladder opened its doors. Thanks to all those whose hard work made it happen. And to the Spirit for inspiring them to do it!

**Steen Olsen.**

# RECHARGE



YOUTH SERVICE | SEPTEMBER 20

Come along for a night of energetic praise with our Youth Band  
& Speaker Pastor Damien Martin.

Recharge is for Youth, Families & all Young at Heart.

6:00pm - Hamburgers

6:30pm - Youth Service

7:30pm - Hot Chocolates &  
Marshmallows

small cost for food

**Location-**

Strait Gate Lutheran Church,  
412 Light Pass Road,  
Light Pass.



Recharge is held on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Want more info? Contact Kayla: 0421 978 925 or find us on Facebook

## National Council of Churches in Australia call for Further Prayer and Fasting, September 26-27

“We all know the continuing impact of this pandemic, overseas and here. We are all aware of the suffering it is causing; the extent of the social and economic dislocation, the difficulty getting the virus under control and the level of many people’s anxiety. This call for prayer is both as regards the pandemic but also because of all the issues that have been amplified by the pandemic”

We are praying for “times of refreshing” and for the “healing of the land” as the scripture says in Acts 3:19. This is what Australia needs. We are praying that Australia will get a revelation of the love of God through Jesus Christ.

We encourage you to pray together in your churches, in your homes and on the hills as we lift our nation up before God.”

You could also join a zoom gathering led by First Nations Christian leaders on that weekend. You can find a link for this on our LCA website on the Worship Planning Page

# Barossa Elcies Opening 1 October 2020

Exciting news! Lutheran Community Care is opening an Elcies op shop in the Barossa. Following the success of Elcies Norwood, Elcies Barossa is set to open on Thu 1 October. Located at Shop 4, 46 Murray Street, Tanunda, Elcies will stock high-quality donated items, including clothing, shoes and accessories. All proceeds will stay in the Barossa and will enable us to help more people who present to our office in Nuriootpa. Donation bins for clothes can now be found at our Nuriootpa site office.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to join our wonderful team. For more information, please contact our Volunteer Administrator Renee Stevens on 0437 836 134 or [rstevens@lccare.org.au](mailto:rstevens@lccare.org.au). We are also looking to hire multiple shop managers. Find out more at <https://lccare.recruitment.com.au/Vacancies/5205164/title/Shop-Manager>



The poster features a dark teal background with abstract, glowing, wavy lines in shades of green, yellow, and pink. The word 'LISTENING' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the phrase 'and responding to God's Voice' is written in a white, elegant cursive script. The dates '16-18 OCTOBER 2020' are displayed in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in columns, providing details about the conference, including the host, presenter, ticket prices, and daily schedules for each day.

**LISTENING**  
*and responding to God's Voice*  
**16-18 OCTOBER 2020**

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**PRESENTED BY MICHAEL DUTSCHKE**  
PASTOR AND DISCIPLER

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**FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER**  
OPEN NIGHT  
7.00PM DOORS OPEN  
7.30PM START  
FREE PUBLIC EVENT

**SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER**  
WORKSHOP  
8.30AM REGISTRATION  
9.00AM START  
4.30PM CLOSE  
ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY

**SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER**  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
8.30AM BETHANY  
9.45AM TABOR  
11.00AM BETHANY  
FREE PUBLIC EVENT

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## **Blueprint Ministries (Lutheran Church of Australia) have opened up registrations for this October's camp on-line.**

28th September - 2nd October

- Free Event sponsored by the LLL
- Year 4-12 (Juniors (year 4-6) provided with a Faith at Home pack. Seniors (Year 7-12) provided small group sessions on Zoom, all participants provided online streamed daily worship, all participants provided opportunity to participate in afternoon activity sessions)

Registrations: <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/all-registrations/>

More info: [admin@blueprintministries.org.au](mailto:admin@blueprintministries.org.au)

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### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE - Operation Christmas Child**

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life in some way for nearly everyone on the planet. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is a practical way for Australians to bless children in need around the world by filling shoebox gifts with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. Through a volunteer network across the country, the project plans to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Month, October 2020.



Looking forward to the coming season, the ministry is monitoring local, state, and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of everyone involved in collecting and processing shoebox gifts.

In 2019, over 273,000 shoeboxes were packed in Australia and New Zealand, and over 10 million packed worldwide. The shoebox gifts were delivered to over 100 countries across the world, including our 2019 focus countries of the Philippines, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia.

To start packing, individuals and families can use a shoebox from home or pick up pre-printed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at St Petri Lutheran Church, Nuriootpa or the Christian Community Hub, Tanunda. For any inquiries, please call 1300 884 468 or contact the OCC local representative Karina Schaefer 0417816272. This year, Operation Christmas Child is also launching an exciting opportunity to pack a shoebox online. Visit [OperationChristmasChild.org.au](http://OperationChristmasChild.org.au) to find out more about this convenient and personal way to give shoebox gifts directly from home.

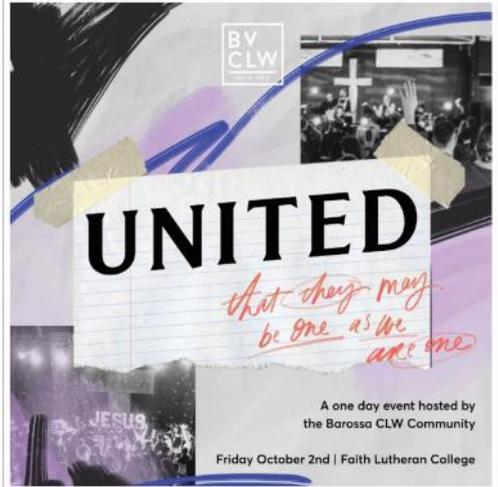
Pack a shoebox today and be a part of this life-changing project.

# UNITED X BVCLW

A one day event by the Barossa Christian Life Week team for highschool aged young people. Featuring all of the things you know and love about camp packed into one COVID safe day. Worship. Games. Hangs.

UNITED will be held on the 2nd of October at the Faith Lutheran College Middle & Senior School campus, running from 9am—9pm.

Registrations are now open online!  
<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/all-registrations/>



## The Cottage Christian Books and Gift Shop

47 Murray Street  
Nuriootpa SA 5355  
T+ 08 8562 4631  
Email: [cottage@stpetri.org.au](mailto:cottage@stpetri.org.au)

### Have you considered volunteering in The Cottage?

Now is a great time to consider being a part of The Cottage team as we gear up for Christmas trade 2020!

We are planning a number of interesting promotional activities that will help St Petri engage with our local and wider community.

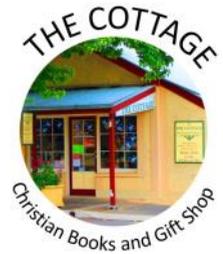
So, if you've **had a break** and would like to come back on the roster, or would like to explore this as a **new opportunity**, please give me a call.

We can happily accommodate another 4 to 6 volunteers through to Christmas 2020.

These opportunities will ideally suit those (male OR female) who are happy to meet new people, help build relationships, have a chat, strike up a conversation if appropriate

You will be trained and supported in the ministry of the Cottage.

Give me a call, or pop in for a chat.  
Chris,  
Bookshop Manager



### Trading Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
9.30 am - 5.00 pm  
**Saturday**  
9.30 am - 12 noon

# What's on at St Petri

## Sunday 20th September

9.30 am                      Worship in St Petri Church, Service of the Word \*  
6.00 pm                      Recharge Youth Service at Strait Gate

## Tuesday 22nd September Coffee & Friendship Group (Jenny Wood's Group)

9.30 am                      Venue: East Room (Meeting Room complex, closest to road)  
Study: continue 10 Commandments - Pastor Vernon Kleinig

## Wednesday 23rd September

7.00 pm                      Filming of St Petri Worship Small resource  
Worship open to all to attend.\*

## Thursday 24th September

1.15 pm                      Hand in Hand Management Team Meeting  
  
6.45 pm                      Confirmation Class - Meeting Room

## Sunday 27th September

9.30 am                      Worship in St Petri Church, Service of the Word \*

- You will need to register to attend these worship services. Just go on to our website [stpetri.org.au](http://stpetri.org.au) and click on the round "Register to Worship" button on the front page. Thank you for your understanding and help with this process.

**Please note:** No mid-week Wednesday Holy Communion on Wed 30th September as it is a 5th Wednesday. This will be on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

## Diary Dates:

**All of October**                      Shoebox drop off month. St Petri office is a drop off point for your shoe boxes and fillers for Samaritan's Purse.  
You can pick up printed boxes and info pamphlets from the office.

**Wed 14 October**                      St Petri Women's Fellowship

**16-18 October**                      Listening and responding to God's Voice weekend  
Hosted by Bethany Tabor Parish, Tanunda (see ad)

## Sunday 22nd November

St Petri Annual General Meeting - St Petri Church

# We Pray

- **Thank you for placing us in a society that is wealthy, where we are not really suffering a great deal because of the pandemic.** Have mercy on those countries where if a person doesn't work on the day, they don't eat that day. Have mercy on the people of Victoria, and grant that we may find a vaccine for this virus soon.
- **We pray for direction and inspiration** for how to connect with families as we plan ahead for Christmas.
- **Please bless teachers and students at our local schools;** Faith Lutheran College, Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuri Primary School and Nuriootpa High students and those sharing our campus, learning independently in the White House building.
- **We celebrate with Carmen Isabel** who will be 70 years old on the 25th September. God's joy and blessings.
- **We pray for God's healing and peace for all those of our church family who are ill, facing medical treatment or recovering from surgery** - and those who care for them: Les Harnath (Modbury), Roma Bray, Pat Scholz, Hedy Stanley, Ruth Rathjen, Margaret Kleinig, Barb Doecke, Rosemary Angel and Helen Thiele.
- **We pray for others of our St Petri family and friends by name:** John & Vereena Leschke, Joan Pollard, Nigel, Teresa, Erin & Tabrett Roocke, Jason Rohrlach, Tyson Rohrlach, Robert & Edna Rosenzweig and Andrew & Leila Semmler.

*Please email any prayer points or messages of what God is up to in your life. Send them to [admin@stpetri.org.au](mailto:admin@stpetri.org.au). Or drop a note in the letterbox at the office.*

*Barbara McLean is now well enough to be out of respite and has moved to be closer to family. Her new address is: Unit 50/4 Britha Avenue, EVANSTON 5116*

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# In Touch

It is good to be back from some R&R leave. I am thankful to pastor Robert Voigt for his support. I enjoyed joining in St Petri worship online while on leave.

We have settled into our Interim Worship Plan these last six weeks. Thank you for your flexibility and willingness to try new things. Our Wednesday morning fortnightly Holy Communion Service in the church building has been going very well. We have around 70-80 people participating in this Service. Our lay leaders (Brian Kalleske, David Hodge, Viv Fiebiger) and Pastors (Pr's Paul Lohe and Ken Pfitzner) have done a great job.

Our Wednesday evening Service is very valuable in terms of recording worship for use by many people over the coming weekend. We have received much positive feedback and thanks from people for what we are offering. Our Sunday morning Service has been a joy too. It has been great to 'be back together' and still provide online worship to the many people listening in.

We have also maintained several house church groups which have also enjoyed using the recorded Service for their gathering. We are still doing some Holy Communion in those house church groups.

We are working at getting our new video technology up and going. It has been a prolonged process due to some hard-to-find faults in the equipment and some major changes by online platforms (You Tube). We hope to switch to using our new cameras so that our Wed night Service feels like a 'normal' worship gathering for those present, and yet is still directly speaking to those viewing the worship service on a screen somewhere.

We also are working at using new software to be able to put words to songs and prayers etc on the bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> of the screen so that people can always see who is speaking/singing, at the same time as seeing the words on screen. We think this is the best way to go when it comes to engaging with people in worship on a screen.

We would like to add in Holy Communion to both Wednesday Evening and Sunday morning gatherings. If we can do that and keep this pattern of worship for however long we need to, we believe we will help most of our people stay in touch and stay worshipping the Lord in one way or another. We imagine that we will be in this pattern up until the end of the year. But things can change! We will do our best to change with them!

**Pastor Adrian**