

Newsletter

27th October 2020

This Sunday's Reading:

Ezra 3-4 "Kickback"

Ezra 4:1-5

Some Prayers of the people

- Please continue to pray for John & Dorothy Kester
- Pray for the upcoming AGM and election of elders.
- Pray for the Generate Presbytery Hub to be held on This Saturday, 31st October
- Please uphold Lindsey Kirkham in your prayers at this time
- Pray for the Christmas message as it is presented in the schools, may it sow seeds in the hearts of those who hear it. Pray for the presenters of this message that God will lead them and bless them.

Notices

Presbytery Hub Meeting Saturday 31/10/2020 @ Naracoorte Uniting Church

For those wanting to attend the Generate Presbytery Hub Meeting on Saturday, 31st October, please register on <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e> by Friday, 18th October. **NOTE new registration address**

Open to Lay Preachers, Ministry Reps, Church Council Members, Elders, Worship & Children's Ministry Leaders

Advance notice. AGM 22nd November @ 2pm.

Reports to be given to/or emailed to Carol Lawrie @ KL3@people.net.au by Sunday 8th November.

Bill Cobbledick will be approaching people regarding this.

Church Council meeting 20/10/20 @ 4pm

Elder's to meet earlier @ 3pm

Reminder

Election forms are at the back of the church or the office and are to be handed back by the 8th November

AGM Naracoorte Lucindale Community Care Network 2nd November @5.30pm @ NILC at the high school
Light refreshment available. This group supports our church helping those in need. They have many areas in which they help our community. They would really appreciate any new members or help or your attendance to find out more about them. Please find information on the notices on the door on what they do.

2021 Roster January- March

Please prayerfully consider using your gifts to serve God and to bless others through our Sunday morning worship services. It might be helping with morning tea, creche, flowers, singing, prayer, Bible reading, data projection, sound system, playing a musical instrument or helping with children's ministry. Please let Oriel know if you would like to be included. Could anyone who is already part of our services, please advise Oriel of any dates in January, February or March when you will not be available.

Friendly Thursday

Starting again next week Thursday 5th Nov. at 10.30am.

Sunrise Christian School Volunteers

Have you thought about volunteer work with young children/primary age children/ early teens.

There are a variety of opportunities at our local Christian school.

To be a volunteer it is necessary to do a Child Safe online course and have a police check, which takes about 90mins. With the help of Tessa Nel (s.s.o at Sunrise) There will be an opportunity to do this in the next few weeks, Please speak to Maureen Zanker (0438623445) if interested.



Community Visitors Scheme

~ An Australian Government Initiative ~

Volunteers needed.....

Are you a caring and compassionate person that enjoys spending time talking with the elderly? Do you have a spare hour a fortnight? Then consider becoming a Community Visitor volunteer in your region. Our volunteers are matched to visit a resident of an aged care facility or a client still living at home who are socially isolated. Visitors bring conversation, interest, shared experiences and friendship. Many CVS friendships have been made and it is a rewarding experience for both the volunteer and the person they visit.

Information sessions, ongoing support and some reimbursement is included. For more information on becoming a CVS volunteer contact the South East Coordinator,
Lisa Sanders on 0417 592543. SA website: <https://sacommunityvisitors.com>

~ Friends for older people ~

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

An Afternoon of Fellowship

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**Support Leprosy Mission and
Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS)**

Each church is invited to participate in the program by selecting a Christmas carol and either singing the carol or performing a short (funny) skit.

8th November 2020 @ 2pm Naracoorte Church of Christ

A light afternoon tea will be provided

**RSVP to Marilyn Wardle by Monday 2 November
mobile: 0427624462**

Mid-Week Bible reading

Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus confronts our world with a sharp contrast between God's way and the way of the world. The following verses by Jim B. clear the contrast between the Kingdom of God and Worldly wisdom:

The world says: "Blessed are the rich in material wealth, because they pull all the strings and have all the nice things."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The world says: "Blessed are those who put on a stiff upper lip and pretend they aren't hurting, because vulnerability is a weakness."

Jesus says: "Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted."

The world says: "Blessed are the aggressive, because nice guys finish last."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

The world says: "Blessed are those who have low expectations, because they will never be disappointed."

Jesus says: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be satisfied."

The world says: "Blessed are the merciless, for they will become CEOs."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

The world says: "Blessed are the people who only care about morality when it's convenient, because they will have a good reputation."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God."

The world says: "Blessed are the winners, because everyone who's not a winner is a loser."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."

The world says: "Blessed are those who don't take a hard stand for anything, because persecution isn't fun or easy."

Jesus says: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The world says: "Blessed are the tolerant and politically correct, because they're way more open-minded and progressive than the miserable moralistic Christians."

Jesus says: "Blessed are you when others revile you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

Jesus, of course, as the book of Revelation makes very clear, **gets the last say**.

John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! **I have overcome the world.**"

