

# Lectionary Readings & Rosters

2nd July, 2017

Pentecost 4

Genesis 22: 1-14      Psalm 13  
Romans 6: 12-23      Matthew 10: 40-42

**8.00am**      Rev Vikki Waller  
**9.30am**      Rev Bob Hutchinson  
**11.00am**      Rev Vikki Waller

**8.00am**      Ruth Lyddon & Rosemary Austin

**9.30am**      **Welcomers:**      Judy Bunney & Joan Sawyer  
                 **Coffee:**      Helen Warman, Rose Milton-Head  
                                      & Rosemary Drabsch  
                 **Sound:**      Allan Forbes

**11.00am**      **Welcomers:**      Joan Tennant, Rosemary Payne & Genty Stevens  
                 **Bible Reader:**      Ian Giles

**Sunday Night Tea:**      Vikki Waller

## Mid Week Services

**8.00am**      **Tuesday 27 June**      **Service is in recess**  
**12.15pm**      **Thursday 29 June**      **Rev Vikki Waller**

Pilgrim Car Park area. Please remember that priority is given to those with restricted mobility due to health, young children or the need to carry heavy objects. Other people should normally park in the Epworth Car Park (entrance from Pirie St) or on the street.

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# Pilgrim News

Sunday, 25th June 2017

## Pentecost 3

**Work for the Good of the City.**

The call to “work for the good of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7) is an address to people in exile, a minority group, dislocated and a long way from home. Jeremiah’s word to the exiles is an invitation to engage with their new environment, to “build houses, settle down, plant gardens and eat what they produce; marry and have sons and daughters...since on its welfare yours depends”. For Jeremiah the people’s vocation and their future identity are bound up with coming to terms with the new situation. Exilic theology involves the conviction that even in diaspora God had not deserted his people and that their future involves a commitment to the welfare, the shalom, of the city. A future is being forged out in their new context but they cannot move forward until they are clear about where they are and embrace the situation in which they find themselves. “The imperative throws upon this vulnerable, small community a large missional responsibility” (Brueggemann 1991: 32).



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## Services at Pilgrim TODAY

**8.00am**  
**Morning Eucharist**  
**Breakfast in the Lounge**  
**to follow**  
**Rev Bob Hutchinson**  
**Rev Dr Dean Eland**

**9.30am**  
**Community Worship**  
**(Tea/Coffee in Hall**  
**to follow)**  
**Rev Bob Hutchinson**  
**Rev Dr Brian Phillips**

**11.00am**  
**Traditional Worship**  
**Tea/Coffee in the Lounge to**  
**follow**  
**Rev Dr Dean Eland**  
**Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski**

## News of Pilgrims & Prayer Points

**C**ongratulations and best wishes to **Ron Jones** who celebrates his 90+ Birthday tomorrow. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

**S**andy and Geoff have been enjoying recreation leave, exploring Alaska, Oregon and the Canadian Rockies. While in Oregon they spent a few days with Monik and Dwight who attended Pilgrim when Monik was completing her Masters study. Over the last few days, Sandy has been in Valparaiso, Indiana, where she is chairing the DIAKONIA World Executive meeting (23rd -28th June), which includes finalising plans for the DIAKONIA World Assembly in Chicago, 28th June to 5th July. Meanwhile, Geoff has been in Boston, talking with leaders about multi-faith projects and centres in the city of Boston. Sandy's travel blog has more information. <http://boycetravelogue.blogspot.com.au/>



**R**ev Nigel Rogers (CEO, General Secretary, SA Synod) writes: "We regretfully announce that Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler will conclude in the role of Executive Director, Mission Resourcing and Leadership Development. It is expected that Amelia will return to NSW in the coming months with her husband Terry, in a move which will allow them to live much closer to family. At the end of the month, Amelia will switch from full-time to part-time in her role, continuing to work on projects in a consultancy capacity, frequenting the office when required. We acknowledge the enormous contribution Amelia has made to ministry within the UC in SA. She has impacted many ministries including: international mission, evangelism, covenanting, intergenerational ministry, lay preaching, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF), justice, multicultural and cross-cultural ministry. We will thank Amelia for her gifts and contributions in a celebration service planned prior to her departure from Adelaide. Please join us in praying for Amelia, her husband Terry and their family. We wish Amelia every blessing for the future". Amelia and Terry have made Pilgrim their spiritual home in Adelaide, and have been embraced by (and contributed to) the 8am community. We offer our prayers, love and support for them both in this time of transition.

## Greetings from former Ministers ....

**Jenny Byrnes, Helen Alexander and Ian Tozer** have sent their greetings to Pilgrim members for our Anniversary celebrations.

**Jenny** writes.. "my time at Pilgrim remains one of the strong highlights for me as I continue in ministry and I extend my warm greetings and best wishes."

**Helen** comments that she intends to visit again but not for a year or two. "I often think of Pilgrim and the happy times there. It is 10 years ago this year that I came to Pilgrim, which seems amazing to me".

**Ian** writes. "I hope it all goes well at the celebrations."

## Diary Dates

### June

Tuesday	27th	Signage Meeting	10.30am	Lounge
		Executive Meeting	12.30pm	Lounge
Thursday	29th	Vocal Performance	1.00pm	Church
		Choir Practice	7.30pm	Church

### July

Sunday	2nd	NAIDOC Service	6.00pm	Church/Hall
Monday	3rd	Ministry Development Committee	7.00pm	Lounge
Tuesday	4th	Property Committee	12.30pm	Hall
		Operations Committee	1.30pm	Hall
Thursday	6th	Vocal Performance	1.00pm	Church
		Choir Practice	7.30pm	Church
Wednesday	12th	Church Council	7.00pm	Lounge
Thursday	13th	Organ Recital	1.00pm	Church
		Choir Practice	7.30pm	Church

## NAIDOC Ecumenical Service

### 2nd July, 6pm, Pilgrim Uniting Church.

The Ecumenical Service begins NAIDOC Week, 2nd-9th July which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The 2017 National NAIDOC theme is "Our Languages Matter". The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The ecumenical service is coordinated by Pastor Don Hayward and Dr Lowitja O'Donaghue, with speaker Clyde Rigney from Raukkan. The Berean Community Church choir will perform, and the magnificent Pilgrim organ will accompany the hymns which will be led by Robert Taylor. A light supper will follow the service.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life. All welcome!

Facebook link here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1896502340608246/>

### VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

We are called by God to be a prophetic witness in the city of Adelaide, so that new life and vitality will be generated in our city and in its people.

We celebrate in our unity and diversity, our shared beliefs and past experiences, and value worship, teaching, creativity and justice.

## We Continue to Pray for Refugees

We continue to pray for refugees and those who support and advocate on their behalf. Thank you to David Busch for this prayer.

Gracious God, you call us to peace:

we pray for the many places across our world torn by war and civil conflict, leading to the fleeing and displacement of people in unprecedented numbers.

We remember people in flight from persecution and threat in their homeland because of their religion, race, sexuality or politics.

We grieve with those whose bodies and minds bear the deep scars of terror and torture. Give strength, courage and hope to those men and women, elderly and children, who leave everything behind to seek security, safety and freedom in another country. May their plight stir leaders of nations to renounce conflict and instead build cultures of peace.

Loving God, you call us to compassion and justice: We pray for those places of hope to which refugees make their perilous and fearful journeys: neighbouring refugee camps, where thousands seek shelter, and more distant countries where they hope for a new life, far from threat. We grieve the policies and practices of governments which inflict further suffering on refugees who have made that journey, and we lament the vast numbers who languish in refugee camps waiting safety at home or resettlement elsewhere.

Break down the walls of suspicion, selfishness, resentment and apathy, so that refugees may be met with goodwill and generosity, and treated with dignity, compassion and fairness.

Merciful God, you call us to serve you through serving our neighbour in need: May your church see you in the face of the stranger who comes here pleading for safety. Move us to act and to advocate, with courage and love, for the rights and proper care of people who come to this country seeking our protection. May our churches be places of welcome and safety for all. Raise us to our best selves as we respond to those whose lives are so deeply scarred by the worst of circumstances, that those who suffer may experience, through us, the tender and restoring grace of Christ. Holy God, in you is our true home: May we embody, in word and action, the true fellowship of humanity, restored, through Christ, to you and to each other. We grieve the fractured, wounded state of human community, and we seek your vision of peace and provision for all. Thank you that, over the years, many refugees have found opportunity and freedom in Australia – may their lives remind us of the transforming power of compassion and hope. May we invest the rich blessings of our life in Australia into building a vision of life in all its fullness for everyone, here and across the world.



## Guest Speakers - TODAY

We welcome **Rev. Dr Brian Phillips** to Pilgrim this morning.

As a newly ordained minister Brian was appointed by the Methodist Conference in 1970 to the newly formed Union Church in the City. When it came time to leave the Pirie St building in October 1972 former ministers who had worked to form the new congregation had moved on to new areas of ministry. Brian prepared the farewell liturgy for the 11.00am service on Sunday 22 October and at the 7.00pm service Brian began with the words, "This is the final service to be held in Pirie Street Methodist church.

Opened on October 19, 1851, this church building has become for Methodists throughout South Australia, the Mother Church of Methodism." The final word on that day came from the President General, Rev Rex Mathias, "This church will be a place of prayer no longer. From henceforth, the people of Union Church in the City will worship and pray together in one building which will stand as a memorial to the heritage of Methodists and Congregationalists in this State and as a sign to all that we look forward in hope to the time when the Lord will gather into one all the people from every part of the earth."

After his ministry with Union Church Brian became Ecumenical Chaplain at the Australian National University, Canberra from 1976 to 1980 and then served for three years with the UK Methodist Church in Sheffield returning in 1984 to minister with the UC Croydon-Kilkenny Parish until the end of 1988.

Then followed five years in London at the Streatham United Reformed Church. Brian returned to city ministry in 1996 when he was called to Maughan Church. He retired at the end of 2002 to live in Bethany in the Barossa Valley.

We welcome today our guest preacher **Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski** to Pilgrim Church 11am Worship Service.

Vicky is senior lecturer in New Testament at Flinders University Department of Theology and Co-Director of Biblical Studies at the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology. She has lived and worked in various parts of Europe, the Middle East and Asia, including a year in Jerusalem as a post-doctoral fellow at the Hebrew University. Vicky is a team member and editor of the international Earth Bible Project, which has produced a series of books that seek to read the Bible in the shadow of the ecological crisis facing the Earth community. She has written for various feminist collections. Vicky was ordained in the Uniting Church in 2011.





## Day 40 – Thursday 22 June

This final prayer gives thanks for those who received and lived a God-given passion for unity. It acknowledge our failures to fully live out this unity, and commits us, with God, to the fullness of a reconciled and renewed creation which is Christ's unfinished mission. Thanks to President Stuart McMillan for this prayer.

God of love and grace, you have led and sustained us in our journey over the past forty years. For this we humbly give thanks.

We give thanks also for the women and men who have been the servant hearted leaders on the journey.

For all those who have nurtured and encouraged your Church as we have faithfully sought to live as Christ's ones.

Please, O God forgive our failures to act justly, to love with mercy and to walk humbly with you.

When as Church we have caused others to stumble or caused others hurt, forgive us, and lift them up in your love.

God of abundant life we pray that as a fellowship of reconciliation we might more truly reflect the beauty of your creation.

May we Loving God be a passionate people who share in Christ's unfinished mission the reconciliation and renewal of the whole creation.

Loving God you put in the hearts of men and women your passion for unity and called a pilgrim people to embrace this vision.

Now, oh God, your Spirit is calling us to the new things you are doing with us, First and Second Peoples, one in Christ.

We pray that we might in our love for one another reflect your love for all humanity, and your care and concern for the whole creation.

In this, may your grace, love and peace renew your creation.  
In the name of the Christ. Amen.



### ... Four Presidential Visitors to Pilgrim for Anniversary Month June 2017

Dr Deidre Palmer  
Stuart McMillan  
Rev Dr Andrew Dutney  
Rev Dr D'Arcy Wood



## Decision of Congregation Meeting

The Congregation Meeting voted almost unanimously to call **Rev Dr Greg Elsdon** to our Minister of the Word placement. He is available to begin on 1 October, 2017.



Greg grew up in the Methodist Church in Victoria where he was baptised. In maturity, he studied for the Ministry in the Churches of Christ, and has a Bachelor of Theology from the Melbourne College of Divinity, an Ecumenical Theological College. He was involved in discussions on behalf of the Churches of Christ with a view to that denomination joining with the Uniting Church in Australia, and was very disappointed that his denomination chose not to proceed. He was inspired by the Basis of Union.

In 1986 Greg graduated with a Master of Theology from Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, and in 1989 he was appointed as Lecturer in New Testament Studies in the Churches of Christ Theological College, Victoria. In 1993 he became the Principal of that College, in 1994 gaining a Doctor of Theology degree from Melbourne College of Divinity.

Greg has since served as the Ministry Team Leader in the Blackwood Churches of Christ Congregation in Adelaide, as an Aged Care Chaplain with that denomination's Life Care Inc, been a self-employed Consultant and the Executive Director of St Paul's City Ministry (Ecumenical appointment), both part-time.

Greg is completing almost seven years as the State Minister and CEO of the Churches of Christ in South Australia and Northern Territory. He completes this appointment at the end of August this year. He will be seconded to the Presbytery of South Australia for this appointment.

He is looking forward to being part of the ministry team at Pilgrim. Greg has attended a number of services and events at Pilgrim and has preached here in the past, so he knows and affirms our diversity in worship and theology and our hospitality. He is excited by the vision and mission directions of this Congregation and looks forward to being part of our witness as "a church for the city".

Marelle Harisun  
Congregation Secretary