

Pitt Street Uniting Church eNews

A progressive faith community of justice-seeking friends in the heart of Sydney

Thursday 5 October 2017



Dear Pitt Street People,

The *Faith Futures Festival* is only eight days away. The deadline to buy Early Bird tickets has been extended to Sunday 8 October. Take advantage of this opportunity to buy tickets after Church.

The first night of the *Faith Futures Festival* opens with an opportunity to chat and relax with a glass of wine or juice, and a soupcon of cheese before a performance by Rachel Collis.

Professor Hal Taussig's introductory talk, *A New Reformation: Recovering lost wisdom, inspiring new paths*, promises to be a stimulating beginning to a great weekend.

Early birds on Saturday will be welcomed with a warming cup of tea or coffee before proceedings begin.

Saturday afternoon there will be a performance by *Ecopella* and closing remarks from Professor Hal Taussig.

Cynthia

COMING UP AT PITT STREET...

Sunday 8 October

10 am Sunday Gathering
Community Time
Morning Tea/Coffee

Tuesday 10 October

5 pm With One Voice Choir

Wednesday 11 October

7pm Church Council

Friday-Sunday 13-15 October

Faith Futures Festival

Sunday 15 October

10 am Sunday Gathering
Professor Hal Taussig
Morning Tea/Coffee

From 11 July -10 October

Margaret is teaching
Theological Ethics at UTC on
Tuesday afternoons.



Pitt Street Uniting is a congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia. The gathering at 10 am on Sunday is the heart of our community life but we are also a place of welcome and hospitality for the wider community of Sydney for spirituality, justice, ecology, arts, music, meetings and events.

Faith Futures Festival

13 -15 October 2017

Pitt Street Uniting Church, Sydney

Get yourself registered for Pitt Street's premier progressive Christianity event for 2017. A great opportunity to learn more and to share a progressive understanding of faith with others. Keynote speaker; Professor Hal Taussig, (New Testament theologian and progressive pastor); music by Rachel Collis and Ecopella; workshops on worship and eco-spirituality by Hal Taussig and Jason John.

We've extended our Early Bird deadline! Early Bird tickets will be available after Church on **Sunday 8 October** or you can buy tickets at <http://bit.ly/FaithFuturesFestivalSyd> until Monday 9 October



AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIANS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY - POSTAL SURVEY

An umbrella Australian Christians who support civil marriage equality, which Margaret is chairing. Please add you support at www.christiansforequality.com.au. Helpful articles are being shared and support offered to people who feel isolated. Also on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianChristiansforMarriageEquality/>



JAMES ALLISON EREMOS EVENT AT PITT STREET

At 2.00pm on **Sunday, 8 October**, priest, theologian and author James Alison will be speaking on *Beyond Us and Them: contemplation and living with enemies in a globalised world*.

Afternoon tea and the Eremos AGM will follow the talk. Tickets:

<https://www.trybooking.com/QYEQ>



CLIMATE CHANGE BALMAIN-ROZELLE

Will host a free screening of *Heaven and Earth* at **7.00pm, Tuesday 10 October** at Three Weeds Hotel, 197 Evans Street, Rozelle.

<http://www.climatechangebr.org/page2.htm>



RALLY FOR REFUGEES

On **Sunday 15 October from 2.00-4.00pm**, join the Refugee Action Coalition as they walk, ride or roll on *The Big March for Refugees*. Meet at Hyde Park South, cnr Elizabeth and Park Streets, Sydney. #bringthemhere



EQUAL VOICES SYMPOSIUM

Being Heard, a conference addressing the harm perpetrated by churches on LGBTIQ+ Christians will be held on **Saturday 21 October** at the **University of Technology, Sydney**. Julie McCrossin and Matt Glover will lead plenary sessions and workshops throughout the day. To register, or for more information, go to <https://equalvoices.org.au/conference/>

Notices and Coming Events



INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR BLUE KNOT DAY AT PITT STREET

The theme for Blue Knot Day 2017 (16 October) is *Unite in Support of Adult Survivors of Childhood Trauma*. Communities, families, workplaces and individuals are encouraged to support adult survivors of childhood trauma.

An interfaith service will be held at Pitt Street on **Sunday 22 October at 3 pm**. Pitt Street people are very welcome. If you can help with hosting and afternoon tea, please speak to Allison Forrest.



SPRING RETREAT, SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

On **Saturday 28 October, 10am-4pm**, at the Blue Labyrinth Bush Retreat Centre, Park Road, Woodford, Eremos will hold a day of reflection, quiet, and deep connection with one another and the

land. Register via trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/QYEV> Bookings essential.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 29 October: **Lunch for newcomers** (and their pastoral friends) who are exploring becoming members, members in association, or 'companions' (after morning tea). Date change from the Pitt Street calendar published earlier in the year. For more info, speak to Sue Gehrig.



WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD – CREATION

The latest issue of "With Love to the World" is now available from Patricia Curthoys, for a donation of \$5. Sixty-eight pages of reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary. Among contributors are the Rev Mary Pearson with reflections on exodus, Paul's imprisonment and refugees. And a delightful cover image from the Rev Dr Geraldine Wheeler.

PITT STREET ONLINE

Sunday Reflections

Read the Reflection: www.pittstreetuniting.org.au



Watch the Reflection: <http://bit.ly/PittStreetYouTube>

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'WORK OF THE PEOPLE'

Ministry	8 October Pentecost 18	Next Week – 15 October Pentecost 19
1st Reading	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14
2nd Reading	Contemporary Reading	Contemporary Reading
Gospel	Matthew 21: 33-46	Matthew 22:1-14
Liturgist	Jolyon Bromley	Margaret Mayman
Reflection	Margaret Mayman	Professor Hal Taussig
Reader 1	Liz Groves	Ben Skerman
Reader 2	Cathy Ashcroft	Helen Boerma
Liturgy Curator	Isobel Bishop	Margaret Mayman
Children's story	Margaret Mayman	Margaret Mayman
Welcomers	Allison Forrest Susan Nicholson	Angela Williams Phil Ryan
Sound Operator	Rodney Monk	Margaret Whelan
Organist	Marlowe Fitzpatrick	John Aitchison
Flowers	Beryl Brown	Lucas & Catherine Thompson
Recycler	Meredith Knight	Vivien Langford
Morning Tea, Set up, put away	Lorrie Evans Hazel Hogarth Peter Hogarth Meredith Knight Jenny Reath David Robinson Tim Usherwood Cathy Williamson	Cynthia Coghill Lyn Corby Tania Kaiser Larry Keenan Jeanette Matthews Dawn Robson Lionel Robson
Worship Coordinators	Dawn Robson Lesley Knight	Meredith Knight Liz Nash

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Interim Church Council Chair:	Allison Forrest	
Interim Deputy Chair:	Robyn Floyd	
Minister Emerita:	Rev Dorothy McRae-McMahon	