

Pitt Street Uniting Church eNews

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

Thursday 23 November 2017



Dear Pitt Street People,

Last Thursday 19 choirs took part in the ABC Radio Sydney Sing Out Sydney concert. They varied from the six-person Redfern Sea Shanty Club teaching us their chorus for a singalong, to the 70+ Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir and Hummingsong Women's Choir. The Pitt Street Sydney Sings choir had everyone tapping their toes and singing along to Day Dream Believer.

In between the performances of each individual choir, the chorister led the combined choirs in a rehearsal of *The Ship Song* by Nick Cave. Her enthusiasm overflowed into everyone's voice as they worked together to present the song at the closing of the concert.

Not having heard so many people attempt *The Ship Song*, I wondered how it would sound. The passion of the chorister and choirs imbued the performance with a grandeur commensurate with their surroundings.

Amazing events transpire when groups work together. Each week at Pitt Street people work seamlessly to present our worship service whilst others attend to care in our wider circle.

It would be difficult to do what we do without our groups, just as it would have been a struggle for the choirs without the chorister. Together we can achieve wonders. Listen to 600 voices singing *The Ship Song* and you'll understand.

Peace to you
Cynthia

COMING UP AT PITT STREET...

Sunday 26 November
10 am Sunday Gathering
morning tea/coffee
Quarterly Celebration Luncheon

Tuesday 28 November
5pm Sydney Sings Choir

Sunday 3 December
10 am Sunday Gathering
morning tea/coffee



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.

Notices and Coming Events



POSTAL SURVEY RESULT WELCOMED

The Uniting Church LGBTIQ Network welcomes the results of the postal survey. A statement from Uniting Network national secretary, Warren Talbot, calls on the Parliament to enact legislation prior to Christmas, and on the Uniting Church to amend its policy on marriage to support same-sex marriage. www.pittstreetuniting.org.au



QUARTERLY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Our next Quarterly Celebration will be on Sunday 26 November immediately after church. Bring a picnic lunch and join us in Hyde Park. Should the weather be inclement, we will stay in the church. The Saturday Seekers neighbourhood group will be organising this luncheon.



HONEY BEES SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 9 December at 6.45pm at Sydney Boys High School. More info and ticket booking link here: <https://goo.gl/RFgLBj> . Proceeds to Twenty10



WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD – CREATION

“With Love to the World” reflections on the weekly Bible readings now available from Patricia Curthoys, for a donation of \$5. Contributions include Rev Mary Pearson reflections on Exodus, Paul’s imprisonment and refugees. A delightful cover image from the Rev Dr Geraldine Wheeler.



Sylvia Virag Pre-Christmas Concert

Saturday 25 November 5 pm

Royal Secret Christmas Opera

Sunday 10 December 3:30 pm

Advent and Christmas at Pitt Street

Advent 1 Sun 3 December 10 am
Advent 2 Sun 10 December 10 am
Advent 3 Sun 17 December 10 am
9 Lessons & Carols Sun 17 December 7 pm
Advent 4 Sun 24 December 10 am
Christmas Eve Sun 24 December 7:30 pm
Christmas Day Mon 25 December 9 am

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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	This week – 26 November Pentecost 25	Next Week – 3 December Advent 1
1 st Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
2 nd Reading	Contemporary Reading	Contemporary Reading
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 13:24-37
Liturgist	Margie Willis	Margaret Mayman
Reflection	Meredith Knight	TBA
Reader 1	Syd Cole	Keith Walkerden
Reader 2	Liz Nash	Patricia Curthoys
Liturgy Curator	Sue Gehrig/Gillian Hunt	Margaret Mayman
Children's story		Margaret Mayman
Welcomers	Mae Cotterell Paul Cotterell	Gerard McEvilly Sue McEvilly
Sound Operator	John Floyd	Sharon Wellfare
Organist	Marlowe Fitzpatrick	John Aitchison
Flowers	Cath & Lucas Thompson	Lesley Knight
Recycler	Meredith Knight	Gerard McEvilly
Morning Tea, Set up, put away	Carol Bamba Norma Clarke Robert Clarke Lyn Eggins Ray Gilmore Beth Sargeant Jill Wright John Wright	Syd Cole Barbara Dutton Robyn Floyd Sue Gehrig Katy Gerner Susan Nicholson Gordon Nurse Margie Whelan
Worship Coordinators	Judith Dallas Kevin Dallas	Cathy Ashcroft Lesley Knight
Communion Team		Ron Brown Allison Forrest

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