

Pitt Street Uniting Church eNews

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

Thursday 11 January 2018



Dear Pitt Street Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had some time for relaxation and restoration since Christmas, and that you are surviving the extreme heat.

Do you remember as a child feeling that the years went by interminably slowly? I can remember thinking at about age seven that it would be an eternity until I was eighteen and finishing school. Now I long for the days to move at that slow pace of childhood.

In church, especially in the year when we focus on Mark's gospel, Jesus doesn't get a slow childhood. He goes from the manger and presentation in the temple, straight to the adult experience of baptism in the Jordan. This week the pace continues in the story of his calling the disciples.

The beginning of the year is a good time to reflect on call and discipleship. How, in this new year, will we grow as disciples who seek to follow the Way chartered by Jesus? Being 'called' is not just for the few of us who take the path of ordination. Each day, each year, we are all 'called' and as with our ancestors in faith, we are invited to respond 'Here, I am.' (And yes, we will sing "Here I am, Lord" which is a favourite of several people at Pitt Street.)

I look forward to catching up with you in the New Year.

Meanwhile peace, *Margaret*

COMING UP AT PITT STREET...

Sunday 14 January

10 am Epiphany 2 Sunday
Gathering and morning
tea/coffee

Sunday 21 January

10 am Epiphany 3 Sunday
Gathering and 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



Faith Futures Festival

Highlights from the **Faith Futures Festival** are now available on the Pitt Street Youtube Channel. Professor Hal Taussig's seminars have been arranged in a [playlist](#). Remind yourself of the fresh insights on the New Testament by Professor Taussig.



Music by Rachel Collis

Listen back to the wonderful music of Rachel Collis singing [Wired and Awake](#), and [No Wind at the Window](#) on the Pitt Street Uniting Church Youtube Channel.



Christmas Bowl Appeal

There is still time to donate to the Act For Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Donations can be made by completing a donation envelope pamphlet and putting it in the offering plate at church or online at <https://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl>



Crave Conference "Wonder"

The Crave Metropolitan Community Church Conference "Wonder" will be held at Glebe Town Hall from 26-27 January 2018. The keynote speaker is Matt Glover and the Worship Leader will be Elizabeth Plant. A warm invitation is extended to Pitt Street people. For further details or book tickets go to <https://www.trybooking.com/OOFH>



Walking on Country

Registrations are open for the Walking on Wiradjuri and Yorta Yorta Country Tour 2018 (organised by the Synod and UAICC Congress of NSW and ACT) to be held 14-21 April. Katy Gerner attended Walking on Country 2017 and is happy to answer questions. For cost, itinerary information and registration visit <https://ucansw.goregister.com.au/woc2018/info/>.

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Sunday Reflections



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'WORK OF THE PEOPLE'

| Ministry | 14 January Epiphany 2 | 21 January Epiphany 3 |
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| First Reading | 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) | Jonah 3:1-5, 10 |
| Second Reading | Contemporary reading | Contemporary reading |
| Gospel | John 1: 43-51 | Mark 1: 14-20 |
| Liturgist | John Floyd | Cathy Ashcroft |
| Reflection | Margaret Mayman | Margaret Mayman |
| Reader 1 | Ros Whiley | David Robinson |
| Reader 2 | Trina Hodgson | Meredith Knight |
| Liturgy Curator | Margaret Mayman | Margaret Mayman |
| Welcomers | Jill Wright John Wright | Peter Hogarth Hazel Hogarth |
| Sound Operator | Rodney Monk | Margaret Whelan |
| Organist | Marlowe Fitzpatrick | John Aitchison |
| Flowers | Beryl Brown | Beryl Brown |
| Recycler | Lizzy Maddox | Meredith Knight |
| Morning Tea | Judith Dallas Kevin Dallas Lyn Hartmann Dal Hartmann Ann Perry Roger Perry Helen Sanderson Alison Wishart | Nick Armitage Jac Brown Dave Cahilap Des Perry Ben Skerman Vicky Wakeling Elizabeth Watson Mark Woodman |
| Worship Coordinators | Cathy Ashcroft Helen Sanderson | Syd Cole Sue Gehrig |

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