

APRIL 23RD - APRIL 30TH



# THE ROCK

# SUNSET ROCK

A Generate Church

**To know Jesus and make Him known  
through worship, fellowship, and  
engagement in the community.**

*Hello Sunset Rock*

#### **From the Pastors:**

New Beginnings...we all experience them at some time; a new year, a new season, a new direction...

...a new LIFE. This is what we have when we are joined to Christ. Yet Christ had to die for that new life. A Sacrifice that required the shedding of blood.

This Sunday, we remember the sacrifice of those who serve, and have served, our country in the Defence Forces. Military service is typified by sacrifice; we think of those who are required to move away from their families, go long periods without seeing their loved ones, and sacrifice their own lifestyle and comfort, or even their life. We remember that blood has been shed for the love of this country and its people. We remember that Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13 NRSV)

We remember them!

Jane Mitchell with Greg Pearce and Izzy Rogers

## PRAYER

Lord of all creation, I love what you have made and done. Every calling bird, every leafy shrub, the vegetables that grow beneath the ground and the fruits I can pick from the vine. The garden walk, the stilling stream. The breadth of the outback. Yes, it's good as it comes from your hand, and it's home for me. Then again, I sense that there is more. That what I know bears the seed and promise of something I can only imagine from it, a flowering and a harvest when you bring to a conclusion the renewal of all things. Your kingdom come.

## A DEVOTION WORTH SHARING

**S**

(John 15:12-13) "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**O**

Love is the force behind sacrifice. Jesus laid down His life for the love of the world.

**A**

This ANZAC Day, we honour those who have laid down their lives for us. Where can I lay down my life for the good of another?

**P**

Dear Lord, I honour those who have given their lives in war. How much more then, should I honour and worship you for your ultimate act of love? The sacrifice you made so that I can have a relationship and peace with God. Teach me Lord, how to love as you love, to be selfless for the good of others. I praise you Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, my Saviour, the Resurrection and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Have you written a SOAP or a devotion arising from the daily readings, something that you think is helpful for others as well as yourself? We would like to see it and consider it for publication. Please send it to Izzy or Jane.

# NOTICES

April 25th, Church Service 10am.  
Preacher: Greg Pearce.

## UPDATES

The Church Directory is currently being updated. If you require any details to be changed, please let Jane know, as it may not be possible to get in touch with everyone personally.

**Name Tags:** Do you have one? Would you like one? If there isn't one in the wooden cabinet in the entrance hall (or in your car console, or the bottom of your handbag), then speak to Jane and we can organise for a new one!

## THANK YOU

**Working Bee:** Thank you to all those who helped last Saturday. What a great job was done! The garden and surrounds are looking great - trimmed, weeded, mulched, retained. The windows seem to sparkle, and there are also those jobs that aren't particularly noticeable, such as cleaning the roof! You may have noticed that some pavers have been lifted next to the southern wall of the Williamson Room. Please do not use that footpath until further notice as more work still needs to be done in that area.

## ATTENTION

### New COVID regulations

Each room has maximum numbers indicated on the doors to each area.


Physical distancing of 1.5m. We still need to avoid physical closeness (hugging, handshakes etc) except with immediate family members.

Please avoid congregating in doorways, corridors and aisles.

## GUIDELINES

If you check in with the QR code, please show the green tick to those on welcome. Others will be signed in on single check in sheets.

 Wash hands and sanitise often.

 Observe Govt guidelines: **Stay home if you have cold or flu symptoms.**

 Observe social distancing

## THE INSPIRED WRITERS' CRAFT

Getting more enjoyment and benefit from reading the Scriptures

Three sessions with  
Rev Dr Stephen Raison  
former Principal and Lecturer in Old Testament  
Bible College of South Australia.

Sunset Rock Church,  
May 5th, 12th, 19th.  
7:30pm

May 5. Reading sacred songs  
—lyrics to move people and God.  
May 12. Reading narratives  
— (truthful) storytelling to challenge outlook.

May 19. Reading the prophets  
—the art of convicting, persuading and encouraging.

The studies will include information from Stephen, opportunities for questions and discussion, and exercises to illustrate how the information enriches reading.

Increase your confidence and enjoyment in reading OT Scripture.

These will not be lectures or complicated; they will contain straightforward (but not simplistic!) and usable ideas for everyday reading of the Bible.

Sunset Rock Church Address is:  
40 Spencer St via Shierlaw Ave, Stirling.

To enrol simply let Greg Pearce know,  
0428450100.

YOU'RE INVITED

## SUNSET ROCK BUSH TRACK OPENING.

SUNDAY 16TH MAY

12 NOON

BBQ LUNCH AT 12.30

Sunset Rock Church  
40 Spencer St Stirling

Please RSVP (for catering purposes)  
[ask@sunsetrock.ucasa.org.au](mailto:ask@sunsetrock.ucasa.org.au)



## EVENTS

Most Home Groups re-commence this week. Check with your leader if you are not sure.

If you are not in a Home Group and would like to be, please either contact a Home Group leader directly, or contact Jane Mitchell. Home Group Leaders are:

The Marshall's (Wed evenings),  
Ann Donhardt (Tues evenings),  
Jane Mitchell (Thurs evenings - fortnightly),

Izzy Rogers (Youth/Young Adults),  
Greg Pearce (Thurs mornings).

### **HAPPENING SOON!**

**Sunday May 2, 5:30-7:30pm**

Solid Rock Café.

Guest artist: Vanessa Kersting. Bring your friends, neighbours & family.

**Wednesdays May 5, 12, 19, 7:30pm.**

A series of three sessions on reading the Old Testament,

"The inspired writer's craft". Led by Rev Dr Stephen Raison.

To enrol please see Greg Pearce. We are also happy to organise transport to/from the church if you require it.

**Sunday May 16, 12 noon.**

Opening of Sunset Rock Bush Track.

BBQ lunch to follow. RSVP  
[ask@sunsetrock.ucasa.org.au](mailto:ask@sunsetrock.ucasa.org.au)

**31 May - 13 June.**

Greg and Raylene will be on holidays.

### **MONDAY APRIL 26**

Public Holiday- ANZAC Day observance

### **TUESDAY APRIL 27**

School Term 2 Commences  
7:30pm - Bible Group, Contact Ann Donhardt

### **WEDNESDAY APRIL 28**

7:30pm - Marshall's Home Group

### **THURSDAY APRIL 29**

10:00am - Bible Group, Contact Greg Pearce  
7:30pm - Elders Meeting

### **FRIDAY APRIL 30**

5:30-6:30pm - Prayers at the Rock

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



## BREAK AWAY (YOUNG ADULTS)

### Term 1

This term, as a group we caught up fortnightly at different locations, from Onkaparinga gorge to Lobethal Oval. We focused on the book of John using the Discover Bible Method. This allowed for plenty of room for conversation and discussion.

### Pray.

That the group would form a deep understanding and love for Jesus and a growing passion to know Him.



### Looking forward to.

Next term we will be going to lots of lunches with families from church! We look forward to getting to know and form relationships with people at church.





# SUNNIESET YOUTH

## Term 1

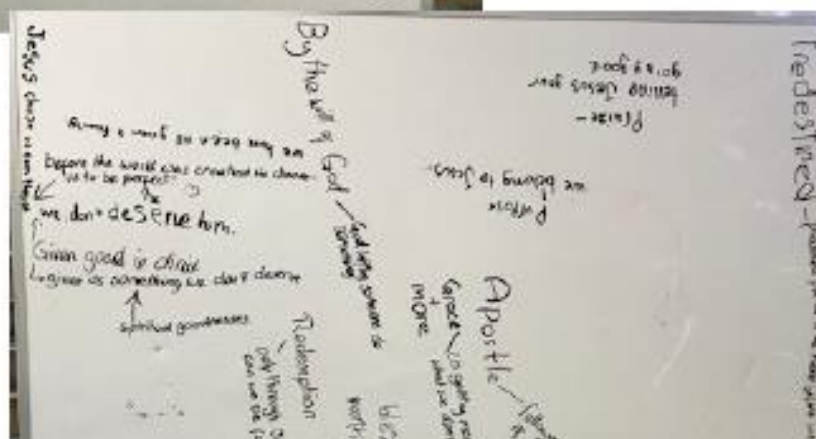
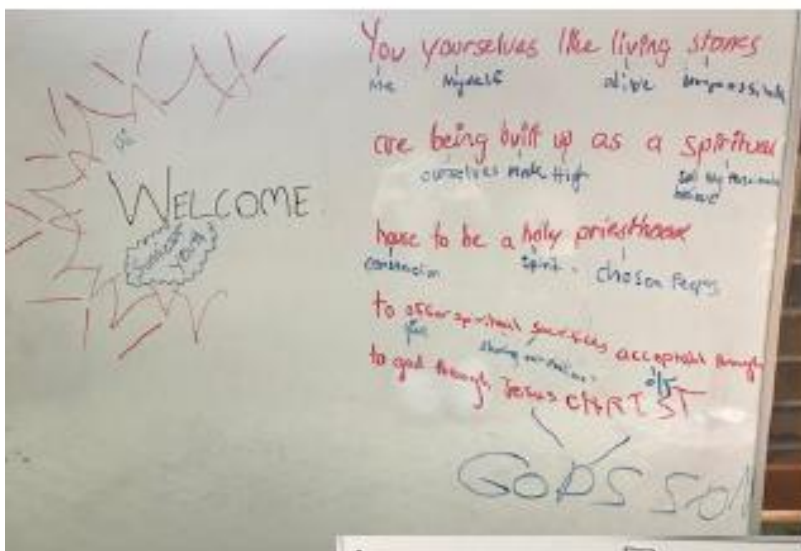
At youth we have been looking at the topic of identity. This has been from, who I am to who I want to be and who I am in Christ. We have enjoyed cooking with lots of chocolate as well as getting to know our youth a little more than we did before.

### Pray.

For the youth to have a passion and desire to know and have a relationship with Christ. Also pray that our group would grow in faith that would lead to sharing with their friends.

### Looking forward to.

Next term we are going to be looking at the big questions of life. The leaders are looking forward to continuing to know the youth and see them grow in Christ.



## LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Last week's and other past messages are now available as audio podcasts.

To access them, [Click Here](#)

## BLESSINGS FROM GOD

A reminder of the **SOAP** method of noting your daily reading:

S = Scripture. The key verse.

O = Observation. What the writer meant.

A = Application. How this applies to you.

P = Prayer.

The weekly readings:  
Psalm 139 or Psalm 66

Monday Ephesians 4:17-24

Tuesday Ephesians 4:25-32

Wednesday 1 John 4:7-14

Thursday Acts 17:22,23

Friday 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Saturday Romans 1:18-25

**When anyone is joined to Christ he is a new being; the old has gone, the new has come.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)**

These daily readings and evening prayers are provided on Sunset Rock Church website, go to resources and click on the devotions tab. There are readings and prayer, which are evening devotions prepared by Greg. Click on the orange writing to open them up. Or [Click Here](#)

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