

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

"I AM THE TRUE VINE...ABIDE IN ME"
(JOHN 15:1-17)

From the Pastors

As I look around our beautiful Adelaide Hills this glorious Autumn, I can't help but be in awe of the rhythm of the seasons. The colours demand that I sit up and take notice.

As the vineyards that cover the hillsides turn from green to yellow and the leaves begin to fall, it marks the end of the harvest for this season.

I am reminded that just as God designed grapes to only grow in connection to the vine, we are designed for intimacy with God as our one, true source. There is no other supply of true life. There is no other way to experience abundant life apart from abiding in him.

*Jane Mitchell,
with Greg Pearce and Izzy Rogers*

PRAYER

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Lord, by closing the gates of hell you have opened my mouth in praise and thanksgiving. By reducing me from my pride you have glorified me. May my humbled life now be a life of freedom. Let me not be a slave to my own lifestyle. Let me be free to explore your ways.

A DEVOTION WORTH SHARING

S **(Romans 1:25)** They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

O God is truth. Anything that isn't brought back to God is not truth.

A What truths are we exchanging? What are the things we are praising and not bringing back to God? Our whole life should be shaped and formed by and around God, meaning anything and everything can come back to God. What aren't we bringing back to God?

P Heavenly and gracious Father, thank you that you are the creator of all things. You created this world and all that is in it. You created room for us to have free will, for creativity, for enjoyment and so much more! Lord help me to be directed back to you in everything I do. Help me to have my life shaped by you and for you. Lord you are forever praised. 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!

Tea and coffee may now be collected when you order. Please remember to observe social distancing when queuing and keep the servery area as clear as possible. If you want to stand and chat while you drink, please move into the Foyer, or outside so as not to cause congestion.

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The Three Crosses of Easter. The addition of two extra crosses puts the story of Jesus' crucifixion rather unmistakably before visitors to the Rock. We will leave them in place until Pentecost, then remove them until next Easter season to keep the impact.

The Teen Challenge Appeal. We have forwarded \$3000 to Teen Challenge by topping up the donations given for this vibrant ministry. Our next appeal will be later this quarter, and will benefit the Hohidiai work in Indonesia.

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 are to sign in on single check-in sheets.

 **Wash hands and sanitise often.**

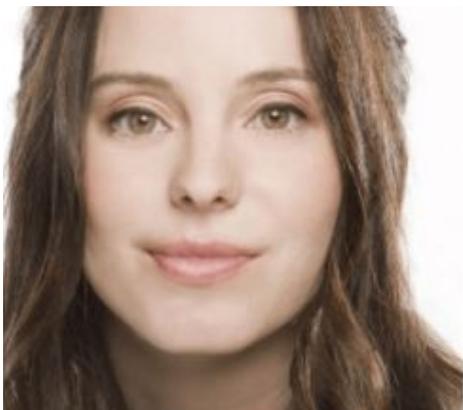
 **Observe Govt guidelines: Stay home if you have cold or flu symptoms.**

 **Observe social distancing**

SOLID ROCK CAFE

This Sunday, 2nd May,
5:30pm-7:30pm

Guest Artist: Vanessa Kersting



A TIME TO GATHER
AROUND FOOD,
FRIENDS, FUN AND
FAITH.

JOIN US FOR A
GREAT TIME
TOGETHER WITH
FREE DINNER FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY
ALONG WITH GREAT
PEOPLE AND MUSIC.

Solid Rock Café

With Vanessa Kirsting

LOCATION: 40 SPENCER STREET STIRLING
TIME: 5:30-7:30PM
DTAE: 2ND MAY

BUSH TRACK OPENING

Sunday May 16th, 12pm after church.
Rebekha Sharkie (MP) will be opening
the track.

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

The poster features a sunset background with a silhouette of a cross on a hill. The text is in white and yellow, providing details about the event.

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.

To enrol simply let Greg Pearce know, 0428450100.

EVENTS

SUNDAY MAY 02

5:30-7:30pm - Solid Rock Café, Guest artist: Vanessa Kersting. Bring your friends, neighbours & family.

TUESDAY MAY 04

Ann's Bible Study group will be meeting on Wednesdays for the series by Stephen Raison

WEDNESDAY MAY 05

4-5:30pm - First Youth Group for Term 2.

7:30pm - "The inspired writer's craft". Led by Rev Dr Stephen Raison, Next sessions: 12, 19 May.

THURSDAY MAY 06

10:00am - Bible Group, Contact Greg Pearce

FRIDAY MAY 07

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

HAPPENING SOON!

Wednesdays May 12, 19, 7:30pm.
Continuation of series with Stephen Raison, SSR

Sunday May 16, 12 noon.
Opening of Sunset Rock Bush Track.
BBQ lunch to follow. RSVP
ask@sunsetrock.ucasa.org.au or with
Greg, Izzy or Jane

31 May - 13 June.
Greg and Raylene will be on holidays.

Check with your leader whether your home group is meeting at this time as some will be participating in the Wednesday sessions with Rev Dr Stephen Raison.

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

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

To access them, [Click Here](#)

Need help Accessing the podcasts? Give us a ring or ask Izzy on Sunday for some instructions.

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 146 or Psalm 150

Monday Ephesians 5:8-14

Tuesday John 6:66-69

Wednesday Colossians 3:16-24

Thursday Matthew 21:12-17

Friday 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Saturday 1 Samuel 16:14-23

**Sing a new song to
the Lord; He has done
wonderful things!
(Psalm 98:1)**

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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