

JUNE 25TH - 2ND JULY



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

Today I gave blood. I was thanked at least six times while I was there by three different people! I even thanked them for taking my blood! For me, for them, and for the eventual recipients of my blood, it is an important thing that I am able to do.

I will never know who my blood will help. The recipient(s), however, will know that blood, life-giving blood, was given for them...freely. Yet, my giving cost me nothing. There was no real sacrifice (apart from a bit of time), and to keep on being effective, I will have to go back every 12 weeks.

Is this just a little, perhaps, of what it was like for the Israelites and the many sacrifices needed to atone for their sins? Having to keep going back time and time again, in order to be "put right" with God?

How blessed we are living this side of the cross, where Jesus offered his own blood once and for all, through his death and resurrection. When Jesus said, "It is finished" as he hung dying on the cross, so much came to an end: never again would life-giving blood need to be shed for the cleansing of sins – the old way had paved the way for the new; Jesus was freed of his human constraints; and 'death was arrested'!

Our future is sure, our sins are forgiven, our hope is in Christ – the old is gone, we are made new in Christ! Hallelujah!

Jane Mitchell with Greg Pearce and Izzy Rogers

PRAYER

Loving God, you live in joyful communion, as Father loving the Son; as Son whose great pleasure is to say, 'Abba, dear Father'; as the Spirit, the Spirit of God, the one who knows the deep things of God and who communes with my spirit. You have shed the love of God abroad in my own heart, so I must come out of myself. In you I can and I do look forward to feeling my way sensitively into the lives of the community in which you have placed me. I picture now those who come to mind, and pray that I may regard them as you do, and love them dearly.

A DEVOTION WORTH SHARING

- S** (Judges 10:6-16)
Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress."
- O** God is asking the Israelites to consider where their true source of help comes from.
- A** Where do I put my energies and focus in times of distress? Do I turn to the life-giver and saviour, or do I look elsewhere for comfort?
- P** Dear Lord, you are the anchor to which I am held firm through the turbulence. Grow in me your Word, and by your Holy Spirit let it be You I turn to in times of distress; that I may rest in the security of Your love for me. 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

June 27th, Church Service 10am.
Preacher: Greg Pearce

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Hohidiai Appeal: Our second, quarterly appeal for missions, is happening throughout June, and is an opportunity to give to the Hohidiai mission. Some people from this church have been to Hohidiai and seen first-hand the incredible work that is going on in that place. Be praying about how you might give to this appeal. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, go to the Hohidiai website

[https://hohidiai.org/donation/.](https://hohidiai.org/donation/)



SOLID ROCK CAFE

July the 4th. Next Sunday! You still have time to ask your neighbors, friends and family. I am hoping that you are praying for who you can invite. Join us at 4pm for a great interactive and energising afternoon!

CHURCH UPDATES AND INFORMATION FOR YOU

GIRLS' DAY OUT TO KARKOO NURSERY AT OAKBANK

On Tuesday 27 July, there will be an excursion to Karkoo nursery which will include morning tea in their cafe. If you would like to go, please let Yvonne Latter know by Friday 23 July. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Don't forget to check out the wonderful collection of books, CDs, etc, in the library. They are free to borrow, so please make use of them! If you have read one of the books, perhaps you might like to give a review? Send your review to Izzy for inclusion in "The Rock".

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THANKYOU!...

... to Roy, for the installation of the child-safe gate to the staircase! I for one, feel much happier knowing the likes of little Charlie will be safer!

CLEANING REMINDER

All Sunset Rock groups using the church during the week are responsible for thorough cleaning after their activities. This includes wiping down kitchen surfaces and equipment used, tables, chairs, light switches, door handles, toilets, etc.

Please make sure you use the proper cleaning products provided and paper towel.

Also...

- tea-towels are to be taken home for washing,
- any opened milk should not be left in the fridge unless you know it will be consumed within a couple of days.

OTHER NEWS

SOME SNIPPETS FROM UNITING CHURCH SYNOD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Art Project Tours

Artists from all around South Australia and beyond have shared theological reflection through art and transformed the Synod office. Come and see the art-work before the exhibition ends. Tours are conducted by Dieter Engler, Karan Hudson and Neryl McCallum. There are two dates to choose from and entry is free. However bookings are essential due to limited places.

Tour dates:

July 13 @ 3pm (TBC) or August 17 @ 4pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Synod Building, 2/212 Pirie Street, Adelaide

Book online here <https://www.cmla.org.au/events/synod-art-project-tours/>

CALLING FOR PERMANENCY FOR REFUGEES

In this Refugee Week, we are encouraged to take letter writing action, calling for permanency for refugees – creating pathways to permanency for refugees on temporary visas, and enabling family reunions. There are almost 20,000 people living in the Australian community on 'temporary protection' visas and they are experiencing on-going difficulties that cause distress and prevent them from starting a life together with their families. To show your support a letter writing guide is available to download [here](#).

SUNDAY JUNE 27

10am Church: Preacher, Greg Pearce.

1:30pm Break Away: Young adults group gathering and bible study.

MONDAY JUNE 28

7:30pm: Elders meeting, Sunset Rock.

HAPPENING SOON!

4 July - **THIS SUNDAY.**
Solid Rock Café.

5 - 11 July.
Izzy on holidays.

13-15 July.
In-camp at Sunset Rock – combined youth camp for Parafield Gardens Uniting & Sunset Rock Churches.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

4-5:30pm - Youth Group
(High School age).

THURSDAY JULY 1

10:00am - Bible Study Group.
7:45pm - Women's Bible Study.

FRIDAY JULY 2

3:30pm - Pastoral care team meeting.
5:00-6:00pm - Prayers at the Rock.

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 51 or 27

Monday John 8:1-11

Tuesday 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

Wednesday Matthew 5:43-48

Thursday Matthew 18:15-20

Friday Romans 15:1-7

Saturday Galatians 6:1-5

**THE CHURCH OF
SINNERS**
"Bear one another's
burdens, and so you will
fulfill the law of Christ".
(Galatians 6: 2 ESV)

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 Here](#)

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With thanks.

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