

## Notices

**Sad News: Last Sunday Mary Lam's mother died peacefully in her sleep, aged 95.** Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Steve and Lauren at this time.

**Recently Stella's brother died in Sri Lanka.** We continue to pray for the family and wish Stella a safe return journey to Auburn.

**Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held after the Music in Liturgy Service.** Nomination Forms should be returned to Alec Nothnagel today. Copies of the Auburn Annual Report are available on the Resource Table.

**Thursday 3 May 10.15am Coffee Morning topic "Human Trafficking"**  
**Speaker: Dr Mark Zirnsak**, Director, Justice and International Mission, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, since 2004. Mark is a member of the Victorian Responsible Gambling Ministerial Advisory Council, the Victorian Alcohol Policy Coalition, Chair of the Victorian Inter-Church Gambling Taskforce and a member of the Secretariat for the Tax Justice Network in Australia. Mark has a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Melbourne.

**Sunday 29th April at 5:30 Topic: *Totally nuts! The immunotherapy revolution in treating cancer.* Speaker: Prof Andrew Weickhardt** - a cancer specialist and scientist, who treats patients at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre. The talk, at North Balwyn Uniting Church, 17-21 Duggan St, Balwyn North, will be followed by soup and then a short reflective service.

**Saturday 19th May - next Presbytery meeting** with several major issues on the agenda. Information will be circulated early in May.

**Reading the Creed Backwards: the Shape and Direction of Christian Faith.** This is a structured study: 5 weekly meetings for small groups, 1 group meeting at Habitat Hawthorn (Augustine), more details soon. This resource is a useful prelude to a deeper engagement with the Creeds, and is available free online at <http://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/illuminating-faith>

### Help needed at the 15th Assembly from Sunday 8 July – Saturday 14 July

These meetings will be held at Box Hill Town Hall. Please email David.Rowe@victas.uca.org.au or complete an online registration at [www.cvent.com/d/ytqqr/4W](http://www.cvent.com/d/ytqqr/4W).

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# The Auburn Newsletter

## Hawthorn Uniting Parish

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

**Service Today**  
10am Worship Service  
Rev Steve Crump

**Next Sunday**  
10am Music in Liturgy

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.  
Please remain for tea or coffee in the church after the service.

## EASTER 4

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT : *The Lord is risen; the Lord is risen indeed.*  
(Martin How)

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on John 10)*

Jesus said "I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep".  
Jesus said "I am the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my own know me".

He also said: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them in also, so there will be one flock and one shepherd".

OPENING PRAYER: *(based on 1 John 3: 16-24)*

Gracious God, we know love because you made it eternally visible in the person of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He revealed the depth of that love by laying down his life for us. We pray that our gratitude may be visible through our care for others and for this world in which we live. Jesus showed us that love was not confined to words alone, nor was it ever an abstract quality, but was at all times a heart-centred activity. Stir such a love in our hearts we pray, so that all we do may be pleasing to you and be

**Sunday Service**  
10 am weekly

**Holy Communion:**  
**monthly:**  
10 am: 3rd Sunday

**Music in Liturgy:**  
**monthly:**  
10 am: 4th Sunday

**Morning Coffee**  
10.15am monthly  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the  
Eileen Pawsey  
Room

**Church Council:**  
7.45 pm monthly  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed in the  
Pawsey Room

**Church Lunch:**  
12 noon in the Hall  
monthly 3rd Sunday

*NB: Dates and times  
may occasionally  
change documented  
in the pew sheet  
notices*

the very best evidence of our identity as people with the risen Christ living within us - giving us life.

This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

**HYMN 145: "The King of Love my Shepherd is "**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We give thanks, most gracious God, for knowing love in its most sincere and beautiful form - in Jesus. He did not just tell people how to live - serving others, turning the other cheek, loving the unlovable - he demonstrated these things in the way he lived. We want to serve as Jesus served, but we confess that our priorities can become so easily confused by the values of the world - values usually in conflict with those spelled out by Jesus. He demonstrated that love was the priority of his life, even going to the cross to demonstrate the supremacy of love over evil. We want to be true and active witnesses of that love but you know how frequently we fail.

Merciful God, forgive us when our words and actions fail to disclose your love. Fill us anew with your Spirit, O God, so that our weakness is overcome by your strength, our selfishness is overwhelmed by your generosity, and our apathy is replaced by your enthusiasm. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

"All, who believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love one another, live in him and he lives in them." (1 John 3: 23, 24) and "There is salvation in no-one else..." (Acts 4:12). Hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

**HYMN 160: "Father, all loving and living in majesty"**

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23 (TIS 11)

**Response: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.**

1 John 3:16-24

Anthem: *A new commandment*

*(Words UjW 699; music arranged by Alan Wilson)*

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia.** Jesus says; I am the good shepherd, I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia

*(John 10:14).*

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

SERMON

**Hymn 233: "I will sing the wondrous story..."**

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYERS THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING and OFFERTORY PRAYER

**HYMN 461: "God, your glory we have seen in your Son"**

BENEDICTION

Go empowered by the goodness and mercy of God, the compassion and love of Jesus Christ, and the energy and enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia Alleluia  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*(You are invited to remain seated until the end of the postlude)*

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Reader Today: Vicky Rose  
Next Week: Wendy Chuck

Flowers Today: Daphne Arthur  
Next week: Libby Owens

Readings next week

Acts 8: 26-40;  
1 John 4: 7-21;

Psalms 22: 25-31;  
John 15: 1-8;