

Notices

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been postponed to 29th April - 2 weeks later than planned. The meeting will be held after the Music in Liturgy Service on the last Sunday of April.

This postponement is to allow sufficient time for nominations to be completed for the election of 10 members to Auburn Church Council and 2 Congregation Representatives: chairperson and secretary.
Nomination Forms are available today and should be returned to Alec Nothnagel by 21 April.

Thursday, 19 April, 7.30pm. Reminder to buy tickets for yourself and family members for ARTHUR STREETON – WAR ARTIST.

The historian and former Federal Court Judge, Julie Dodds-Streeton, will present her personally researched and illustrated talk on the role of her late husband's grandfather, Sir Arthur Streeton, as an official war artist in the First World War. This special event marks the ANZAC Day centenary.
Tickets (\$35/ \$30 conc. / \$25 Member of Friends) include a welcome glass of wine and supper. Tickets available today from Daphne or Wendy or online via www.trybooking.com/UENM.
This is a fundraiser organised by The Friends of The Auburn Tower for the restoration of our heritage-listed Church Tower. Help us restore this historic building. www.auburntowerfriends.org.au

MUSIC NOTE

The communion service next Sunday will use music from *Mass for the Fallen*, written by Christopher Willcock. It was commissioned by Alan and Maria Myers for use in celebrations of the Eucharist on Anzac Day, especially during the centenary of ANZAC. The work includes a setting of *We will remember them* for soprano solo - the text being from the Laurence Binyon poem *For the Fallen*. There is an interview with Fr Willcock about the work at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mphUm6qNQY

Reader Today: Ruth Bartle

Next Week: John Suriano

Readings next week

Acts 3: 12-19: Psalm 4: 1 John 3: 1-7: Luke 24:36b-48:

Flowers Today: Heather Suriano

Next week: Wendy Chuck

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The Auburn Newsletter

Hawthorn Uniting Parish

Sunday 8th April 2018

Service Today

10am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday

10 am Communion Service
Rev Steve Crump

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

EASTER 2

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT: *The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed.*

(Martin How)

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on John 20:19 – 22)*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week ...Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Let our rejoicing be heard far and wide as we witness to our belief in the risen Lord.

HYMN 381: "This Joyful Easter tide"

PRAYER OF APPROACH

We worship you, O God, aware that we are a group of people at differing stages in our journeys of faith. Our experiences of you have been shaped by diverse happenings, teachings and relationships throughout our lives. At times we move between faith and doubt,

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
1st Thursday in the
Eileen Pawsey
Room

Church Council:

7.45 pm monthly
1st 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*

certainty and unbelief. So today, we rejoice in the word of the gospel where John declares that he has written his gospel to confirm and strengthen our belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that in believing, we might have life in his name. We worship you, O God, with praise and thanksgiving for that gift of life made possible through Jesus' death and resurrection. Strengthen and confirm our belief in Jesus in this time of worship here today. May we know the blessings of his peace within us and the breath of his Spirit upon us. We offer this prayer and our worship in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen

HYMN 386: "By your kingly power"

EPISTLE: 1 John 1-2:2

PSALM 133 (*Words: UiW p.345*)

Refrain: **God is our refuge; God is our strength**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We gather here as a fellowship of people who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord. One of the major marks of this fellowship is the sense of joy we experience as we gather to worship God, to give thanks for Jesus Christ and to witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Yet, we admit that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy or peace of mind. Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch you or see you, and so it is all too easy to become downcast and given to despair. **Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe.**

Come to us, risen Christ, come through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts.

Come to us, risen Christ, breathe on us and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence.

Bless us all as people who have not seen you, but who believe that you are truly the risen Christ, Son of God. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: "If we confess our sins He, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (*1 John 1:9*)
And so I declare to you: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Invite people to share a sign of peace)

ANTHEM: *The Easter Anthems (TiS 359)*

ACTS 4: 32-35

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia.** Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.

(John 20:29)

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

SERMON

HYMN 376: "I know that my Redeemer lives"

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN 650: "Brother, sister, let me serve you"

BENEDICTION

Go with the great love of God enfolding you,
the deep peace of Christ within you
and the living breath of the Spirit inspiring you. **Amen.**

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)