

NOTICES (continued)

Lenten Studies: Rev Dr Craig Thompson's Lenten Studies for 2024 will use the book: Sam Wells' *Cross in the heart of God*. An Anglican priest at St Martin's-in-the-Fields in London. Wells is a prolific writer at both the popular and academic level, and a gifted communicator of the gospel.

The studies will be **online (Zoom) from Wednesday Feb 21 (7.45pm) and Friday Feb 23 (1.30PM), for five weeks.**

Participants should get their own copies of the book. Please register at <https://marktheevangelist.unitingchurch.org.au/> to receive the zoom link.

Thursday 7th March: Morning Coffee Meetings for 2024 start with a visit to the Salvation Army Heritage Centre at 69 Bourke St, Melbourne. Please meet outside at 10.15am. The visit will include morning coffee, a tour of the Centre and a talk about The Salvation Army Project 614. There are many places nearby for lunch together afterwards.

The museum is accessed by a lift to the 4th floor in an historic building. The Limelight Studios are of particular interest. This is where many Salvation Army silent movies were produced, including "Soldiers of the Cross" in 1900.

Sunday 17 March: Auburn Tower Open Day 4pm – 8pm. The tower will be open for people to climb to the viewing deck. Book online to avoid disappointment – the later sessions to see the sun set (7.35pm) are fully booked. Free for members of the Friends, nominal charge for others, minimum age: 6 years. Booking: trybooking.com/COICW

Sunday 14 April: Remembering Margaret Sutherland – a twilight concert presented by the Friends of the Tower. Featured artists include Syrah Torii, mezzo soprano; Lily Tamir-Regev, Clarinet; Chris Nankervis, piano; Geoffrey Urquhart, organ; and compere Jillian Graham.

Following the musical programme, there will be a reception in the Hall. Copies of the book, *Inner Song*, a new biography of Sutherland, will be available for purchase and signing by the author Dr Graham. Proceeds will go to the Friends' Church Roof appeal, and to the Lyceum Club Melbourne's Margaret Sutherland Bursary Fund.

The Concert is generously sponsored by the Vera Moore Foundation and the Robert Salzer Foundation. Booking: trybooking.com/CPEZY

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Auburn Uniting Church Hawthorn

We are worshipping on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations. We acknowledge them as traditional custodians of the land past, present and future.

Sunday 25th February 2024

Service Today

10am Morning Worship
Rev Dr James Donaldson

Next Sunday

10am Morning Worship
Rev Ross Carter

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.

Responses by the congregation are in **bold** type.

You are invited to stay for morning tea in the church after the service.

LENT 2

ORGAN PRELUDE:

INTROIT: In the presence of your people
I will praise your name

(Hymn 727)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since then, we have a great high priest,
who has passed through the heaven,
Jesus the Son of God,
Let us hold fast our confession.

**For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses;
But one who, in every respect has been tempted
as we are, yet without sin.**

Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace;
**That we may receive mercy and find grace
to help in time of need.**

I will give you thanks with all my heart.

I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.

Sunday Service

10 am weekly

Holy Communion:

monthly:

10 am: 3rd Sunday

Church Lunch:

12 noon in the Hall
monthly 3rd Sunday

Morning Coffee

10.15am monthly
1st Thursday, March
to November, in the
Eileen Pawsey
Room

Church Council:

7.45 pm monthly
2nd Thursday in the
Pawsey Room

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

I will bow down before your holy temple

**And give thanks to your name
for your constant love and truth.**

You have exalted your name and your promise
above everything else.

**On the day I called, you answered me;
and you increased strength within me.** *(Hebrews 4 and Psalm 138)*

HYMN 145: The King of love my shepherd is

PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GENESIS 17: 1-7 and 15-16

PSALM 22: 25-31 *(UiW p.259 read responsively)*

HYMN 247: Let all be one in mind and heart

ROMANS 4: 13-25

ANTHEM: Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, and follow thee more nearly.

*(St Richard of Chichester (1197 - 1253)
L.J. White (b. 1910) Lower parts by Alan Bullard)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise and Honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

(Galatians 6: 14)

MARK 8: 31-38

HYMN 347: We sing the praise of him who died

ADDRESS "Caesarea Philippi and the Transfiguration:
Two alternative views on the identity of Jesus"

OFFERING/ OFFERING PRAYER

This morning, as we bring our offerings before you, O God;
We celebrate your creation of the universe and of the world;
Your sending of Jesus Christ to proclaim and embody
the good news of your love;
Your glory, truth and grace in Jesus
made visible and available to us;
His going all the way to death on the cross in love for us;
Your pardon for mankind sealed upon Calvary's tree;
And your power to raise us from death to life
in eternal union with you.
And for these thy blessings, we praise your holy name.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 142: Glory be to God the Father

BLESSING/DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

(Please remain seated during the postlude)

Reader Today:	Deb Lancaster	Next Sunday:	Alan Chuck
Readings next week:	Ex 20:1-17		Psalm 19
	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25		John 2: 13-22

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Congregation Participation: This year we would like to invite people in the congregation to contribute more to the morning worship on Sunday. Anne has put two documents on the resource table so that people can volunteer their interest. The first sheet asks for volunteers to come to church a bit earlier and remain in the Narthex to welcome people who come to church. The second sheet asks for volunteers to help with the prayers during the service. The teams would have a roster and all would meet together to plan the task. Please sign on – you can always pull out later.