NOTICES

Congregation Participation: We would like to invite people in the congregation to contribute more to the morning worship on Sunday:

- (1) Come to church a bit earlier to welcome people who come to church.
- (2) 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

Next Sunday 17 March: Church Lunch in the Pawsey Room at midday Please bring some food to share, everybody welcome.

Next Sunday 17 March: Auburn Tower Open Day 4pm – 8pm. Book online to avoid disappointment – the later sessions are fully booked. Free for members of the Friends, nominal charge for others, minimum age: 6 years. Booking: trybooking.com/COICW Music in the Church.

EASTER SERVICES: Thursday 28 March 7pm: Tenebrae and Communion. Good Friday at 10am and Easter Sunday 31 March at 10am.

Sunday 14 April: Remembering Margaret Sutherland at 5pm – 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 Urguhart, organ; and compere Jillian Graham.

Afterwards there will be a reception in the Hall. *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

Weekend 27-28 April: "Sacred Music of Sorrow and Solace" performed by the Tudor Choristers. Saturday, 7:00 pm St. John's Church, 552 Burke Rd, Camberwell. Sunday 2:30 pm St. Stephen's Church, 360 Church St, Richmond. Tickets: at tudorchoristers.org.au or phone Joy Sharp: 0424 750 778

Reader Today: Wendy Hughes Chuck Next Sunday: John Suriano

Readings next week: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Ps 51: 1-12 or Ps 119: 9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12: 20-33

Church messages: 9818 2119 Organist Today: Margaret Pettitt
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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 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

Sunday 10th March 2024

Service Today

10am Morning Worship Rev Dr James Donaldson Next Sunday 10am Holy Communion 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 4

ORGAN PRELUDE:

INTROIT: Amazing Grace Verse 1 (Hymn: 129)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise you, wonderful God, that we are your children brought together by your love shown in Christ Jesus and bound together by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Holy God, you are just in all your ways and your commandments are the greatest of treasures. Give us understanding of your law and direct us according to your will that we may be faithful in serving you.

Creator God, you have made us for life not death.

We praise you for new life given in Christ and all your goodness and love shown to us in Jesus Christ.

May your grace be with us all gathered here before you.

O Christ, Saviour of all who trust in you; You have taken away our sins.

On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions And bruised for our iniquities.

O Christ, obedient unto death You are the source of all comfort.

You are our life and resurrection.
You are our peace and reconciliation.

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

You are our eternal hope. You are patient and full of mercy. You are generous to all you call upon you. We worship and adore you.

HYMN 111: Praise to the Lord (Lobe den Herren)

PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NUMBERS 21: 4-9

PSALM 107: 1-3 and 17-22 (read responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; They loathed any kind of food and drew near to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices; and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

HYMN 613: Lord of all hopefulness (Slane)

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

ANTHEM: Amazing Grace (Hymn 129 vs 2-4)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

God so loved the world that he gave his 'only Son, so that everyone that believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

HYMN 125: The God of Abraham praise. (Leoni)

ADDRESS: "Lost but now found" –

"Salvation through the boundless grace of God"

OFFERING /OFFERING PRAYER.

Gracious God as we make our offering to you this morning, awaken us your people that we may rise with Christ and go forth into the world with him.

Give us grace to be a blessing among the people that we meet; to speak the truth in love; and show justice and mercy in the daily lives that we live.

In the name of the Living Christ, we pray. Amen

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 580: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (Mannheim)

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)