



21 AUGUST 2022

Welcome to worship

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week August 21, 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Next week August 28, 2022

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Fathers' Days Breakfast

Our Child Care Centre is hosting a breakfast for Fathers' Day on Wednesday 31st August, from 7.00am and we are providing the food and cooking it for them.

We invite the men of our congregation to come along and get to know the fathers and grandfathers from the child care centre.

"It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, but that God has a church for his mission in the world.

Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission - God's mission". CJ Wright





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Message from Gail

Over the last two weeks I have had the great pleasure of meeting with the Holroyd Combined Ministers Fellowship both online via a weekly prayer meeting and in person at the fellowship bi-monthly meeting. At our initial meeting I thanked my fellow ministers for warmly welcoming me into the group. I admitted to them that I was not sure of my reception because ordained females are not everyone's cup of tea.

As I have pondered our denominational differences I have also been thankful for the progress and evolution of thought and understanding that today brings together a Catholic priest and Deacon, several Baptist ministers, a Pentecostal Pastor, two ordained UCA women and two female lay church leaders. Can you imagine that happening a century ago?

Despite some theological differences of opinion (let's not go there!) all the members of the Ministers Fellowship have a real passion for bringing the light and hope of Christ into the community. I was excited to hear the group say things which are very Uniting Church, for instance they mentioned "looking for the places where God is already at work in the community" and "meeting people wherever they are on life's path".

When I have heard the odd remark that does not resonate with me or goes against the grain of my firmly entrenched UCA background I have done my best to learn from the other person, respecting the person and their perspective.

Clinging to our entrenched ideas and not allowing ourselves to grow and expand mentally and spiritually has always been a problem in the church. Take the incident in Luke 13:10-17 for example, where the leaders of the synagogue try to take Jesus down a few pegs by criticising his act of love and healing towards the bent over woman; "how dare you heal on the Sabbath" they say, "it's against the law".

Jesus rightly calls them hypocrites because their motivation in holding the law, over and above love and compassion, is all down to self-interest. The leaders are put to shame by Jesus' answer, and they score no points against him. Did they learn anything from this encounter with Jesus I wonder?

What can we learn about putting aside our own opinions and perspectives so that the truth of Jesus and the all-encompassing love of God flows between us and everyone we meet?