

**LECTIONARY READINGS for  
EASTER 7 and Pentecost**

First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
Acts 1:6-14	68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
Acts 2:1-21	104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23

UNITING NETWORK INVITES YOU TO:



**DARING ONLINE:  
PHYSICALLY BUT NOT  
SOCIALLY DISTANT**

Daring prides itself on hosting gatherings focused on spending time with and learning from others, in an affirming space welcoming all LGBTIQ+ Christians, their friends, families and allies.

This year, the way we gather together in all aspects of our lives has changed drastically, but this doesn't mean we can't connect in a different way whilst upholding what Daring has always meant: fellowship, affirmation, and more.... but all online!

Daring will proceed on the June long weekend 2020 but as online.

Saturday 6th June (ACST)

1.30pm Arrival into the online Zoom session and general chat

1.45pm Prayer and reading

2.00pm Panel & Q&A

3.30pm AGM

4.30pm Official close

For further information, questions and to register go to [www.unitingnetworkaustralia.org.au/daring-2020](http://www.unitingnetworkaustralia.org.au/daring-2020) or email : [daring@unitingnetworkaustralia.org.au](mailto:daring@unitingnetworkaustralia.org.au)

Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter can be sent to Val—no later than Thursday, if possible. [val.canty@gmail.com](mailto:val.canty@gmail.com)

# CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

*An inclusive, caring, creative and vibrant Uniting Church community*

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*Today is  
EASTER 7*

## NEWSLETTER

**24 MAY 2020**



**HEY, JUDAS, TURN ON  
YOUR MICROPHONE!**

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**A WARM WELCOME** to all who are worshipping with us on-line!  
**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet at the church on Tuesday, 9 June at 5 pm  
**ELDERS** will meet on-line on Tuesday 30 June.

**MORE NEWS** can be read on the Synod E-News page at [ucenews@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:ucenews@sa.uca.org.au) ; and also news from the Assembly about Reconciliation Week at <https://uca.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?>



At Crystal Creek, just north of Townsville, Queensland in 1982 a national gathering of First Peoples and Maori leaders from Aotearoa NZ came together. A vision was birthed for a 'black congress' within the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA). The following year in 1983 another national gathering took place at Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island, in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory to plan the work required for the vision to live. By 1985 the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) was recognised by the UCA's National Assembly at its triennial meeting.

So began the UCA's Walking Together as First and Second Peoples, a journey of struggle, learning and commitment. Almost ten years after the recognition of the UAICC the UCA entered into a formal Covenant with the UAICC, creating a binding commitment to one another and acknowledging the wrongs of the colonial past and the Church's part in these.

In 1996 the governing body of the Church acknowledged and apologised for its part in the policies which led to the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and the trauma that we now understand tragically became a generational legacy.

The deepening of the commitment to the journey came in 2009 when the National Assembly adopted a new Preamble to the UCA's Constitution. This Preamble formally recognised the tragic history

of colonisation and the Church's part in this. In the Preamble the UCA also acknowledged that God was already present with the people before the arrival of the colonisers and committing to a 'destiny together'.

#### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DR DEIDRE PALMER

Foundational to the Uniting Church is our commitment to being a "fellowship of reconciliation" that reflects the reconciling and renewing work of Christ in the world. (Paragraph 3 Basis of Union) During this National Reconciliation Week, with the theme of "In this together", there are opportunities for us as the Uniting Church to affirm our covenant relationship as First and Second Peoples and to strengthen our actions for justice, healing and reconciliation. "At the heart of the journey of reconciliation are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Each of us is called to contribute to the shaping of an Australian nation, which tells the truth of our history of colonisation, of First Peoples' dispossession, the devastating effects of colonisation on the First Peoples of this land, and the injustices that have been and continued to be perpetrated.

We need to address racism in our everyday lives and call it out. This week is also an opportunity to celebrate First Peoples, their culture, law and custom, their connection to the land, and their resilience and survival as the oldest continuing culture in the world.

This week is a celebration of the gifts, culture, stories and way of life that First Peoples bring in shaping 21st century Australia. Rev Dr Djinyini Gondarra OAM, a former Moderator of the UCA Northern Synod, a senior elder and Indigenous rights advocate writes:

"We the Aboriginal people are a gift to the land and to the people who come here. You who have come here these last 200 years are also a gift to us. Justice, honesty and genuine reconciliation is the result when we have respect and honour for one another."

As we actively engaged in the process of reconciliation, God calls us toward and gifts us with a new human community of mutuality, dignity, care and compassion, and a respectful and deepened relationship with this ancient land.

Grace and peace,  
Dr Deidre Palmer