

Beyond 2020 Vision

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Welcome to our June edition!

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On our front page you can read about one of the most important documents to come out of our church this century – the Uniting Church's Submission to the Racism Inquiry. The UC's recommendations appear in this issue and the full submission is available at <https://uniting.church/standing-for-justice/>

You can also read and browse news items and photos of life at MUC, including our Biggest Morning and Afternoon Tea, how to purchase tickets for Visnja's Harp concert, and a plea from Uniting World.

The **deadline for the July edition of Vision will be 3rd July**. Either drop your items in to the church office or call/email Colin on 0427 122 106 or snout-n-about@bigpond.com

Standing for Justice

Adapted from an article by Michael Zewdie in National Update from UCA Assembly

The Uniting Church's Submission to the Racism Inquiry - May 13, 2026 <https://uniting.church/standing-for-justice/>

The Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church made a joint submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, which is conducting an inquiry into racism, hatred and violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

This submission is not simply a policy document. It is a covenant act – a public expression of who we are called to be as a Church, and a declaration that reconciliation must be lived through action, not merely proclaimed in words.



The Uniting Church has long understood that our faith compels us to speak when systems cause harm. *"Hearing truth and being in relationship is not enough — we need to act in unity".* towards a better future. - UAICC Co-Chairs, Reverend Ken Sumner and Reverend Will Pickett.

Our President, Reverend Charissa Suli, has said clearly: *"The Covenant reminds us that reconciliation is not symbolic — it must be lived through action."* This submission is that action made concrete.

The Uniting Church remains one of the few national institutions in Australia to have formally apologised for its complicity in the Stolen Generations, and to have enshrined its Covenant relationship with First Nations peoples within its Constitution.

The submission draws on a substantial body of evidence to make the case that racism against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is not episodic – it is structural and systemic, woven into policy settings, service delivery systems, housing, health care, policing and media narratives.

Data from the 2024 Australian Reconciliation Barometer is stark: 54% of First Nations respondents reported experiencing racism in 2024, compared with 39% in 2014. Among young people aged 18–34, that figure exceeds 60%. These numbers do not reflect personal failings. They reflect systems designed – whether by intent or by neglect – to exclude.

"Justice delayed remains justice denied." Rev. Charles Harris.

News from the May Church Council Meeting

From Margaret Cargill Deputy Council Chairperson

The full agenda of the May meeting is in the Church Council folder in the library, and the minutes will also be there once they are confirmed. As always, if you have any questions, please talk to one of the members of Church Council: Bruce Ind (Chairperson), Margaret Cargill (Deputy Chair), Helena Begg (Secretary), Anne Ind and Leonie Brown (Co-treasurers), Rhonda Amber, Chris Ayles, Michele Bennier, Anne Butler, Austin Phoenix, John Secombe, Jan Sillett. In the meantime, here are some highlights:

- 1. Biggest Morning/Afternoon Tea:** Funds sent to the Cancer Council from this event totaled around \$700 and plans are active to hold a similar event in 2027.
- 2. 'What are we on about?' – a new feature on our website homepage:** For anyone wanting to know about our theological orientation – see page 4 in this Vision for the full text!
- 3. Wednesday Community Day:** We are seeking your thoughts and ideas about ways to further develop this link with the wider community – please talk to Anne B, in person or by phone or email.
- 4. Election/Appointment of Council office bearers (see above) and other congregation leaders:** This marks the commencement of the limited tenure for leadership positions, as approved at our recent congregation meeting. A full list of leaders, convenors and members of all Council's teams and task-groups will be displayed on the noticeboard in coming weeks. Revisions of their goals and responsibilities will be finalised at the June Council meeting.



An afternoon of music with Višnja on Sunday 21st June at 2pm

Join us at Morialta Uniting Church on Sunday 21st June for a concert of beautiful music with award-winning singer/songwriter Višnja accompanying herself on Celtic harp and piano.

Just like her name (pronounced Vish-nya) hints, you're in for an internationally flavoured performance that blends favourite songs like Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen, classical arias, multicultural folk songs and original compositions drawing on Višnja's Croatian heritage, classical training and love of popular music.

Višnja has performed around Australia in a career spanning over 20 years - including the Nine Network's Carols by Candlelight at the Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne, and the National Folk Festival in Canberra. She has composed music for film and theatre and published a song book for children. Don't miss an afternoon of heavenly musing by Višnja, followed by afternoon tea!

Tickets: Adults \$30 / Children over 12 \$15. Includes afternoon tea.

Book via <https://www.trybooking.com/DMEKR> or the Church Office (08 8331 9344)

Please post this concert on your Facebook page and share the information with family and friends.

Friendship Group

21 members of the Friendship Group met on the 21st of May, when Rev Anne Butler was our VIP guest speaker. The topic was "My Life So Far".

Anne spoke very enthusiastically about her early life, her entry into Theological College and how she managed a very young family with a very busy working life. It was very interesting to hear about the different churches Anne was called to serve. Anne is a very keen traveller and thoroughly enjoyed Hobbiton in New Zealand (see photo).



Several members stayed for lunch and we were able to chat with Anne about various aspects of her working life.

Our next meeting is on June 18th at 10am and will be a Games Day, followed by lunch of soup and rolls at \$5.00 per person.

May was History Month



Morialta UC marked History Month with an armchair tour of the cemetery associated with Magill Methodist Church, followed by afternoon tea. Sadly, the walking tour had to be cancelled due to rain but we still learnt much of its history, and who resides there, from Beverly Tredrea.



An augmented display was set up in the church foyer (see photos). The display included artefacts important to our history, and recognition of our Netball Club and Kids' Campout.

Those who did attend enjoyed reminiscing and a sumptuous afternoon tea. Thanks to all those who helped make it happen, especially Bev and Jan, and to those who braved the weather for a 'very pleasant afternoon'.

Concert – Leigh Newton and Maarten Ryder



What an enjoyable afternoon of music! Along with moments of nostalgia, we were treated to music and words of joy and happiness interspersed with social justice, theology and life. In fact, we even got to sing those thought-provoking words about clouds, love and life – from both sides.

All this was followed by one of Morialta's 'famous' afternoon teas and a chance to win one of Judith's quilts.

Sincere thanks to Leigh and Maarten and to all those who purchased tickets, plus those special people who help with audio and afternoon tea and moving furniture. As a result of everyone's efforts we have banked \$612 from ticket sales after sharing proceeds with Leigh, and another \$112 from raffle sales.





Arlene Joan Lomman 1943-2026

Arlene was born 15th February 1943 at Wendowree Hospital, Wayville to Graham and Nellie Brown. She grew up in and around Edwardstown with brother Alan, moving into a newly built family home in Kingston Avenue, Melrose Park in 1956.

Arlene attended Edwardstown Primary School from 1948 to 1954 and according to an old report card she was “a conscientious little girl who always does her best”; “a very bright, intelligent pupil”; “helped admirably in keeping the library in order”; but “a little inclined to idle chatter”.

She was an inaugural student at the newly built Marion High School in 1955, finishing in 1958 as a prefect. Arlene maintained many friendships from this original class group and was involved in many of the reunions over the years.

After leaving school Arlene moved into the workforce joining the Savings Bank of South Australia as a Cheque Processor and then Teller.

In 1964, Arlene married Robert Lomman at Colonel Light Gardens Methodist Church. Her own church - Edwardstown Methodist Church - had been destroyed in a fire in 1963. However, they were able to use the church hall for the reception.

After marriage Arlene had to resign from the bank and took a position at General Motors Acceptance Corporation, a finance company.

Arlene and Robert lived in Firlie and Helen was born in 1967, Elizabeth (Libby) in 1969 and Susanne (Sue) in 1971. The girls all attended St Morris Methodist Church where Arlene was involved in the Sunday School and many aspects of church life. She was involved in Girls club, netball, tennis and fundraising for various causes, including the school canteen at St Morris Primary School.

As a single parent she worked in home-based and party plan businesses, including Hobbytex, Tupperware, homewares and linen, Kaszazz crafting, and stamping and card making.

Arlene was all about family with gatherings on alternate Sunday nights with the Lomman family cousins and the Brown family cousins. She was always available to be the girls’ taxi to sport, musicals, youth group and friend’s houses.

The family started attending Magill Uniting Church where Arlene continued to give her time in a multitude of ways, especially working in the background counting money, arranging flowers, supporting the Fellowship Group, singing in the choir or putting her hand up when volunteers were scarce. Arlene didn’t believe in living life on the sidelines.

Arlene also volunteered at Uniting Communities for twelve years and was recognised at a Volunteers’ Reception at Government House in 2012 and was presented her 10-year service pin in 2018.

Over the years Arlene was also involved in craft groups, Tuesday Coffee Club, the “Birthday Group”, as well as activities and events at Leabrook Lodge – where she lived for the last seven years. She (and her girls) really valued these friendships for the laughter and love they brought to Arlene.

Arlene was also extremely proud of her family and was always ready to share photo albums and provide updates to anyone who would stop long enough and listen.

While Arlene was loved dearly by her family, she was also loved and respected by those who were fortunate enough to journey with her, either for a short interval or decades.

Arlene will continue to be loved and missed by many.

A plea from Uniting World

Dr Sureka Goringe, National Director

Our Lent campaign this year focused on the incredible success of one of our food security and health projects in Timor-Leste. We are almost 80% of the way toward meeting our fundraising goal to help families get access to food and healthcare in Timor-Leste and beyond.

Every dollar invested changes the lives of our brothers and sisters facing challenges we know can be overcome – we simply need the generosity of people like you to make it happen.

Our work in Timor-Leste is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). Thanks to ANCP, we’re making a huge difference together.

I’m excited by all that we’ve achieved together so far, but we need more support. If you have not yet contributed



to the Lent Event, or could add more support, please consider making a donation to make sure this life-changing work continues. It not only changes lives, it saves lives!

Note from the Editor: I have worked in 9 countries and believe me Timor Leste was one of the most challenging in terms of resources, climate and governance.

New to our website –



The Morialta Uniting community is varied in belief and practice, and its people are willing to journey together as a 'spacious' congregation.

Being Uniting Church means something to us. Nearly 50 years ago, three different denominations came together in Australia– the Methodists, the Congregationalists and the Presbyterians, each with their own flavour and structure. Following Jesus' prayer that we 'be one', they chose Uniting rather than United in the name, with the understanding that the uniting of Christian churches is not yet complete. The Uniting Church stands in the Reformed Protestant tradition, influenced by Scripture, Tradition, Experience and Reason. In practice, this means we are not scriptural literalists, for the words of Scripture must be understood by reference to the other pillars. How have they been understood in the past? In my experience? And what can I imagine them to mean today and into the future? Taking seriously the role of Reason has caused many, probably over half of our members, to identify themselves as Progressive Christians, and we are often asked what that means.

Throughout the world, those who follow the teachings of Jesus and who take the Bible seriously but not literally have struggled to apply the Gospel to the modern world. Generally, they emphasise a willingness to question, acceptance of human diversity, a strong emphasis on social justice and care for the poor and the oppressed, and care of the earth. Progressive Christians are open to learning from other faiths, while maintaining the distinctiveness of the teachings of Jesus. This involves a departure from seeing ourselves tribally, where God loves 'us' so much more than 'them', to a universal and global faith, where we seek God's will for the whole earth and all its people. It continues to astound us that the teachings of Jesus are still relevant two thousand years later, whatever the shape of the faith in the future might be.

Ember Days

From Rev. David Fleming, a retired Church of England Minister, who lives in Littleport, Cambridgeshire, in the UK.

The word ember comes from an Anglo-Saxon word ymbren, which means cyclical (repetitive). We have Ember Days four times a year at the beginning of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter and they are to remind us of God's gifts for us - gifts we should use in moderation and to assist the needy. They used to be days of fasting, abstinence and prayer, and in more recent times have been the season associated with the setting aside of ministers for the church. Although they seem very odd, they are in fact very old. There is even a rhyme we can use to fix their place within our calendar.

Fasting days and embering be, Lent, Whitsun, Holyrood, and Lucy or more crudely – Lenty, Penty, Crucy and Lucy.



What is spacious theology?

A 'spacious' theology refers to a theological framework that embraces a broader, more inclusive understanding of God's nature, the Christian faith, and the human experience. It moves away from restrictive, narrow doctrines and encourages a more expansive, welcoming perspective. This often involves recognising diverse identities and experiences within the Christian faith, and finding evidence of God's presence in unexpected places.

Key aspects of a spacious theology:

Embracing diversity:

A spacious theology acknowledges and celebrates the rich tapestry of human experience and diverse interpretations of faith.

Rejecting rigid dogma:

It moves away from strict, dogmatic formulations and encourages a more flexible, nuanced understanding of theological concepts.

Promoting inclusivity:

It emphasises the importance of belonging and welcomes individuals from all backgrounds and perspectives.

Reconnecting with the spiritual:

It encourages individuals to experience God's presence in their lives through personal reflection, prayer, and connection with the spiritual world.

Expanding horizons:

It challenges traditional boundaries and limitations within the Christian faith, leading to a more expansive and hopeful outlook.

Lenty is the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday in Lent – Autumn.

Penty is the Wednesday Friday and Saturday after Pentecost – Winter.

Crucy or Holyrood is the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after September 14th the Feast of the holy cross – Spring.

Lucy is the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after St Lucy's Day the 13th December – Summer.

So, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter are all heralded with Ember Days and call us to prayer and remind us of our responsibility for this world in which we live. Incidentally they have become the moment when people are ordained to the ministry of the Church of England – when we thank God for all we receive, and pray for those who are called to ministry in his church.



Biggest Morning and Afternoon Tea

Thank you to Anne B and June for their work in organising this at fairly short notice, and to all who baked, donated prizes for the silent auction, set up, served, and cleared up on the day!

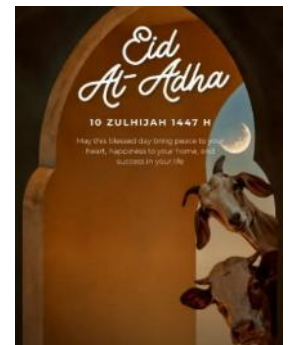
There was a warm, welcoming feel to the day, which was enjoyed by all who attended, and we raised around \$700 for the Cancer Council.

If you missed out this year, look out for another chance to indulge in this elegant occasion for a good cause next year.

Eid al-Adha Mubarak

Our Moslem friends observed Eid al-Adha on May 27, with celebrations lasting for four days. The Islamic “Festival of Sacrifice” is the holiest of the two major Muslim holidays. Highlights of the observance include the conclusion of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia and Qurbani where those who are financially able perform the ritual sacrifice of an animal (sheep, goat, or cow) to honour Prophet Ibrahim’s willingness to sacrifice his son. The meat is typically distributed among family, friends, and the less fortunate.

A friend of mine who lives in Makassar City, East Jakarta, was involved in delivering satay kambing (goat satay) to every home in his neighbourhood. – Editor



Congratulations to Paul Secombe PhD

Paul was awarded a PhD for his studies in Indigenous health. The title of his thesis is ‘Critically ill Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients: Demographics, characteristics and outcomes.’

His thesis examines critical illness amongst Indigenous Australians. It describes the epidemiology and outcomes of their admission to the intensive care unit (ICU), as well as exploring differences in how end-of-life is viewed and discussed by patients, their families and clinicians. It highlights areas of inequity, and areas in which healthcare delivery can be improved, ideally through Indigenous led interventions.

Paul was a member of the Magill Uniting Church Youth Group and is the son of John and the late Christine Secombe. Congratulations to Paul and of course, to proud dad John.



Uniting Church's Recommendations to the Racism Inquiry – A Roadmap for Change



The Australian Human Rights Commission's National Anti-Racism Framework is a credible, evidence-based plan. What is lacking is not knowledge, but political courage and sustained investment.

Recommendation One and Two call on the Australian Government to urgently fund, endorse and begin implementing this Framework — beginning with the establishment of a National Anti-Racism Taskforce with dedicated focus on First Nations communities.

The submission also calls for an urgent, First Nations-led national summit on youth justice. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are approximately 27 times more likely than non-Indigenous young people to be in detention. This is not a coincidence — it is the result of structural racism embedded across policing, courts and custodial systems. We support the call for prevention-focused, community-led and healing-centred approaches.

The submission highlights that approximately 40–45% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children live in income poverty — more than double the rate for non-Indigenous children. Recommendations Four and Five call for full implementation of the SNAICC Family Matters Report 2025 and legislative commitment to ending child poverty, with particular focus on the most vulnerable communities.

The submission highlights that over 80% of Australians living with Rheumatic Heart Disease are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander — a disease of poverty and poor infrastructure, entirely preventable. Recommendations Six and Seven call for culturally appropriate housing, environmental health infrastructure and the construction and maintenance of laundry and shower facilities in communities where RHD is prevalent, supported by National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.

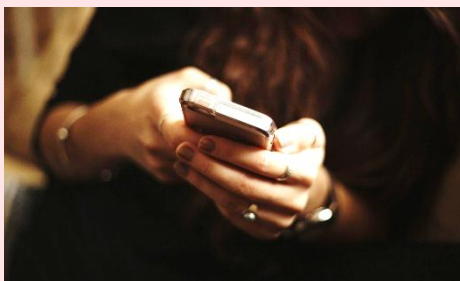
Online hate is not a minor concern. Research shows that 88% of Indigenous Australians have seen racism directed at other Indigenous people online, with more than one in five having received direct threats. Recommendation Eight calls for strengthened collaboration between the eSafety Commissioner and First Nations peoples to develop culturally informed regulatory responses.

Recommendation Nine calls on government to embed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) into policy and legislation across all portfolios. The 17th Assembly of the Uniting Church endorsed UNDRIP and agreed to implement its principles throughout the Church's own policies, procedures and practices. We now call on government to do the same.

Finally, Recommendation Ten speaks to what the Uniting Church holds dear: the recognition that addressing racism is not only a political task but a spiritual one. We call on government to establish forums for ecumenical dialogue with First Peoples church representatives — to understand the role of spiritual healing and strengthening as part of a holistic response to the trauma caused by racism, hatred and violence.

A blessing for smartphones

Adapted from “Water in the Desert: Progressive Christianity for the Spiritually Thirsty” by Jim Burklo



One of my student friends inspired me to create the Blessing of the Smartphones, a ceremony which has spread to campuses around the country.

We ask students to raise their smartphones aloft, and then offered this prayer. It can be done with groups, and also with individuals:

“Let us take a moment of silence to be prayerfully mindful of the role this device plays in our lives. We are grateful for this powerful source of needed information, this platform for our education, this provider of entertainment, and so much more.

We are grateful for this marvel of human ingenuity, for connecting us as one human family around the globe as never before. And we take time now to be mindful of its power over our lives. We contemplate which uses are of benefit, and which are obsessions that do not serve us or others well. In what ways have we become slaves to its beeps and flashes? Do we have the discipline to turn it off for extended periods so we can have more face-to-face interaction? Do its social media posts seduce us into unhealthy comparisons of our lives with those of others, and into the commodification of our identities? Or do we use it to maintain deep relationships, ask sincere questions, and stay close to people we know and trust?

On it, do we seek out reputable news sources, or do we just believe whatever it feeds us? Do we let it amplify our prejudices, or do we use it as a tool for critical thinking? Do we passively accept the preferences of the corporations behind this device and its applications, or do we claim control of our digital footprints as engaged citizens? Prayerfully, as we lift up our smartphones, let us lift up our intentions to make wise use of them, and ask daily for inner guidance about when to turn them on and when to turn them off.”

Awe

Adapted from an article in the *Conversation* by Nikki-Anne Wilson, UNSW Sydney.

Words escape you. Your skin tingles. You are overwhelmed and bursting with a feeling that is hard to define. This is awe.

Awe is a complex emotional state we experience when the enormity of what we see or feel transcends what we understand. It can be positive or negative.

Astronauts report this feeling when confronted with the vastness of space and Earth's puny place within it. Such an experience can change how people think about life here.

But you don't have to travel to the moon to experience awe. Beautiful art, a walk in nature or dancing in a crowd can give you this overwhelming, transcendent feeling. Neuroscience suggests experiences of awe can be good for your mental health – when they are positive. So, when is awe good for us? And what exactly is going on in the brain?

Positive awe is what probably comes to mind when most people think of awe. If you've ever been moved by something immense and beautiful – such as a majestic mountain or sunset – you've likely experienced this sense of calm and wonder.

However, psychologists sometimes describe awe as an experience at the boundary of pleasure and fear. Both pleasure and fear can result in similar bodily arousal – racing heartbeat, goosebumps and chills – but the way we interpret this as an emotion will depend on the context.

Negative awe may occur when we feel threatened, such as during an earthquake or terrorist attack. Imagine standing in front of a tsunami and seeing it come towards you. You may feel powerless and filled with dread, while also overcome with a sense of insignificance in the face of nature's majesty and power. This is the complexity of awe.

Our brains are constantly making predictions and integrating our experiences into what we already know.

If you're someone who seeks out experiences bigger than yourself – hiking for breathtaking views, enjoying meditation, art or losing yourself in the roar of a crowd – you probably already know that awe can make you feel fantastic.

What evokes awe may be different for different people. Some things are more likely to induce this complex feeling, such as experiences of art, music and natural environments.

People may also find awe in collective experiences, especially those involving shared music or movement, or religious rituals. These help us transcend ourselves and become part of something bigger. Contemplating inspiring and complex "big" intellectual ideas by learning something new may also have this effect.

You can actively cultivate awe by taking "awe walks". These involve walking with the intention of noticing beauty, vastness and wonder. Connecting with your own sense of spirituality – even if you are not religious – can also evoke awe.

In many cases, the vast and overwhelming experience of awe can start with simple acts of noticing.

Australian society values

Currently we are hearing a lot about "Australian values" – but do you know what they are?

- respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual;
- freedom of religion (including the freedom not to follow a particular religion), freedom of speech, and freedom of association;
- commitment to the rule of law, which means that all people are subject to the law and should obey it;
- parliamentary democracy whereby our laws are determined by parliaments elected by the people, those laws being paramount and overriding any other inconsistent religious or secular "laws";
- equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of their *gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, race, or national or ethnic origin*;
- a 'fair go' for all that embraces:
 - *mutual respect*;
 - *tolerance*;
 - *compassion for those in need*;
 - *equality of opportunity for all*;
 - *the English language as the national language, and as an important unifying element of Australian society.*



Wisdom

"Wisdom is paying attention while refraining from the assumption that you understand everything about what you are observing. Indeed, to pay full attention we must release our grasp on what we know to make room in our hearts and minds for further knowledge." – *Jim Burklo US author*



Mother's Day

A big thankyou to Rhonda and Jan for all their work preparing flowers for Mother's Day!



Gateways

Gateways enjoyed dinner together at the Tower Hotel on the 5th Friday in May, and Jamie was crowned "King of Desserts"!

Pigs are our heroes

Adapted from an article by Brendon Cant published in *The Australian Pork Newspaper*



It is time for a heart to heart about the contribution of Australian pigs to medical science.

Between 2011 and 2020 a family-farm in WA supplied heart valves to Medtronic, which as most of us with a pacemaker know, is a medical institute based in the US. During this period approximately 1000 valves were shipped by air-freight daily.

The aortic valve, with 3 leaflets, is a vital heart valve located between the left ventricle and the aorta ensuring one-way blood flow to the body. Stenosis (narrowing) of the valve enables regurgitation of blood placing severe strain on the heart, often requiring surgical replacement with biological or mechanical valves.

Pig tissue is one of two replacement valve types used and has an advantage over mechanical valve types – made from carbon fibre. It usually does not require long-term blood thinners.

But heart valves are only the latest venture of pigs into human medicine. Extracts of pig pancreas were essential for treating conditions such as chronic pancreatitis and cystic fibrosis. They can also be used to produce pancreatic enzyme supplements that are highly effective for aiding digestion.

This really underlines what a remarkable animal the pig is and what a huge and multifaceted influence it has had on human lives for centuries.

Stamps needed urgently!

The UCA Stamp Group (known as Sally Stamp) urgently requires stamps for our volunteers to sort and trim.

We are thankful for all the stamps that have been delivered to us. We have just donated \$1,710 to South Pacific School Aid Inc for freight to New England and are awaiting \$1,000 to be donated to Frontier Services.



If you have stamps to donate you can bring them to church, and place them in the container in the pigeonholes and they will be conveyed to the group.

A distinguished visitor at Morialta UC in July

Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine, a prominent Biblical scholar and writer on the Gospels, will be joining us at Morialta on July 5th at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome to hear her speak. Her research treats Second Temple Judaism, Jewish-Christian relations, the historical Jesus, and the parables, with sustained attention to eliminating antisemitic, sexist, and homophobic readings of biblical texts. We will enjoy a formal time together, and then the chance to engage further over afternoon tea.

