



20th - 27th January 2019

Day of Mourning

At the 15th Triennial Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia, it was resolved to institute a Day of Mourning to be commemorated on the Sunday before Australia Day each year. This is a way that Uniting Churches remember, together with our First Peoples, the cost of settlement and its ongoing impact. In the spirit of our Covenant relationship with the UAICC, we have declared January 20th as a Day of Mourning. This service will be an annual fixture on our church calendar that reminds us of the dispossession and violence against First Peoples.

This Day of Mourning allows us to stand together in remembering the truth of our history and honouring the culture of Australia's First Peoples, their families and the next generations. We encourage you to join us, along with other Uniting Church members in lamenting the past and present impacts of colonisation and dispossession of Australia's First Peoples.

Acknowledgement of First People's

Today, as we gather to worship we acknowledge the Kurna people, the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering.

We acknowledge that through this land, God nurtured and sustained the First Peoples of this country, the Aboriginal and Islander peoples.

We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.

We acknowledge the Kurna people, the sovereign First Peoples of this place.

We honour their elders, past and present, together with all descendants of this Nation, for their care for these lands and waters since creation.

We acknowledge that the First Peoples had already encountered the Creator God before the arrival of the colonisers.

We acknowledge that the same love and grace that was finally and fully revealed in Jesus Christ sustained the First Peoples and gave them particular insights into God's ways; and so we rejoice in the reconciling purposes of God found in the good news about Jesus Christ.

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

CREATE - After School Activity Club

In Recess for the School Holidays

2019 Passionate Pursuit

2019: A year of passionate pursuit. A year of discovery that sees us experiencing God transforming us and others around us.

Does hearing the saying, "Good things come to those who wait", only seek to make you more frustrated, feeling like you can do nothing about how things are? Then listen up, or should I say "look closely" as we at Playford embark on a year together that sees us discovering not only that that good things are to be pursued (Psalm 38:20), but incredibly, that **it has already begun with God**, who is indeed, pursuing us!

"Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is." Colossians 3:2 (Message)

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 20th January: VIBE Youth

Mary's Prayer
Luke 1:46-55

Sunday 27th January: Rev. Peter Riggs

A Year of Passionate Pursuit
Matthew 6:33

Sunday 3rd February: Henry Rouse

Passionately Pursue Growth

Last Sundays' Message

By Craig McGlone

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