



Uniting Church in Australia  
**South Perth Uniting Church**

Sandgate and Angelo Street  
Sunday Worship 9:30am  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Scripture readings: Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 16:13-19; and Mark 15:33-39**

## **“Hope in unlikely places”**

This Sunday, Steve McKinnon, Prison Fellowship WA State Manager, will be our speaker.

Prison Fellowship was founded by Charles Colson, former chief counsel to President Nixon. In 1974, as a result of the Watergate inquiry, Colson pled guilty to obstruction of justice, and entered Maxwell Federal Prison Camp in Alabama, where he served seven months in prison.

During that time, Colson saw and experienced the difference faith in Jesus makes in people’s lives. He became convinced that the real solution to crime is found through spiritual renewal.

When Colson walked into freedom, he had a new mission in life: To reach out to men and women behind bars, and give them the opportunity to turn their lives around through Christ.

Colson founded Prison Fellowship in the U.S. in 1976, and expanded internationally three years later. Today, Prison Fellowship International works in 120 countries around the world, and is the largest association of national Christian ministries working within the criminal justice field.

Across Australia there are over 1000 volunteer men and women visiting prisoners, running programs in prisons, organising camps and providing Christmas presents for prisoners’ children, supporting ex- prisoners when they are released, playing sports, running in-prison Bible studies, and providing many other services.

Are you interested in supporting or volunteering in this crucial ministry? For more information go to [www.prisonfellowship.org.au](http://www.prisonfellowship.org.au) or contact Steve.

With grace and peace, Mark



**Prison Fellowship Australia**  
**RESTORING LIVES INSIDE OUT**

Position	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Speaker	Steve McKinnon (Prison Fellowship)	Mark Illingworth
Duty Elder	Carolyn Dickie	Carolyn Dickie
Bible Reading	Ann Drake	Savannah Amos
Flowers	Marie Cubit	Nancy Long
Pre-Sunday Tea Set up	Meredith Jackson	Fiona Paice
Sunday Tea Serving	Bev & Criz	Carol & Mandy
Sunday Club	Carol, Tracy & Kylie	Tina, Criz
<b>Weekly Diary</b>		<b>Contact</b>
Worship Service	Sun 9:30am (Church)	Mark
Bible Study	Tues 7pm (Church)	Mark
Prayer Meeting	Wed 7:30am (Church)	Judy Siddins
Music Practice	Usually 4:30pm Saturday	Ron Craig
<b>Monthly Diary</b>		<b>Contact</b>
Church Council 7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of the Month	Carolyn Dickie
brite* (yrs 4 & below) 5-6pm (yrs 5 & above) 6.15-7.45pm	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the Month	Mark
Fellowship Morning Tea 10am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month	Marie Cubitt
Friday Worship 7:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month	Deb
Craft Workshops 1-4pm	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March (Hall)	Linda, Petro, Criz

If South Perth Uniting Church is your church family, you are invited to give regularly via Direct Debit:

BSB 036 050

Account Number  
862121

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Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

Corrie ten Boom



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Rev Mark Illingworth  
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**Church Council:**

Carolyn Dickie  
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**English Conversation Class:**

Swee-Guan Lee  
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**Venue Hire:**

Vida Corbett  
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**Church Email:**

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**NEW Website:**

<https://southperth.ucwa.au/>

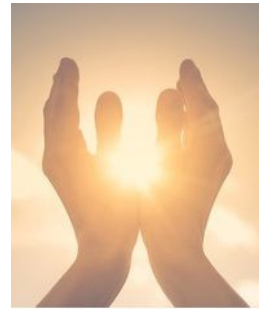
**Zoom Meeting**

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**Mission statement** - We are a people of God whose mission is to love and serve our congregation, our community and the World.

**Vision statement** - We will show God's love, follow the teachings of Jesus and extend our faith journey. We will actively care for our community and world, and work to bring others into a relationship with God

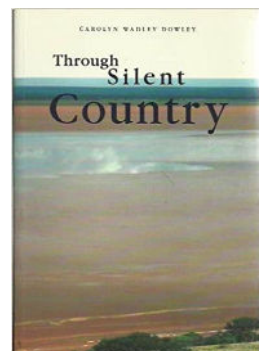
- ❖ Our **Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting** is held at church every Wednesday from 7.30-8.30am. It's an informal peaceful time of devotion and prayer for our community, friends, family, the world and whatever is on your heart. We welcome everyone and prayer requests can be sent to Mark or Judy at [spertthuc@gmail.com](mailto:spertthuc@gmail.com)
- ❖ We especially remember those who are unwell, facing challenging times, those in need, those in isolation, those experiencing loss ... The Presence of the Lord goes with you, His strength continues to spur you on and His Grace overflows your life.
- ❖ Gracious God, we pray for all those suffering from the ravages of natural disasters: Grant them encouragement and strength as they struggle with their many losses.  
We lift up to you those who are suffering from injustice. Show them that you are there, and you care for them and we pray for a world full of love and compassion.
- ❖ **English Conversation Classes** After nearly 3 years of our English Conversation Classes being held online, we are delighted to be back to face to face classes each Monday from 10am to noon in our Hall during school terms. If you'd like to know more about these classes, either to assist as a tutor or if you know someone who would like to join as a student, have a word with Swee Lee or Lindsay.



❖ **BOOK LAUNCH: Through Silent Country**

**Thursday 30 March 7pm TBC, SPUC Church Hall, Sandgate Street**

Carolyn Dowley is a Western Australian writer with a background in literature and architecture. Last Sunday we were privileged to hear how she was inspired to write her book *Through Silent Country*. She tells the story of 18 Wongutha people who, in the 1920s, were exiled by a whim of government from their country practically on the edge of the Great Victoria Desert and sent a thousand kilometres away near Perth. They were powerless - locked up, trucked off and given inmate numbers in a government compound. In what was probably the largest escape bid in the history of that place of exile they escape, and walked home to their Country



❖ We pray and give thanks for **Bella Sproul** as she celebrates her 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Bella continues to be pragmatic in meeting the day-to-day challenges of cancer treatment and we give thanks for her stamina and the provision of medical care. The family is also very thankful for the wide network of support that includes South Perth Uniting. We pray for God's continued blessing for Bella in this new year.



❖ **Seeking Volunteers:** Everyone enjoys getting together for a cuppa and something delicious after worship each Sunday. We would welcome anyone who is willing to assist with helping to serve the morning tea once a month or so. Have a chat with Bev, Carol or Fiona if you'd like to know more.

❖ Judy has been supporting **Tearfund** for many years and once again has a great batch of TEAR gift cards - **an Easter gift that keeps on giving**. Chickens and eggs perhaps? Or tools and seeds for a whole veggie patch? There is sure to be something to suit. See Judy at church between now and Easter.



Tearfund works across the globe in partnership with locally-based Christian agencies who understand the needs of their communities. They support grassroots initiatives where community members, especially those most impacted by poverty and marginalisation, participate at every level of implementation.

❖ **New Church Website:** [www.southperth.ucwa.au](http://www.southperth.ucwa.au) This is now up and running and up-to-date with events, photos and information about the congregation. Check it out! Any comments / additions / corrections to Mark 😊 You can also connect with the congregation at [www.facebook.com/sperthuc](https://www.facebook.com/sperthuc).

❖ **SwanCARE Aged Care Communion Service** 10:30am 15<sup>th</sup> March in the Kingia Chapel

❖ **Presbytery Meeting** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please pray for this important meeting of the Uniting Church in WA. John Berger will be attending as the congregation representative along with Mark and our Moderator Susy.

❖ **YouthCARE Annual General Meeting** on 22<sup>nd</sup> March will be electing some new Board Members to represent the churches and provide leadership for this significant ecumenical ministry in WA. Please continue to pray for our School Chaplains.

❖ **Brite is on this Friday 17th March** Every Second and Fourth Friday of the month

**Session 1: 5:00 pm to 6:00pm**  
For those up to school year 4

**Session 2: 6:15pm to 7:45pm**  
For those school years 5 to 10