



Melbourne, Australia, 16 May -The Uniting Church in Australia has taken the unusual step of writing to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, criticising his recent decision to veto legislation that would have outlawed torture techniques such as "water-boarding".

Next Sunday's Readings

1 June 2008

Reconciliation Week and Communion

Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19

Psalms 46

Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28, (29-31)

Matthew 7:21-29

Next Week's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr John Evans
Preacher & Liturgist
- David Johnson
Duty Person
- Jean Evans
Music
- Lyn Fry
Duty Person
- Ian Fry
Greeter
- Paul Madden & Ian Fry
Stewards
- Rhia
Children's Worship
- Shirley Johnson
Flowers

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Sunday
25 May 2008

Today's Readings

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalms 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

Today's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr John Evans
Preacher
- Rev Wes Campbell
Liturgist
- David Johnson
Duty Person
- Don Smith
Music
- Rose Brown
Greeter
- Arthur Hill & David Johnson
Stewards

Join us for communion each Wednesday at 7.45am in the Fullerton Chapel or for the Community Lunch each Monday at 11.30am.

Welcome Dr Nico Koopman



We welcome today Dr Nico Koopman, the Chair of the Global Network for Public Theology, as our preacher. He is a South African although currently at the Centre for Theological Inquiry at Princeton in the US.

This afternoon he will guide our thinking on 'Public Theology in the Local Congregation' drawing on his experience in the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa.



You are worshipping among friends at the Church of All Nations. As a Parish Mission of the Uniting Church in Australia we acknowledge our church to be part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout the world. We aim to be an open, questioning community of faith and we seek to live our faith at work, at home and in the community. If you are new to the area, or a visitor to this church, please participate as fully as you wish in our worship service.
Make yourself known to us.

Please feel free to contribute to our newsletter by emailing jeff@clarkson.id.au or phoning Jeff on 9899 3355.

This Week!

- **Australian Horn of Africa Cross Cultural Forum**
Thursday 29 May 3.00-5.00pm
Church of All Nations is sponsoring this forum. Great interest has already been shown. Come along and learn from people from the Horn of Africa about their culture and life in Australia. John and the local African Imam will co-chair the afternoon.
- **Symposium on the Life and Work of Rev Dr Edward Sugden**
30-31 May at Queen's College
Rev Dr Edward Sugden was the minister of this church and founder of Queen's College.

Coming Soon ...

- **National Reconciliation Week**
Sunday 1 June
We will have a visit from the Indigenous Hospitality House (IHH). This will be a significant way in which we mark not only Reconciliation Week but our special relationship with the IHH.
- **Alternative Worship**
Wednesday 4 June 10.00-4.00pm
Jonny Baker is a leader of alternative worship in the UK. Explore the theology of alternative worship. Phone 9340 8819 to register.

- **Use and Abuse of Power in God's Creation**
Saturday 21 June
The Justice and International Mission Convention for 2008 will explore and respond to issues such as consumerism, human rights, the intervention in indigenous communities, policing and worker exploitation. Please consider your involvement. See John for further details.
- **A Day of Reflection and Planning**
Saturday 19 July
An opportunity to join with other CAN members and look towards the future for our congregation.
- **Globalisation for the Common Good - An Interfaith Perspective**
30 June - 4 July
Anyone eager to help host delegates in support of this important interfaith conference please speak with Ian Fry.
- **Call to Discipleship with Ched Myers**
July 9
Ched Meyers will be present and a range of panel discussions will include poverty, restorative justice, sustainable living as well as prayer practices of radical disciples. For more information see John or visit <http://morepraxis.org.au/call2discipleship08>.

Nominations for Elders

We need several more elders. We invite you to nominate a person who you feel has the gifts and graces to perform this important role within the life of our congregation. Nominations close 31 May, and the election will be held on 15 June.

A Fairtrade & Green Church



Anyone (or a team of people) interested in being our Fairtrade and Green Advocate? The Church Council would like us to be a greener Church and a congregation that is involved in the Fairtrade movement: but first we need a person to be our responsible for such work. Interested? See John.

"Truth above all, even when it upsets and overwhelms us."

Amiel

Today's Forum Invitation

All are invited to an afternoon with Dr Nico Koopman, Chair of the Global Network for Public Theology to be held at 2.00 pm today.

Dr Koopman is a Fellow of Stellenbosch University, South Africa and its Centre for Public Theology. He is currently a visiting fellow at Princeton's Centre of Theological Inquiry in the United States. He personally was involved in the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa and has been actively involved in the establishment of the Global Network on Public Theology.

The Global Network for Public Theology (GNPT) is an academic research partnership that promotes theological contributions on public issues, especially those issues affecting the poor, the marginalized and the environment in a global (global-local) context.

This is a great opportunity to reflect theologically about thinking globally, acting locally.