



the grapevine

1 AUGUST 2021

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

A lot has happened in six weeks, both on our renovations and in the community.

With the recent COVID outbreak we are again not able to meet in person.

We will continue to offer resources electronically and on paper for those without internet access.

I find myself being reminded of the presence of God in this continually changing situation. Like the disciples in the boat crossing the Lake, the storm seems to come from nowhere, causing us to wonder what will become of us, then Jesus appears, the waves no longer seem so high or the winds as strong. We are still in the boat, but our fears no longer dominate.

May you find moments each day

please send all Grapevine article submissions to the below email address by noon Wednesday:

grapevineuniting@gmail.com

Building the deck during Long Service leave



to focus on Jesus and to see joy around you.

I wonder who you could contact, by phone, email, or letter, to brighten their day.

Rev Patty Lawrence

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worship services

Due to the COVID situation in Greater Sydney, our buildings are closed. Some groups are meeting online. An order of service and sermon notes will be emailed, or delivered with the Grapevine. On Sunday there will be a video of the sermon.

THIS WEEK

Friday 30 July 4:45pm
Family Fun Night, online

Sunday 1 August
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 8 August
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

this week

SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

1 August at 5:00pm
Contact Rev Patty for Zoom link

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

2 August at 9:00am via Zoom

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

we pray...

- with Ettalong Baptist Church
- with Mannering Park Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- for those who have lost loved ones
- with thanks for our stewards and welcomers
- for the Presbytery Young Peoples Project
- with people from the Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe
- for everyone struggling through these times of isolation

prayer

Barriers, walls, and barbed wire mark the frontiers, O Lord. Help us to transform them into places where we can meet, with sincerity, as countries and as persons, so that the world will know that we are Christians by the love with which our actions are marked.

(Louise Bakala Koumouno, People's Republic of Congo.)



scripture readings

	SUNDAY 1 AUGUST	SUNDAY 8 AUGUST
FIRST READING & PSALM	2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a	2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 Psalm 130
ALTERNATE FIRST READING & PSALM	Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15 Psalm 78:23–29	1 Kings 19:4–8 Psalm 34:1–8
SECOND READING	Ephesians 4:1–16	Ephesians 4:25–5:2
GOSPEL	John 6:24–35	John 6:35, 41–51

the good old days

The Lockdown has found me reminiscing. Back earlier in the 2000s do you recall the concerts and special functions that were a source of fun and enjoyment in the parish?

A Mock Wedding was held one afternoon, with a wonderful bridal party, including Alan Ford dressed as the mother of the bride. There was a Scottish Night with a bagpiper and songs led by talented musician Bruce Bisby.

Another evening the church became an imaginary airliner called UC BLUE, which took us to various places in the world. Stopping in Japan, 3 beauties sang “Three Little Girls from School” and in London Her Majesty welcomed the tour and complained about the annoying flies on her Australian visits. An Irish afternoon featured the unbelievable “Tipperary Youth Club Irish Dancers”.

Our Pacific Islander friends joyfully entertained us on another occasion. Remember these good times?



Mock Wedding Reception (March 2001)

Excellent refreshments were served under the care of top Chef Keith Wood and gifted culinary helpers.

My best memory of all is of the afternoon when “The Four Amigos” – the Revs Alan Goodwin, Peter Swain, Russell Thompson and Bill McLeod – had their experiences of ministry recalled and celebrated.

We thank the Lord for our fellowship together over the years.

Peter Swain

giving

Giving to the church **In person** at worship.

To give by **Direct Debit** speak to Wayne Read or Margaret Gregory to set this up.

Electronic transfers, i.e. internet banking can be made to our account:
Account Name:
Broken Bay Uniting Church
BSB: 634 634
Account Number: 100018346
Please identify deposit as:
Offering, REM /Youthlife,
Lent Event etc.

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current rules



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ARE CLOSED**

> **HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE**



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