



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

I know some people are wondering how long this Congregation will survive. I don't know. What I do know is that God is present with us, God is active in the community and wants us to join in the work God is doing. We already do that in being part of the ministry of Youthlife; in providing food and gifts through Coast Shelter and Mary Mac's; through our fundraising for Cancer Council and Frontier Services.

Will the Broken Bay Uniting Church exist in its current form in 50 years, I can almost guarantee it will not. Will people be wanting to worship in a group? Will people be looking for ways to connect to have meaningful conversations, to care for the environment, to meet the needs of the poor, hungry, lonely, to learn together how to be disciples of Jesus? Yes! That has not changed in 2000

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years, while the way we meet has changed many times and will continue to change.

God is present and will continue to be present.

God's love is shown in how you care for each other, especially this past 18 months when we haven't been able to see each other much.

God's grace is shown when we have difficult conversations that respect those with views different to our own.

God's hope is seen when we live into an unknown future, secure in our faith that there is a future.

Rev Patty Lawrence

Broken Bay
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statement of faith from mexico

We believe in God, the creator of oases and springs of water in the midst of deserts, who provides resting places of blessing for all God's creatures and in whose hands we are protected from all evil.

We believe in Jesus Christ, source of life, living water, who satisfies the thirst of those who thirst for peace, who gives strength to the weary and purpose to those who have lost their way in life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the balm of consolation, companion on the way, who gives strength when we are about to faint and inspires us to continue on the way.

In consideration of what God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, has

done this day and throughout our lives, we commit ourselves, as persons whom the grace of God has changed, to accompany others who are at moments of desert in their lives, in situations of pain and times of sadness.

(Red Create Workshop, Mexico 2014)



we pray...

- with Hardy's Bay Community Church
- with Tuggerah Lakes South Faith Community
- 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
- for and give thanks for those who deliver the weekly notices
- for the ministry of the Assembly Resourcing Unit and the National Consultants Rev Lindsay Cullen and Rev Charissa Suli
- with people from Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER	SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER
FIRST READING & PSALM	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
ALTERNATE FIRST READING & PSALM	Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126
SECOND READING	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
GOSPEL	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52

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

Sunday 17 October
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 22 October
FFFN
Social Zoom chat 4:45pm

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 24 October
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 29 October
FFFN
Social Zoom chat 4:45pm

this week

SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

17 October at 5:00pm
Join for an informal chat
Contact Rev Patty for Zoom link

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

18 October at 9:00am via Zoom

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Cancelled due to Covid restrictions

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

Cancelled due to Covid restrictions

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Cancelled due to Covid restrictions

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Cancelled due to Covid restrictions

broken bay covid roadmap

Church Council met this week to look at dates for returning to in-person church activities.

For people who are fully vaccinated, we encourage you to meet up with people in a café, park, or your home. In late October or early November small groups, such as prayer group, Bible study and walking group can recommence if they wish but only with people who are fully vaccinated participating. FFFN will begin with evenings at a park. All NSW Health rules must be followed, which is masks inside, one person per 4 square metres inside, one person per 2 square metres outside.

Watch the Grapevine for when these groups are resuming.

Sunday morning worship will recommence on Sunday 5th December. We chose this date as it is when we can sing as a congregation, and it appears we will not be required to wear a mask.

Until then worship will continue to be sent out each week, and the sermon video be posted online.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Read or Rev Patty.

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