



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Karyn

Already we have shared three weeks of a six week Supply Placement with you, which means we are half-way through! I wonder how time has gone for you during this period? Does it seem to be going fast or slow? For me it seems to be going fast! Gareth and I have only been able to meet with you in person once in the first week – at the Friday Family Fun Night, at Sunday Worship and Sunday Space. Since then we have all been living in isolation and gone online! O how I enjoy the Sunday afternoon Zoom times with you – at least it does help feel we are in touch, especially as the conversation is relaxed and comfortable between welcoming friends.

In the first week online I prepared and recorded a movie of the kinds of things we would have done at a FFFN when meeting together with some activity sheets on the FFFN Facebook page. A written document was also provided via email of the full service of worship

**Share birthdays with the Grapevine!**  
**Please send all submissions to the below email address by noon Wednesday:**

**[grapevineuniting@gmail.com](mailto:grapevineuniting@gmail.com)**

I had prepared, including a message to the congregation. This was also available online on the Broken Bay Facebook Page and allowed each of you to step through the service of worship in your own time. I have no doubt God's Holy Spirit linked us all as we did over time and space!

In the second week online I did all of the above together with providing a video recording of the message on the Broken Bay Facebook page. Please know that you do not need to be a member of Facebook to view this page and its contents! If it asks you to join just click the 'not now' button and you will be able to go ahead anyway because this is a public space open to all who wish to see it. This week I plan more of the same with some special contributions by Gareth as well who is preparing a message for Glenbrook and I'm sure you will



really enjoy hearing it to. In the mean time we prepare the service and online material together.

This week is NAIDOC week and you will have already seen some wonderful material provided to help us all reflect and learn, especially relating to the theme 'Heal Country'. I wonder if you, like me, always feel NAIDOC and so many other annual events seem to come around quickly? It is said that time travels fast when it is full and active and slow when life does not seem to be nearly so interesting and time 'drags'. With each annual celebration of NAIDOC for example, I anticipate I will do more to make a difference and then a year later wonder what happened and reflect on how little I seemed to do to make a difference? Life is full! Maybe this week, as we all live a simpler life at home in isolation, we will have the opportunity to do a little more reflecting on life, its meaning, how we participate and how we, in our small but meaningful way contribute to make a difference.

May this week be filled with lots of opportunities to reflect and ponder, allowing time to stand still for a while for a deeper spiritual journey. And may this week be remembered as flying by fast, not because we want it to be over, but because in retrospect it was so full of life!

Blessings & Peace



Rev. Karyn Burchell-Thomas

## we pray...

- with Umina Salvation Army
- with Wyong Uniting Church
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs— Myrle Bowden's mother Myrna and her family, Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- for congregation leaders
- for Presbytery Minister Rev Graham Perry
- for the families and friends of those lost in the Florida building collapse

## prayer for eritrea

Thank you, dear Jesus,  
for being a good shepherd  
to all believers.

When we are lost from your flock,  
you never sleep until you bring  
us back, and there is rejoicing in  
heaven and on earth.

Our daily shepherd, our defender,  
our protector, thank you for keeping  
us from all evil, from fearful,  
harmful things and for preserving  
us from all unbelief.

In your name we pray.

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## worship services

### THIS WEEK

Friday 9 July 4:45pm  
Family Fun Night, online

Sunday 11 July  
Morning Worship  
Rev Karyn Burchell-Thomas

### NEXT WEEK

Friday 16 July 4:45pm  
Family Fun Night, online

Sunday 18 July  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Rev Karyn Burchell-Thomas

## this week

### SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

11 July at 5:00pm  
Contact Margaret for Zoom link

### MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

12 July at 9:00am via Zoom  
**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
In recess during school holidays

### WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Will recommence 23 July  
**FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS**  
Contact Keith Wood



Country is more than a place.  
Country is family, kin, law, lore,  
ceremony, traditions and language.  
Healing Country means embracing  
First Nation's cultural knowledge and  
understanding of Country as part of  
Australia's national heritage.  
The right to protect Country and  
culture is fundamental.  
Destruction and desecration of our  
sacred lands or ancient sites – some  
of the oldest human occupation sites  
on the planet – is an enormous loss  
for both our nation and the world.

But to truly heal Country we have  
more to do.

## australian church women friday 23 july

Australian Church Women (A.C.W.) Kincumber Branch will be holding their annual Fellowship Day Service on Friday 23rd July 2021 at 10:00am at "Our Lady Star of the Sea" Church, 165 Serpentine Road, Terrigal. Speaker is Major Lesley Newton from Umina Salvation Army. Theme for day is "MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH – HOLINESS IN THE ORDINARY".



# 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.

For information on leaving a **bequest**, please speak with Margaret Read.

# current rules



**PLACES OF WORSHIP  
ARE CLOSED**

> **HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE**



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