



# the grapevine

2 JANUARY 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Patty

As the calendar rolls over into 2022, we pause and look at the past year, and our hopes for the year ahead. Next Grapevine I will look at hopes for 2022.

2021 was again overshadowed by COVID, as the Delta strain plunged us back into lockdown for 3 months. Closer to Christmas, Omicron arrived. As I write this case numbers are rising rapidly.

We said goodbye to some friends as they moved to new places, mainly to be closer to family. We wish them well as they settle into new communities. We farewelled people who died, including

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Enid Bradshaw, Robert Lockie, Jennifer Muir, Merv Knight, Peter Lane. We miss them. Some of you also grieve loved ones near and far.

We welcomed Asher O'Connor into the family of faith through Baptism. Some of you rejoiced with additions to your family through birth or marriage.

While we lived with COVID, life continued, with births, deaths, new relationships, and relationships that stressed and broke, starting kindergarten, finishing High School, starting new jobs, retiring, illness and healing.



All the 'normal' stuff of life,  
but all with restrictions of  
some sort.

At Christmas we remember  
that God came to us in Jesus,  
Emmanuel, God with us.

God is not only with us in the  
good times, but in the sad and  
boring and difficult times of life  
as well. Emmanuel is the God  
who cries with us, sighs with  
us, laughs with us, grieves and  
cares and rejoices with us.

What will you celebrate or  
cherish from 2021?

What will you let go of, and  
leave behind?

*Rev. Patty Lawrence*

Broken Bay  
Uniting Church

**Patty is on  
Annual Leave from  
Monday 10th January  
returning on  
Tuesday 1st February.  
Any church queries  
contact  
Margaret Read.**

## covid update

Current rules, as of Tuesday  
28 th December, for worship  
and church activities in  
the church buildings.

- Masks are required
- We need to keep a record of who attends church activities for the Health Department, either QR code or register with the welcomers
- Please leave at least one seat between you and anyone not in your household
- Congregational singing is allowed, with masks on.

All other advice remains  
the same:

- Maintain 1.5m physical distancing where possible
- Maintain hand hygiene – washing and sanitising
- Practice respiratory hygiene (cough into elbow etc)
- Stay home when sick
- Maintain strict COVID Safe cleaning regime
- Get tested if unwell

We will continue to video parts of the service on the Sunday morning, the video of the sermon will usually be online on Tuesday.

If you will need transport to attend worship at Umina, please contact Keith and Stephanie 4344-7989.

# scripture readings

	SUNDAY 2 JANUARY	SUNDAY 9 JANUARY
FIRST READING	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Isaiah 60:1-6
PSALM	Psalm 148	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
SECOND READING	Colossians 3:12-17	Ephesians 3:1-12
GOSPEL	Luke 2:41-52	Matthew 2:1-12
PATTY'S PREACHING TEXT	Luke 2: 21-52	Matthew 2:1-12

## sunday 2 january

### we pray...

- with Connect Church
- with Mannering Park Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee and Val Juratowitch
- for those who have lost loved ones
- and give thanks for the people who organise our fundraising activities
- for Uniting
- with people from East Timor, Indonesia and The Philippines

## sunday 9 january

### we pray...

- with Peninsula Anglican Church
- with Terrigal Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee and Val Juratowitch
- for those who have lost loved ones
- and give thanks for our Grapevine editor
- for Uniting justice
- with people from Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore



The Grapevine will be produced every second week until February.

Look for a new issue Sunday 16th and 30th January, 2022.

Is there anything new you would like to see included in the Grapevine in 2022?

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[bbuca@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bbuca@bigpond.net.au)  
or leave a phone message  
4341 8536.

## worship services

### THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 January  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Rev Patty at Umina Church

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### NEXT WEEK

Sunday 9 January  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Rev Patty at Umina Church

Sunday 9 January  
Sunday Zoom 5:00pm  
Will now be once a month. Next one will be Sunday 9 January. You can join on the phone or internet. Contact Patty for more information.

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Sunday 16 January  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Umina Church



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