



the grapevine

29 AUGUST 2021

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

The Church Council and Mission teams are aware of how life has changed for people in the past 18 months, and especially the last two months. This current lockdown is quite isolating, with no visitors allowed. At the Church Council meeting tonight, we will be looking at new ways we can be church during the current restrictions.

A video of the sermon is made each week and put on Facebook and YouTube. If you cannot access the internet but can play video from a USB stick [on a Smart TV or computer], please let Patty know and we can provide the video for you.

Some ideas from other places for connecting with the community:

- **STONES** – putting messages on stones and leaving them along your daily walk for others to find. If the stone has note on the back, you can let them know you have

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grapevineuniting@gmail.com

taken the stone home. Join the Facebook page “NSW Rocks” for more information.

- **WORRY WORMS** – <https://youtu.be/bAuuj32IUgg>
- **SPOONVILLE** – decorate a wooden spoon, or similar. Some schools, churches and streets are setting up Spoonvilles, as a way for people to connect.

If we are doing these or other activities as a Congregation, we will give more information in the Grapevine over the next few weeks.

Prayer Requests: Contact Ann or Pam if you have a prayer request for the Monday Prayer group.

Rev Patty Lawrence

Broken Bay Uniting Church



connecting with the community

Spoonville, painted rocks and Worry Worms are wonderful community initiatives putting smiles on faces both young and old during this pandemic.



prayer to the Holy Child

Holy child of Bethlehem, born in a stable: help us to remember all those children living in poverty or even abandoned by their parents.

Holy child of Bethlehem, whom Herod sought to kill: help us to remember all those holy innocents of our own time who suffer abuse or neglect in so many different ways.

Holy child of Bethlehem, a refugee in Egypt: help us to care for all those children who are forced to live far away from their homes.

May the God of love bless all of you, your families and our nation with his gift of peace and happiness.

Amen

(From the Christmas message of the Most Rev. Robert P. Ellison CSSp, Bishop of Banjul.)

we pray...

- with REM/Youthlife
- with Warnervale 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
- for people who help us stay connected during lockdown
- for the Assembly President Rev Sharon Hollis
- with people from Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal
- for our Paralympians

computer help

If you have a computer and would like help using zoom, please contact Patty and she will arrange someone to talk you through the steps.

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 29 AUGUST	SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
FIRST READING & PSALM	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125
ALTERNATE FIRST READING & PSALM	Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9 Psalm 15	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146
SECOND READING	James 1:17-27	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
GOSPEL	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37

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 29 August
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 3 September
FFN video uploaded
Social zoom chat 4:45pm

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 5 September
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 10 September
FFN video uploaded
Social zoom chat 4:45pm

this week

SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

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

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

30 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

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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