



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

This Sunday is traditionally Trinity Sunday; if you are interested in reading more about the Trinity, there is a separate handout with some information. This Sunday I am exploring one of my favourite Pentecost passages, which is not set for this year, the spirit who prays for us when we do not have words.

Last Sunday I spoke of my current health issues, here is some of what I said. The leave is due to work related stress which has been accruing and is from a variety of issues. I am still working through the issues and untangling the 'knot' to see what I can let go, what I need to deal with, and what I need to learn how to hold more lightly. This includes issues around COVID and rumours within the congregation that I do not know how to deal with, because I don't know where they are coming from. One rumour is that people would like me to visit.

I do visit people but can't visit you if I don't know you would like a visit.

The accumulation of stress in my body coincided with the Vital Ministry consultation, which asks me to consider if the ministry I offer is still in sync with the congregation. I am not sure that it is, but I will not be making any decisions about that until I work out the stress related matters.

Your continued prayers are appreciated.

I will be working 30 hours a week until at least 21st June, and I do not know when, or if, I will be able to return to full time Ministry.

Rev Patty Lawrence

Broken Bay Uniting Church

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worship services & regular activities

this week

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

A time aimed at families with young children – worship, activities, and a light meal.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE

Biggest Morning Tea

Ettalong Church 9:00am

SUNDAY 12 JUNE

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

next week

MONDAY 13 JUNE

Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Monday Bible Study

Umina meeting room 10:30am

THURSDAY 16 JUNE

BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am – 11:30am

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 19 JUNE

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Hymn sing and AGM

prayer

Holy Spirit:

With astonishment,

we see that you renew our strength constantly.

Allow us not to forget

your presence,

Even in adversity.

And, in our turn,

we will renew our gratefulness and we will sing for your love.

Amen

~ posted on the Sacred Pauses blog. <http://www.sacredpauses.com/>

we pray...

- with St John the Baptist Catholic Church
- with Tuggerah Lakes South Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Joice Tee, Yvonne and Doug Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Phil Juratowitch and their families
- for and give thanks for our Church Council and leaders
- and give thanks for the Presbytery Business Committee
- for our AGM and election of elders and members of Church Council
- with people from Botswana and Zimbabwe

congregation meeting

The Annual Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday 19th June. The service that day will be a hymn sing style, thank you to those who gave me hymns last Sunday, more than enough. If you would like something on the agenda, please let Margaret Read know, so items can be grouped appropriately.

elections

Election of elders and members of Church Council will be held on Sunday 19th June, as part of our Annual Congregation meeting.

Here is the list of nominees for Church Council:

- **Carol Wilton**
- **Keith Wood**
- **Margaret Coutts**
- **Margaret Gregory**
- **Myrle Bowden**
- **Stephanie Wood**
- **Stephen Wilton**

Margaret Read, Wayne Read, Tina Case and Heather Walker are not due for election. Linda Kalantzis has completed her term and is not renominating.

The Church Council shall give priority in its life to building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the Congregation to a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world. Responsibilities include spiritual oversight, pastoral care, maintaining financial records and reporting, property management and putting processes in place to make sure all relevant laws are complied with. Being a member of Church Council does not mean each person does all these things, we need a good mix of gift, skills, and experience.

hearing aids

If you have any hearing aids you no longer use, please bring them to church labelled Steph Wood. They will be remodeled for the deaf people of Malawi.



scripture readings

	SUNDAY 12 JUNE	SUNDAY 19 JUNE
FIRST READING	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	P1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Isaiah 65:1-9
PSALM	Psalm 8	Psalm 42 and 43 Psalm 22:19-28
SECOND READING	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 3:23-29
GOSPEL	John 16:12-15	Luke 8:26-39



mary mac's

A collection for Mary Mac's will be held until the **17TH JULY.**

Details of what to donate will be given later.
Goods can be brought to Umina church.

Thank you
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