



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Karyn

As I look back over the last 6 weeks I give thanks for the time we have been able to share – even if the majority of it was at a distance and online.

I really enjoyed the online Zoom time conversations on a Sunday afternoon. Each time I prepared material for FFFN, I thought of the great time Gareth and I had with the young families and friends on that first Friday. I'm so glad we were able to meet you in person that first Friday! I recall the conversation on the Sunday afternoon discussing a Bible passage, Gareth led that one well. When preparing the Opening and Closing Prayers for the Daily Prayers each week, I give thanks for opportunities these daily readings give us to share in something together so regularly. Even apart in our own homes we hold these things in common. And of course, it has been a delight to prepare worship and share the whole service with you in print with a little

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

grapevineuniting@gmail.com

extra video version of the message to access online. I was so pleased we were able to include Gareth's contribution for NAIDOC week.

It hasn't been the same as meeting up with you in person, but it will be a strong and special memory. Pandemic times will be. Yes, one day this will be a memory when no doubt we will share the stories of 'when living through the pandemic this is what we had to do ... this is how we coped ... these are the things we missed ... this is what we have developed since ... this is why we do things this way now ... this is what we really appreciate being able to do now'.

When I was young I used to ask my grandfather what he did in the 'olden days'. He would tell me stories about how things had been. My grandfather told stories that kept me interested and wanting to know more. They



led to me asking questions about what was happening now in his life. He always gave me information that was helpful, inspiring and encouraging. I've been asked what it was like before coloured TV. I answered saying 'I can tell you what it was like before TV!' Clearly a concept beyond comprehension! Now questions are more like 'What did you do before the internet and smart phones?' Life without them seems incomprehensible.

We are making memories now. What stories we will tell? Will QR codes, sanitising stations and masks have become the norm? What will be asked of 'what did you do before ...'?

What stories will we tell? What encouraging words will we pass on? What inspiring messages will we give? What helpful thoughts and ideas will we impart? Whatever they be, may they be passed on with love to build up and nurture life in the generations to come. This is what Christ did and continues to do for us all.

Thank you for our time together. I will have some special memories of people worshipping, caring, serving, grieving and celebrating in challenging times. Of how you welcomed and included Gareth and me so readily and beautifully. And I will tell of how blessed I was to be part of your life, if only for a short while.

Blessings & Peace



Rev. Karyn Burchell-Thomas

we pray...

- with Brisbane Water Ministers Association
- with Kincumber 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 Friday night Tennis
- for the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee
- for all our Olympic athletes in Tokyo

prayer

O God,
the source of our belonging to one another, none of us can give anything to our sisters and brothers if we have not first of all belonged to you; give us your Spirit in the bond of perfect unity so that the Spirit may transform us into a new humanity, free and united in your love, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is God, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

(New Roman Missal,
Democratic Republic of Congo)



worship services

THIS WEEK

Friday 23 July 4:45pm
Family Fun Night, online

Sunday 25 July
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Karyn

NEXT WEEK

Friday 30 July 4:45pm
Family Fun Night, online

Sunday 1 August
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

this week

SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

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

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

26 July 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

Contact Keith Wood

message from margaret read

Hello to Everyone!

I hope you are all managing this lock down comfortably enough. We're all missing face to face contact with our families and friends, our coffees together, our outings together and of course being able to worship together. Unfortunately Karyn and Gareth have only been able to attend two Friday night services and one Sunday morning service in person. FFFN have received some great material from Karyn, but I know they would have loved it, if Karyn and Gareth had been able to be there with them. Those of us with the technology, have received the entire Sunday service, prepared by Karyn, for us to read, and have been able to watch Karyn or Gareth giving the message via Facebook if we choose. Please pray for those who

don't have this option, and anyone you know in that situation, would probably love contact via phone. Sadly we have only one more weekend with Karyn and Gareth sharing ministry with us, and although their time with us didn't go according to plans, we have so much appreciated their input and friendship on all the occasions where we've been able to listen, learn and have a good laugh. It would be great if, when the time is right, we could welcome them again to Broken Bay. Patty Lawrence will be back next week, and hopefully she has had a time of refreshment, (even though there may have been some manual labour involved) and relaxation. Arrangements for next Sunday's service will be forwarded on email. God's Blessings to all,
Margaret Read.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★ KARLEY NELSON

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.

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**PLACES OF WORSHIP
ARE CLOSED**

> **HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE**



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