



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## worship services

### THIS WEEK

Friday 26th March  
4:45pm  
Family Fun Night

**PALM SUNDAY**  
Sunday 28th March  
9.30am  
Rev Patty L, Umina  
7:30pm  
Obedience in  
the Wilderness,  
Gerrigong Uniting  
Church  
[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=yGwVgR-f97g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGwVgR-f97g)

### NEXT WEEK

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Friday 2nd April  
9:30am, FFFN 2pm  
Sunday 4th April  
9:30am

## notes from Patty

As we approach another Easter, I wonder what it will be like this year. The things that mark Easter for me, quiet communion on Maundy Thursday, the long reading on Good Friday, the quiet joy of the Sunrise service and the celebrations and singing at the Easter Sunday service were not possible last year, and some are not possible this year.

How might we celebrate Easter without all the usual events? I think of people around the world, people living with war and violence, people devastated by COVID-19. Now in the eastern part of Australia there are floods, and many of those people now flooded had bushfires just 12 months ago. I wonder what the Easter story holds for them.

Our reading this Sunday is from Luke Chapter 19, even though we call this Palm Sunday, in Luke there are no palms or branches.

I wonder if changing how we celebrate Easter will help us hear the story in a different way; to see Jesus walk into Jerusalem knowing that people are out to get him, we read of betrayal, humiliation, and death. In Luke, the last words of Jesus on the cross are: Father, I put myself in your hands!

What is Easter, beyond our rituals.  
What is Easter for you?

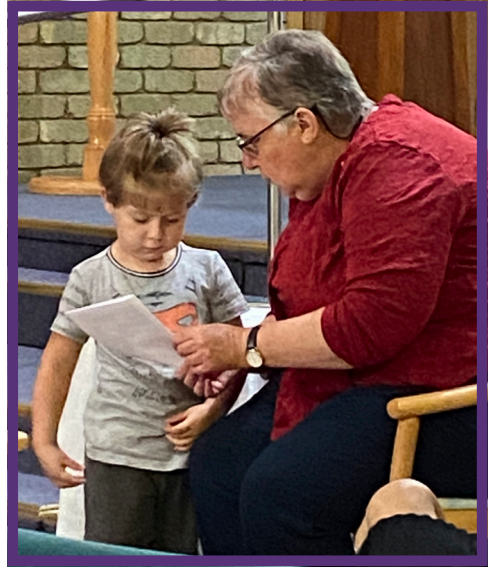


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**grapevineuniting@gmail.com**

## we pray...

- with Connect Church (formerly Hope Church) and Narara Uniting Church
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs – Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- for our COVID Marshals
- for Uniting Resources
- with people from Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia



Oh sweet Christ,  
draw us who are weak to you,  
since we cannot follow you if you do not draw us on.

Give us a brave, resourceful spirit, and,  
if the body is feeble, may your grace precede,  
mediate and follow,  
because without you we can do nothing and we are nothing.

Give us resolute spirits, fearless hearts, true faith,  
firm hope and perfect love, that we may patiently  
and joyfully lay down our lives for you.

(Prayer by John Hus)

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/czech-republic-poland-slovakia>

## register

To register for any activity go to <https://rsvp.church/r/5dwoluyS> or contact the Church office on 4341 8536 on Friday morning between 9.30am and midday.

## security

Please do not be in the church buildings on your own. For your own safety, have another person with you. A reminder to please write in the sign-in book.

## this week

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON ZOOM CHAT**

5:00pm Talk to Patty for the link and phone number

### **MONDAY PRAYER MEETING**

9:00am via Zoom

### **MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

10:30am till 11:30am  
at Umina Church

### **TUESDAY LENT EVENT STUDY**

7:30pm on Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY WANDERERS**

Meet at Lions Park Woy Woy at 9am April 7. Walk to Woy Woy followed by coffee at Gnostic Mana, then op shop together! Please let Anna 0478 912 486 or Cathy 0408 866 095 know if you are coming

### **FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS**

Contact Keith Wood

## easter services

### **SUNDAY 28 MARCH**

9:30am Palm Sunday  
7:30pm Obedience in the Wilderness from Gerringong Uniting Church,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGwVgR-f97g>

### **THURSDAY 1 APRIL**

7.30 pm Maundy Thursday service will be online

### **FRIDAY 2 APRIL**

9:30am Service at Umina Church

### **SUNDAY 4 APRIL**

9:30am Easter Celebration  
Due to COVID, there will not be a joint churches Sunrise service this year.

## daylight savings

Daylight saving finishes at 3:00am on Sunday 4th April

## church council elections

Church Council elections and the Parish AGM will be on Sun 30th May.

Please pray about who you will nominate for Church Council.

Current members of Church Council are:

Margaret Read (Chairperson), Wayne Read (Treasurer), Margaret Gregory (acting Secretary), Heather Walker, Ann Thompson, Linda Kalantzis, Myrle Bowden, Carol Wilton and Rev Patty Lawrence.

To contact the Church Council please contact the acting Secretary Margaret Gregory.

# from sven and linda

Rev Patty and members of the  
Broken Bay congregations,

Thank you for the wonderful  
send-off for Linda and me during  
the service on 28th February. The  
removalists needed a week to move  
our furniture to Victor Harbor in

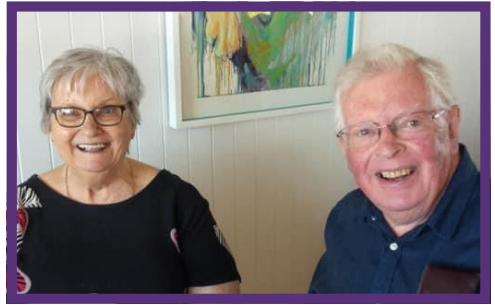
South Australia so we took our time arriving there on 9 th March and into  
our villa on Friday 12 th. We are still unpacking boxes to complete the  
household, but Linda's Craft Room door remains closed!

The weather here has been wonderful with sunny days and mild nights,  
but we know that a cold winter will not be far away. Your donations for  
a gift to us will be put to good use purchasing a new clothes dryer.

Thank you for your friendship over more  
than 30 years on the Central Coast.

Blessings,

*Sven and Linda*



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