



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## stillness

The first photograph of a living person was taken by Louis Daguerre in 1838.

The exposure time to process the photograph took seven minutes to capture an image, which had to be motionless during that time.

The photo depicts a figure on an otherwise empty avenue in Paris in the middle of an afternoon which should have been bustling with traffic of carriages and pedestrians, yet none can be seen. They did not show up in the picture.

Sometimes stillness accomplishes what motion and effort can't. God tells his people to be still.

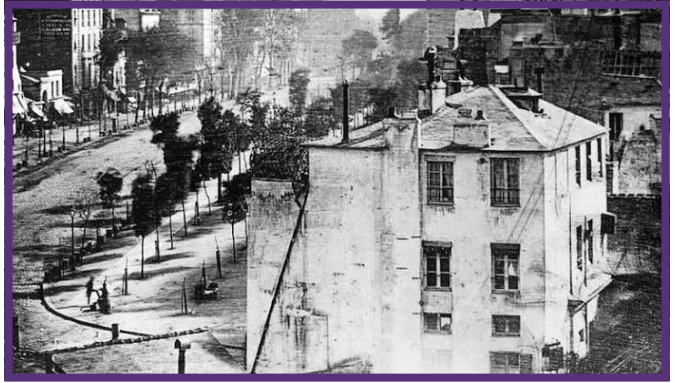
The Hebrew verb "be still" can also be translated "cease striving". When we rest in God instead of relying on our limited efforts we discover Him to be our unassailable "refuge and strength".

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## STILL BEFORE GOD

Psalm 46 : 10

Be still, and know that I am God



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# services

## Easter Services held in Broken Bay Congregation

The first service was held at Kincumber on Maundy Thursday. The Good Friday service held at Umina, followed by services at both centres on Easter Sunday

These services were a delight to attend and so thoughtfully and beautifully presented the meaning of Easter.

I would like to thank all who were involved in bringing these services together, and thank God for providing them with their gifts which they use to His glory.

*Margaret Read.*



Fellowship with a Theme  
will meet on  
**SUNDAY 7TH MAY**  
after morning tea  
in the Umina Meeting Room.

We will be celebrating  
**Mother's Day** by  
remembering our Mothers.  
What character trait do you  
remember of your mother that  
is significant or that you have  
picked up?

You are welcome to bring a  
photo of your mother.

***All are welcome!***

Bring your own drink/s  
and lunch.

Contact Myrle Bowden  
or Heather Walker for  
more information.

## worship services & regular activities

### **FRIDAY 14 APRIL**

#### **Family Fun Night**

Umina Church

5:00pm

### **SUNDAY 16 APRIL**

#### **Morning Worship**

Umina

9:30am

### **MONDAY 17 APRIL**

#### **Monday Prayer Meeting**

Zoom

9:00am

#### **Monday Bible Study**

In recess. Resumes 1 May

### **WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL**

#### **Craft**

Umina

10:30am - 12:00pm

### **THURSDAY 20 APRIL**

#### **BeeBay Playgroup**

In recess. Resumes 27 April

# scripture readings

	SUNDAY 16 APRIL	SUNDAY 23 APRIL
FIRST READING	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
PSALM	Psalm 16	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
SECOND READING	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23
GOSPEL	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35

## a prayer

### Grant us the gift of unity

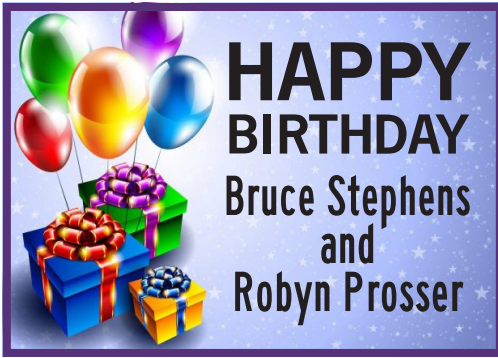
O, Lord, who give unto each nation its place and time and mission: grant us the gift of unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, that the ancient church, and all Christians of this land, each loyal to their confession, culture and nationality, may discover new forms of common Christian witness, and stand before the divided world as a united and humble fellowship. O Lord, who commanded your disciples to pray both for their neighbours and their enemies: give us such love for one another, that with one voice and one heart we may glorify your name, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Dr Ion Bria, Romanian Orthodox Church.  
WAGP p. 161)

## we pray...

- with Umina Salvation Army Church
- with people worshipping at Wyong Uniting Church
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs - for all those in the Peninsula Village and those unable to attend Worship, Suli Waqa, Bevan Anderson, Cathy McAllister, Joan Swain, Joice Tee, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and their families
- and give thanks for those who prepare Sunday Worship Services each week for Kincumber and Umina
- and give thanks for UCA Hospital Chaplains and all those who work within hospitals



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**  
Bruce Stephens  
and  
Robyn Prosser

# MEN'S BREAKFAST

**KINCUMBER UNITING  
FAITH COMMUNITY**

The Men's  
Breakfast  
is on

**SATURDAY  
15 APRIL  
8:30AM**



Full English style breakfast (no cereal)  
at a cost of only \$5 per person.  
Come whether you want support,  
or can give support to talk or listen.  
We look forward to meeting you.  
Everyone's welcome!

**Contact:**  
**Rodney**  
**0428 880 081**



# CRAFT

at Umina Church Hall  
Wednesdays  
10:30am-12pm  
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## broken bay uniting church

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