

PRAYER POINTS

- We pray with Peninsula Anglican Church
- And Terrigal Uniting Church
- We pray 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 inclusion of a name for the prayer list permission must be given by the person named]
- We pray for Synod General Secretary Rev Jane Fry
- We give thanks for Wayne Read, Treasurer of Church Council
- We join in prayer with people from Cyprus, Greece, Turkey



A MORNING PRAYER

Our spirit seeks you in the early dawn, O God,
for your commandments are light.
Teach us, O Master, your righteousness
and make us worthy to follow your commandments
with all our strength.
Take away from our hearts every darkness.
Grant to us the Sun of righteousness
and protect our lives from any bad influence
with the seal of your most Holy Spirit.
Direct our steps to the way of peace

and grant to us that this present morning
may be peaceful
so that we may send up the morning
hymns
to you the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit,
the only God,
who is more than without beginning
and creator of all. Amen.

(Excerpt from a morning prayer to the Holy Trinity, St. Basil the Great, 4th century, from Let us pray to the Lord, p. 58, WCC Publications)
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

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THE GRAPEVINE

The weekly News sheet of the Ettalong and
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WORSHIP SERVICES

THIS WEEK - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 24 January	UMINA	10:00 am	Rev Patty Lawrence
Friday 29 January	UMINA	4:45 pm	Friday Family Fun Night

NEXT WEEK - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 31 January	UMINA	10:00 am	Rev Patty Lawrence
Friday 5 February	UMINA	4:45 pm	Friday Family Fun Night

WORSHIP UPDATE

As we move into the year, it appears we will be able to continue a weekly in person worship, with current numbers we will have one Sunday morning service.

We are asking for time preferences, and consideration for a monthly afternoon communion service. If you receive the Grapevine on paper, there will be a separate sheet for you to return. If you receive the Grapevine by email, there will be a survey link.

Please respond by Wednesday 27th January.

Zoom gatherings

Sunday afternoon at 5pm-6pm

If you need the Zoom phone number or internet link,
contact Patty

DAY OF MOURNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 9.30am AEDT on Sunday 24 January 2021, livestreamed from the Nunyara Conference Centre in Adelaide so people from across the country can join. You can access the service from our Facebook page and a downloadable version will also be available after the service. <https://www.facebook.com/UnitingChurchAu/>

GRAPEVINE ITEMS FOR NEXT ISSUE—please forward to **Bruce Sismey** by noon Wednesday next.

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

From Patty:

Part of an Assembly Statement:

In the spirit of our Walking Together as First and Second Peoples, and as an expression of the Uniting Church's commitment to justice and truth-telling, we have declared the Sunday before Australia Day as a Day of Mourning.

As the President of the Uniting Church and the Interim National Chair of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, we will be leading a livestreamed worship service, where we lament and invite Second Peoples to confess and ask for forgiveness, for the past and current impacts of colonisation and dispossession of Australia's First Peoples.

This worship service is an annual observance for us as the Uniting Church. Remembering our history is an important part of our Covenant relationship and our journey toward justice, healing and a new relationship as First and Second Peoples. The service reminds us of the dispossession and violence against First Peoples, and laments that as a Church and as Second Peoples we were and remain complicit.

We acknowledged this in our Church when we apologised to the Stolen Generations in 1997.

We acknowledged this by revising the Preamble to our Constitution, which was approved by the 9th Assembly in 2009.

We acknowledged this in affirming First Peoples as the sovereign peoples of this land in 2018. Our declaration of a Day of Mourning allows us to stand together in

remembering the truth of our history, and honouring the culture of Australia's First Peoples, their families and the next generations.

We pray that our Church and our nation will continue on this journey of confession, truth-telling and working toward justice and healing.

Rev Dr Denise Champion, a Deacon in the UCA and an Adnyamathanha woman, speaks of the new community toward which we are called as the Uniting Church:

"I have been challenged in my work in facilitating reconciliation between First and Second Peoples, to create a safe community. A community where people can come together, sit and talk, and experience healing and forgiveness for the past, finding a new destiny together."

As the Uniting Church we affirm that ours is "a destiny together" acknowledging the wrongs of the past and the present and committing ourselves to take action to bring about a more just Australia. As the Uniting Church we hear Jesus calling us into the light of a new shared community, based on justice, love and mutual respect for one another. We pray that the whole nation may fully acknowledge our history and take a significant step towards healing for our nation.

Grace and peace to you.

Dr Deidre Palmer / President Uniting Church in Australia

Ps Mark Kickett / Interim Chair Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress



THANK YOU

to Dave Maher for all the work he has been doing to improve the grounds at Umina. The new front garden looks great.

Australia Day Picnic

Ettalong waterfront, opposite Bangalow Street, from 4.30pm or thereabouts, for picnic tea

BYO everything—chair, food, drink, jacket recommended
For more information contact Stephanie and Keith.

Giving to the church

If you would like to give electronically:
You can fill in a deposit form at Westpac with the following bank account details, please put offering on the form.
BSB 634 634
Acc. No. 100018346.
Account Name: Broken Bay Uniting Church
mark in the reference section of the deposit slip : Offering
You can also deposit into our bank account donations to **REM/Youthlife** just mark in the reference section of the deposit slip : REM

REM Youthlife Op Shop Volunteers needed. The Op-shop raises funds to employ Religious Education Teachers in our local Government High Schools. The Op Shop is in need of volunteers. Shifts are 3-4 hours each.
If you can help, contact Margaret Read.

Current activities

Sunday afternoon gathering: meeting by zoom, contact Patty

Monday Prayer meeting: in recess

Bible study: in recess till Monday February 1, when we will meet at 10.30am till 11.30am. Please note slightly later time .

Parish Picnic: in recess, returning late January

Wednesday Wanderers: In recess until further notice

Friday Family Fun Night: each Friday at 4:45 pm