



the grapevine

7 AUGUST 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Margaret

Last week we received the news from Patty, that due to increasingly poor health, she would be unable to continue her placement here in Broken Bay until the end of October, but that she will be leaving on 31st August, with August being taken as annual leave.

Patty has been most helpful this week, has organised worship leaders for August and forwarded information to facilitate in production of the Grapevine, etc.

I'm very sorry that Patty is leaving under these circumstances, and wish her God's blessings and for His healing hand to be on her as she recovers and is able to enjoy life to the full once again.

This short Devotion was used by Church Council at their last meeting.

Sometimes festivals are held at which restaurants etc. offer some of their specialities for people to taste. They hope their recipes will be enjoyed.

"Come, Taste and see for yourself how good our food is" It seems that following a recipe and preparing a dish have some similarities to living life. Some of the ingredients of a recipe aren't very tasty on their own. Have you eaten a spoonful or two of flour lately? Or maybe pepper. Ingredients alone can hardly be called a wonderful taste experience, but when

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blended together and baked – wow- Isn't that the way events and experiences of life are. Some are hard to swallow, not pleasant at all. Some a bowl of cherries, others the pits. In times of failure we forget our successes. In times of sorrows we forget our joys, in times of illness we forget our times of good health etc. etc. etc. Life however is a blending of all these ingredients. The bitter with the sweet, which is sometimes more necessary than we realise or admit.

The blending of experiences in life allow us to enter sympathetically into the circumstances and situations of our fellow man. We can relate, understand and reach out with comfort and help.

2 Corinthians 1:3,4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we are comforted by God"

Blessings to all,

Margaret Read

Broken Bay Uniting Church

worship services & regular activities

this week

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

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

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Led by Rev Ann Hogan

next week

MONDAY 8 AUGUST

Monday Prayer Meeting

Monday Bible Study

Canceled. Will resume next Monday 15 August

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST

BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am – 11:30am

FRIDAY 12 AUGUST

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 7 AUGUST	SUNDAY 14 AUGUST
FIRST READING	Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 Genesis 15:1–6	Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 Genesis 15:1–6
PSALM	Psalms 50:1–8, 22–23 Psalm 33:12–22	Psalms 50:1–8, 22–23 Psalm 33:12–22
SECOND READING	Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16	Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16
GOSPEL	Luke 12:32–40	Luke 12:32–40

prayer from Cameroon

When we contemplate such beauty,
the immensity before us,
blossoming with colour and scent,
the surprising diversity of all that surrounds us,
the green forests, the animals,
the intelligence which allows us humans
to create with you,
God, the acts of your grace on our behalf,
we can only express our joy at being your children
and gladly sing of the generosity of your love.

(© Rev. Dr Kayoka-Luendu M., Cameroon.
English transl. Dr Colette Bouka Coula,
adapted by Terry MacArthur.)

we pray...

- with Peninsula Anglican Church
- with Wyong Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Fred Waqa, Joice Tee, Yvonne and Doug Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Phil Juratowitch and their families
- and give thanks for our 'retired' Ministers
- and give thanks for UnitingCare Australia and Director Claerwen Little
- with people from Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea
- for all the athletes currently competing in the Commonwealth Games

becoming a member

Have you thought about becoming a member of the Broken Bay Uniting Church? A member or not, you are welcome to participate in any church activities. Membership allows you to vote and be a member of the Church Council. Being a member also simplifies some things on an administration basis. To become a member, start by having a chat with Patty. Members are people who believe in Jesus and want to live as his disciples, learning from him and living lives based on his life and teachings. It also means agreeing to the Basis of Union and working within the framework of the Uniting Church. If you are already a member of another church, transferring is easy.

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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