

the grapevine

6 MARCH 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

I have a book on my iPad, that I am slowly reading as I wait for appointments. The book is **"Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again"** by Rachel Held Evans. She includes this quote: *"The historic Christian doctrine of the divinity of Christ does not simply mean that Jesus is like God. It is far more radical than that. It means that God is like Jesus."*

It reminded me of a phrase I have heard somewhere: Jesus is the best picture of God we have.

A story that always moves me is where Jesus meets the woman at the well. He knows her, he listens to her, he talks with her about worship and faith (all culturally inappropriate), John chapter

4. It speaks to me of a God who sits and listens and talks and does not condemn. A God with time for me. I wonder what your favourite story of Jesus is, what does it tell you about God?

As I write this it is Ash Wednesday, and our reminder from our lent material is God loves the real you— the messy, authentic, honest you.

Rev Patty Lawrence

Broken Bay
Uniting Church



worship services & regular activities

THURSDAY 3 MARCH

Playgroup

Umina 9:30–11:30am

BYO snacks and drink

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 6 MARCH

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Lent 1 • Full to the Brim –

Even in the desert

MONDAY 7 MARCH

Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Monday Bible Study

Umina meeting
room 10:30am

next week

THURSDAY 10 MARCH

Playgroup

Umina 9:30–11:30am

BYO snacks and drink

FRIDAY 11 MARCH

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

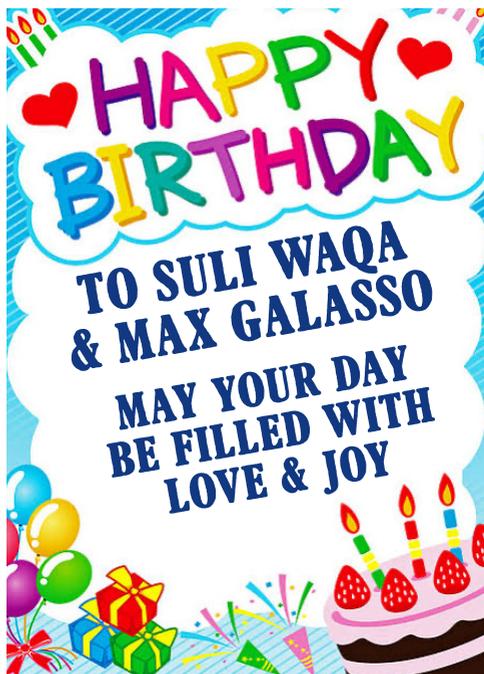
SUNDAY 13 MARCH

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Lent 2 • Full to the Brim –

Under God's Wing



we pray...

- with Hardy's Bay Community Church
- with Toukley Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Wil Davies, Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee and Val Juratowitch
- for those who have lost loved ones
- and give thanks for Friday Family Fun Night families and teams
- for people training for ministry in all its forms
- with people from Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 6 MARCH	SUNDAY 13 MARCH
FIRST READING	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
PSALM	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Psalms 27
SECOND READING	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17-4:1
GOSPEL	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

prayer Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in
the name of
Jesus, the Prince
of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin
Welby, Archbishop
of Canterbury
Archbishop Stephen
Cottrell, Archbishop
of York



focus on the office

The Church office is operated by volunteers.

Each Friday morning, the Grapevine, daily reflections, and the written service from the previous Sunday are printed, folded and bundled, ready for delivery to those without email.

Since COVID, Stephen and Carol have been the mainstay of the office.

If you are available on Friday morning, and able to help with photocopying or folding etc. We are looking for people who can be on a

roster, weekly, monthly, or on an occasional basis.

We are also looking for people with computer experience for about half an hour a week to update our music copyright system. This can be on any day and can be done at home or the office.

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