



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Patty

Monday is All Saints Day, a time we celebrate the saints in our lives.

“All Saints Day” annually reminds us of our connectedness as Christians. It’s commemorated every November 1st. Perhaps, you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building. But the Bible teaches something completely different. Who is a saint? You are. That is if you’re a follower of Jesus. God calls a “saint” anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation.

We remember the saints and allow the memory of their faith to spur us on to deeper worship and greater service to the Lord. All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows’ Day, or Halloween, is a Christian celebration in honour of all the saints from Christian history.

please send all Grapevine article submissions to the below email address by noon Wednesday:

**grapevineuniting@gmail.com**

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/all-saints-day-november-1.html>

How might we celebrate All Saints Day? I encourage you to set apart some time to remember and give thanks for the saints in your life. You might like to have an action, such as lighting a candle, placing a flower in a vase, or adding a stone to a pile for each saint. A saint can be someone you know personally, dead or alive, or someone who has had an influence on your life, such as Bonhoeffer, Desmond Tutu or Mother Theresa.

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# prayer of thanks

To wake from sleep into this day  
is gift enough for thanks.

To hear a child's delight in laughter  
is gift enough for thanks.

To sip a glass of clean, cold water  
is gift enough for thanks.

To watch the sunset paint the sky  
is gift enough for thanks.

To share a moment with a friend  
is gift enough for thanks.

To smell the fragrance of moist soil  
is gift enough for thanks.

To feel the comfort of clean clothing  
is gift enough for thanks.

To form the words that make a prayer  
is gift enough for thanks.

(Keri K. Wehlender, also published in *Wisdom Is Calling*, comp. Geoffrey Duncan, Canterbury Press, UK, and United Church Publishing House, Etobicoke, Ont., Canada 1999, pp.126-27,142)



## we pray...

- with Peninsula Anglican Church
- with Wyong Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- for those who have lost loved ones
- for the Connecting with God Mission Team
- for the ministry of Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and leaders
- with people from Canada and the United States of America
- for the family and friends of Halyna Hutchins

## THOMPSON ORDER FORM

Thompson Christmas Pie and Sweets Order Form will be in the Grapevine in mid-November. Collection will be at Umina Church on Friday 10 December. Watch this space and think about what you might have enjoyed previously to order again.

Any queries please phone Keith 4344 7989

# scripture readings

	SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER	SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER
<b>FIRST READING &amp; PSALM</b>	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127
<b>ALTERNATE FIRST READING &amp; PSALM</b>	Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Hebrews 9:11-14	Hebrews 9:24-28
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Mark 12:28-34	Mark 12:38-44

## worship services

Due to the COVID situation in Greater Sydney, our buildings are closed. Some groups are meeting online. An order of service and sermon notes will be emailed, or delivered with the Grapevine. On Sunday there will be a video of the sermon.

### THIS WEEK

Sunday 31 October  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Distributed by Rev Patty

Wednesday 3 November  
Communion Service 10:00am  
Same Zoom link as Sunday pm

Friday 5 November  
FFN Lions Park 4:45pm  
\$2 per person

### NEXT WEEK

Sunday 7 November  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 12 November  
FFN Lions Park 4:45pm  
\$2 per person

## this week

### SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

31 October at 5:00pm  
Join for an informal chat  
Contact Rev Patty for Zoom link

### MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

1 November at 9:00am via Zoom

### MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Resumes 1 November at 10:30am  
No vaccine certificate required

### WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

Cancelled due to Covid restrictions

### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Cancelled due to Covid restrictions

### FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Cancelled due to Covid restrictions

# THANK YOU

Many thanks to Wayne and Margaret, Steph and Keith, Paul, Heather, Ann, Stephen and Carol, and Glen for arranging, moving, cleaning and setting out the new chairs. They look great!



## celebrations

Sue's Birthday lunch celebrations last Friday were joyous. Sue, Heather, Myrle, Stewart, Anna, Ion, Evol, Percy, Catherine and Charles had a wonderful time.



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