



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches



Churches across Australia rang their church bells at midday Friday on 9 September to commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Queen Elizabeth passed away aged 96 on Thursday afternoon. She was the longest serving Monarch in UK history.

As our Prime Minister said, "There is comfort to be found in Her Majesty's own words: 'Grief is the price we pay for love'."

The thing that inspired most about the Queen was her personal humility and commitment to public service. How lucky we have been to observe someone of her calibre,

discipline and Christian values, albeit private form, in our lifetimes.

She was an example of public leadership, married for a lifetime to political restraint. Remaining always, the constitutional monarch.

We will mourn her passing partly because we see in her, a way of being of a generation that has truly passed.

Her behaviours, values and ways remind us of the best of our passed grandparents and great-grandparents- of teachers, church elders and others that were present at the beginning of our lives.

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People we loved for their consistency, personal humility and commitment to public service.

We do not just grieve Queen Elizabeth, we grieve the loss of those that inspired us; that embodied those values. The many women, and men, of our childhoods who we looked up to, who taught us the way of the common life.

You're still in church in 2022, how great their influence must have been on you!

Who was it in your life? Take a moment to reflect on those of that generation whom we are deeply grieving. Who is it for you? Picture them.

It is not only that we grieve for her as a person, or for them as people. We grieve the constancy and reassurance that we all have craved, craved since being children.

That everything we have ever known has changed, nothing remains as it was. We've grown up, grown old, grown wrinkles. We have supercomputers in our pockets and the world news moves at a faster pace than ever. The horizon is clouded with wars and rumours of wars.

And through it all, there was one constant, and it was that she was there. We grieve that that time passes.

How much does this deeply touch us, and our faith! Isn't that what we seek in our faith? The constancy and steadfastness of God?

worship services & regular activities

this week

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

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

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

next week

MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Monday Bible Study

Umina meeting room 10:30am

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

BeeBay Playgroup

In recess until 13th October

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
FIRST READING	Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 Amos 8:4–7	Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15, Amos 6:1a, 4–7
PSALM	Psalms 79:1–9 Psalm 113	Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16 Psalm 146
SECOND READING	1 Timothy 2:1–7	1 Timothy 6:6–19
GOSPEL	Luke 16:1–13	Luke 16:19–31

prayer

God of life,
you put in human beings
the imprint of your image
and likeness
and made us to participate
with you in your creation.
Forgive our incapacity to
respect and protect life in all
its forms.

Give us a vision to banish
violence in all its forms.
Establish as the foundation of
our lives,
and the lives of our people,
respect, equality, truth and
justice.

(Bishop Nelly Ritchie, Buenos Aires,
Argentina. © Red de Liturgia del CLAI; English
transl. Terry MacArthur, WCC)

we pray...

- with Gosford/Wyoming
Uniting Church
- with Brisbane Waters
Ministers Association
- for those who are sick and
others with special needs,
including Evol Hall,
Fred Waqa, Joice Tee,
Yvonne Howson, Wil and Don
Davies, Connie Watts, Debra
Stewart, Phil Juratowitch
and their families
- and give thanks for all fund
raising activities
- and give thanks for Rev Jane
Fry, General Secretary of our
NSW/ACT Synod
- with people from Argentina,
Paraguay, Uruguay
- for the family and friends of
Uncle Jack Charles

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 Margaret Read. 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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