



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Karyn

How are you at adjusting? I feel like I've been in a process of adjusting for some time now.

First with retirement. Although both in ministry for some years and working from the same location at home where our office was a shared room, Gareth and I had never actually worked together.

We held separate placements in ministry. Often I would be away for days at a time in a Presbytery role while Gareth ministered to his local congregation.

Upon retirement things changed overnight! We moved to a property we had invested in for some years but had never occupied. We looked to settling into retirement without the rigours of ministry.

We were surprised at the delight we felt without the demands of ministry on our minds every moment. It was a time of adjustment. We soon set new patterns and found our days full of all sorts of exciting things to do and places to go.

A year or so down the track came a request for us to provide some Supply Ministry at Pitt Street Uniting Church. It required us to move house and live between there and our home each week.

Another time of adjusting. Although we had not been looking for work we enjoyed the challenge and the opportunity to minister alongside the Pitt Street community for a while. Another time of adjusting.

Covid 19 came only 5 weeks into that adventure! Church was not able to meet so we moved back home to work in isolation. Ministry continued online. It

was a time of adjustment as we brushed up on old skills and worked with new technology. Our retirement home had become a place of work and our minds were filled with the care of the people 24/7. This time we worked together in tandem officially sharing the supply placement. Another time of adjustment.

Then Rev Patty reminded me of a promise I had made some time ago to be available should she need any supply during leave. It came! So did we and we are here and really enjoying our new short-term adventure with everyone at Broken Bay. And yes, it is a time of adjusting - not just for us but for you too!

I think I have come to the conclusion that it's not simply what I adjust to that becomes my new occupation but the ability to adjust itself and this is what keeps me going! Because life and certainly the world, is in a constant state of change and adjustment. Perhaps when next thinking of what you do, you might like to consider your skill and ability to adjust. We all need it and I know God will use it!

Blessings & Peace

Karyn

Rev. Karyn
Burchell-
Thomas



we pray...

- with St John the Baptist
- with Tuggerah Lakes South Faith
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs— Myrle Bowden's mother Myrna and her family, Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- for the Wednesday Wanderers
- for Presbytery Treasurer
- for all those affected by Cyclone Seroja in Western Australia

prayer

God of Hope,
whose Spirit gives light and power to
your people,
empower us to witness to your name in
all nations,
to struggle for your own justice
against all principalities and powers
and to persevere with faith and humour
in the tasks that you have given to us.
Without you we are powerless.
Therefore we cry together:
Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.
And grant that we may with one voice
and one heart glorify and sing praise to
the majesty of your holy Name, of the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
("An Invitation to Prayer" at the opening of
the fifth assembly of the World Council of
Churches, Nairobi, 1975.)



worship services

THIS WEEK

Friday 25 June 4:45pm
Family Fun Night, online

Sunday 27 June
Morning Worship 9:30am
Rev Karyn Burchell-Thomas

NEXT WEEK

Friday 2 July 4:45pm
Family Fun Night, online

Sunday 4 July
Morning Worship 9:30am
Rev Karyn Burchell-Thomas

this week

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

28 June at 9:00am via Zoom

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

In recess during school holidays

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

30 June 11:30am Meet at Lions Park
Woy Woy and walk to Bayview
Hotel for lunch. All welcome
RSVP Anna Lynar 0478912486

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Will recommence 16 July

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Contact Keith Wood

STAMPS

Please continue to save stamps
(concession stamps have no value and are
not saleable). Please leave stamps in a
plastic bag/envelope and leave at the back
of the church. They are sent to the Synod
Stamp Collection Office - this continues
to raise good money for use of the wider
services offered by the Uniting Church.

current rules



- **MASKS MUST BE WORN**
 - **COVID SIGN IN**
 - **SANITISE HANDS**
 - **NO SINGING**
- **4 METRE RULE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES**

> **HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE**



fffn

The children took to Rev Karyn and Gareth immediately at FFFN last week and had a wonderful time. Sadly, FFFN will be moving to an online platform due to Covid restrictions. Please keep an eye on the Facebook group for the latest news, including colouring pages and puzzles to keep the kids busy throughout the holidays.



lunch & chat sunday 27 june, midday

The lunch is booked for midday this Sunday and is still going ahead as planned.
Thank you,
Cathy



australian church women friday 23 july

Australian Church Women (A.C.W.) Kincumber Branch will be holding their annual Fellowship Day Service on Friday 23rd July 2021 at 10:00am at "Our Lady Star of the Sea" Church, 165 Serpentine Road, Terrigal. Speaker is Major Lesley Newton from Umina Salvation Army. Theme for day is "MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH – HOLINESS IN THE ORDINARY".



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.

register

To register for any activity go to <https://rsvp.church/r/5dwoluy5> or contact the Church office on 4341 8536 on Friday morning between 9.30am and midday.

security

Please do not be in the church buildings on your own. If you are there outside of meeting times, please arrange for another person to be with you. This is for your safety.

A reminder to please write in the sign-in book.



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