



the grapevine

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

father's day

Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September in Australia. The secular practice of honouring fathers on a particular day began about a hundred years ago.

We give thanks to God for Dads who are being celebrated today. We also acknowledge this day can be difficult for many due to a variety of reasons. May we be mindful and prayerful towards those experiencing sadness, grief and other emotions that this day can bring.

Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

For some of us, our father's love is like God's love – too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure. Some of our dads are here; some were never here.



For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers. On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

PLEASE SEND ALL GRAPEVINE ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS TO THE BELOW EMAIL ADDRESS BY NOON WEDNESDAY. BEFORE ADDING ANYONE TO THE PRAYER OR BIRTHDAY LIST, YOU MUST GET THEIR PERMISSION.

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say 'yes'



to pies & lamingtons!

REFERENDUM DAY

has been announced
for Saturday
14th October 2023



Order forms for our Pie and Lamington Fundraising Drive are in the newsletter or at the back of the church.

Orders need to be given to Margaret Gregory (Umina) or Sheila Craig (Kincumber) by **Sunday 1st October 6pm.**

Collection day for orders is
Friday 13th October

Umina orders: 10:30am - 12pm

Kincumber orders: 12pm - 12.30pm

Umina Church, Neptune Street.

These products are top quality and can be frozen if not used within a few days.

Any queries phone:

Keith 0418 112 077

worship services & regular activities

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Friday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 5:00pm

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Morning Service

Umina Church 9:30am

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Monday Bible Study

Umina 10:30am

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Craft

Umina 10:30am - 12:00pm

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
FIRST READING	Exodus 3:1-15	Exodus 12:1-14
PSALM	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Psalm 149
SECOND READING	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14
GOSPEL	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20

prayer from sengal

Lord, hear my prayer of peace and forgiveness! Lord God, forgive the white slave-traders of Europe and over the seas! They hunted our children like wild elephants. They caught them, tied them up, whipped them and soiled their hands with their blood. Bless my people, Lord, those who seek their own faces under the threat of being recognized. May they continue to seek you in spite of the cold and famine that eats at their very bones, at their very insides. The woman who laments her absent husband, the fiancée her lost love, the mother her dead son, bless those who have lost loved ones, may we all unite under your love. With your help, may all the people of Europe, Asia, Africa, and all who have sweated blood and suffering look beyond and see the haloed heads of my people. Extend a warm handshake to them so that we may all interlace our fingers to belt the earth in fraternal love.

(Excerpted from "Prayer for Peace and Brotherhood", Sedar Senghor, president of Senegal, 1960-81. Hallelujah for the Day, ed. Anthony Gittins, Liguori/Triumph, Liguori MO, USA, 2002, p.103.)

we pray...

- for our newly elected Church Council
- with Warnervale Uniting Church
- with Umina Salvation Army
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs - for all those in the Peninsula Village and those unable to attend Worship, Susan Simmons, Bev Baddeley, Faith Roberts, June Lane, Wayne and Margaret Read, Eileen Stewart, Bevan Anderson, Cathy McAllister, Joan Swain, Joice Tee, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and their families
- and give thanks for those who work in the UCA NSW/ACT Synod Offices
- the people from Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

SECULAR & SACRED

a Concert for all



**Sunday, 24th September
at 2.00pm**

**Kincumber Uniting
Worship Centre**

152 Avoca Drive
cnr Killuna Road, Kincumber

Directed by: **Doreen Smith**

Pianist: **Lilli Naulu**

Soprano: **Jacqui Binetsky**

Contralto: **Sue Stewart**

Entry: \$10 donation

For those coming, please bring
along a cake or slice so we can all
join in afternoon tea.



COFFEE

& chat

Please come and join us at:

10:30am

thursday 14 september

Hatters Tea House
281 Ocean View Rd,
Ettalong Beach

Bring a friend along with you!

Contact:

Cathy

0408 866 095



broken bay uniting church

PASTORAL CONTACTS

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