



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

**REV PATTY IS ON SICK LEAVE UNTIL NEXT WEEK.  
WORSHIP ON SUNDAY WILL BE LED BY  
MARGARET AND RON GREGORY AND ANN THOMPSON.  
ENJOY A MORNING OF PSALMS AND HYMNS.**

## notes from Patty

In the Bible reading this morning we hear of Jesus walking beside two travellers (Luke 24:13-35). He listens to their story of hope and sadness and dashed dreams and confusion. He starts where they are, then speaks the gospel into the events of the past few days, and they see it is Jesus when He breaks bread.

I wonder how we open the gospel to people in ways that meet them in their point of need. Jesus listened to pain and fear and turmoil in their lives, He listened as they walked and talked, He listened before He gave an answer.

One thing I have noticed in ministry, both lay and ordained, is that people need someone to talk to, who will listen. Listen without judgement or interruption. Jesus is a model of that listening.

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**grapevineuniting@gmail.com**

When I was younger, we were taught evangelism techniques that started with the gospel, they were one size fits all, except they didn't. When we start by telling people God loves them, without listening to their story; when we tell people that God forgives them without being willing to hear their guilt and shame; when we tell people Jesus rose from the grave, when they have trouble getting out of bed each day; we do a disservice to people and the gospel.

The gospel meets us where we are, and when we meet people where they are, listen to them and then help them see where God is active in that story, people are ready to listen.

*Rev Patty Lawrence*

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## we pray...

- with St John the Baptist Catholic Church
- with Tuggerah Lakes South Faith Community
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs— Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- and give thanks for those who organise our fundraising activities
- for Hospital chaplains
- with people from Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

## worship services

### NEXT WEEK – EASTER 3

Friday 16th April  
4:45pm  
Family Fun Night, Umina

Sunday 18th April  
9:30am  
Rev Patty, Umina

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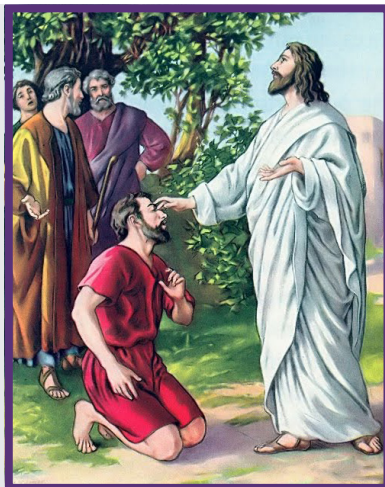
Friday 23rd April  
4:45pm  
Family Fun Night, Umina

Sunday 25th April  
9:30am  
Rev Patty, Umina

## prayer

Christ our God,  
sun of righteousness,  
by Your divine touch  
You gave light to the eyes of the blind man  
who had been deprived of light since birth.  
Enlighten also the eyes of our souls,  
and make us sons and daughters of light  
so that we cry out to You in faith:  
great and beyond words is Your  
compassion towards us!  
Loving Lord, glory to You!

(Vesper Hymn, Sunday of the Blind Man. In: Let us pray to the Lord, A collection of prayers from the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox traditions © 1996 WCC)  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>



# this week

## SUNDAY SPACE - CANCELED

April 18th at 5:00pm at Umina

## MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

19th April at 9:00am on Zoom

## MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

19 April at 10:30-11:30am Umina Church Hall  
on Zoom

## TUESDAY LENT EVENT STUDY

7:30pm on Zoom

## WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

April 21st meet at Ettalong Ferry Wharf  
at 10.45am, ferry leaves at 11. 00 am.

Cost of Ferry with senior card is \$12.50  
return. There will be a short walk to  
the Palm Beach RSL. Returning on the  
2pm Ferry. The pasta and pizza lunch  
special costs \$15. Ferry cost is \$12.50  
return. I can organise a bus from  
the club to pick up those who would  
rather not walk. Please let Anna know  
if you can make this outing. Text or  
ring Anna Lynar 0478912486 or email  
aslynar@gmail.com.  
Friends and family welcome.

## FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Contact Keith Wood

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON ZOOM CHAT

April 25th at 5:00pm



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SUNDAY SPACE WILL NOT  
BE HELD THIS MONTH**

...gathering is 18th April  
and the theme is  
**CHOICES**



Sunday Space, a place to gather,  
reflect and discuss, is on this  
Sunday at 5.00 pm in the Umina  
meeting room. This month we think  
about choices and the ways we  
make decisions.  
There will be a short video, time to  
reflect, colour, ... then a discussion.  
Please bring a drink with you.

## church council nominations

Nomination Forms for members of Church Council,  
including Elders, are available today.

### ELECTIONS AND THE PARISH AGM WILL BE ON SUNDAY 30TH MAY

The Church Council is responsible for oversight of the running of the  
Parish - spiritual, worship, property, finance, caring for each other,  
serving the community, etc. Elders have a specific role on the Church  
Council to ensure matters of spiritual importance are considered in  
all discussions. All members of Church Council must be confirmed  
members or members in association of the Parish.

## 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 Gregory.

## 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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