



# the grapevine

8 AUGUST 2021

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Patty

A friend died this morning (Tuesday). We were at college together for 18 months, and since then have seen each other only occasionally, but always joyously. I saw her in May, she was frail physically, but her faith and her joy were still present. COVID meant I could not visit in the past few weeks.

My friend knew her time on earth was nearing the end. Her family and close friends had been able to say their goodbyes. Others were invited to write a short note with a story or a few words which were read to my friend and are now a keepsake for her husband and children.

In times like this I turn to the Psalms. There are psalms of joy, of praise, of celebration, psalms of lament and anger and pleading. Psalm 23 is a psalm of comfort for many.

What Psalm, or other Scripture, do you turn to in times of grief?

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

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## Psalm 23

### Contemporary English Version

*You, Lord, are my shepherd.  
I will never be in need.  
You let me rest in fields of  
green grass.  
You lead me to streams of peaceful  
water, and you refresh my life.*

*You are true to your name,  
and you lead me  
along the right paths.  
I may walk through valleys  
as dark as death,  
but I won't be afraid.*

*You are with me,  
and your shepherd's rod  
makes me feel safe.  
You treat me to a feast,  
while my enemies watch.  
You honour me as your guest,  
and you fill my cup until it overflows.*

*Your kindness and love  
will always be with me  
each day of my life,  
and I will live forever  
in your house, Lord.*



# 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 8 August  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 13 August  
FFFN video uploaded  
Social zoom chat 4:45pm

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## NEXT WEEK

Sunday 15 August  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 20 August  
FFFN video uploaded  
Social zoom chat 4:45pm

## this week

### SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

8 August at 5:00pm  
Contact Rev Patty for Zoom link

### MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

9 August at 9:00am via Zoom

### MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

### WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

### FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

## we pray...

- with Hardy's Bay Community Church
- with Terrigal 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
- with thanks for our Bible Study group
- for the Presbytery Strategy Committee
- with people from Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea
- for all essential workers

## prayer

When we contemplate such beauty,  
the immensity before us,  
blossoming with colour  
and scent,  
the surprising diversity of  
all that surrounds us,  
the green forests, the animals,  
the intelligence which allows  
us humans to create with you,  
God, the acts of your grace  
on our behalf,  
we can only express our joy  
at being your children  
and gladly sing of the  
generosity of your love.

(© Rev. Dr Kayoka-Luendu M., Cameroon.  
English transl. Dr Colette Bouka Coula,  
adapted by Terry MacArthur.)

# scripture readings

	SUNDAY 8 AUGUST	SUNDAY 15 AUGUST
FIRST READING & PSALM	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111
ALTERNATE FIRST READING & PSALM	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14
SECOND READING	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 5:15-20
GOSPEL	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:51-58

**radio**

Anyone who would like to listen to Sacred Music on a Sunday morning, Radio 50 Plus on 93.3 FM has an hour of Sacred Music each Sunday morning from 7:00am to 8:00am.





# beatitudes for these day

– **Thom M Shuman**

*I have always been intrigued with how we can claim the Beatitudes and Psalms for our times.'*

Blessed are they who wash their hands,  
for they shall hold living water;

blessed are those who keep their  
distance,  
for they shall draw closer to God;

blessed are they who self-quarantine,  
for they shall help others;

blessed are those who do not hoard,  
for they shall feed families;

blessed are those who sing songs  
to sheltering neighbours,

for they shall be members of the  
heavenly host;

blessed are parents who learn to teach  
at home,  
for they shall learn from their children;

blessed are they who shop for older folk,  
for they shall receive everlasting thanks;

blessed are the frontline health workers,  
for they shall be called healers of  
humanity.

*From the book: **Voices out of Lockdown***

# 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.

# current rules



**PLACES OF WORSHIP  
ARE CLOSED**

> **HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE**



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