



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## any other day

A child was assaulted on the streets in Australia in this last fortnight. As a result of the brutal beating he received, by an older man with an iron bar we are told, this child died.

Where is the outcry? Where are the nation's leaders – social, political and religious – crying out for justice? Are we so accustomed to violence like this that it slides from our screens and our memories as we swipe to a less confronting story?

Suddenly we remember the discomfort we feel when that Melbourne footy club remains accused of deep-rooted racism. We turn the channel to avoid listening (certainly talking) about offering a voice to our First People in a referendum.

Some will say that these are not associated, that one has no relevance to the other. Ask the ones whose voice is silenced. Ask the ones who received the violence of language, of social exclusion, of stereotype or worse.

And a child lies dead, and another family is paralysed in grief and despair.

This child's death cannot fade from our sight because we are afraid to discover what hides in the shadows of our lives and communities.

This is more urgent than any other story in our lives.

It is not enough to be sad, to offer thoughts and prayers.

What shall we ask, what shall we do, to find justice? What shall we require of our leaders? What shall we require of ourselves?

**Rev. Simon Hansford**

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SUNDAY  
13 NOV

10<sup>30</sup> am

# HARVEST FESTIVAL



## UMINA CHRISTMAS PIE DRIVE

Order forms available with the Grapevine.  
Spares at the back of the church.

Orders need to be placed by  
Sunday 27th November.

Collection and accurate money  
on Friday 9th December  
at Umina Church  
between 10.30 – 12noon.



## worship services & regular activities

### FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

#### Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

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

### SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

#### Morning Worship Harvest Festival

Umina Church 10:30am

### MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

#### Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

#### Monday Bible Study

Meeting Room 10:30am

### WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

#### Craft

Resumes 30 November

### THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

#### BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

### FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

#### Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

### SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

#### Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

# scripture readings

	<b>SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER</b>
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 Malachi 4:1-2a	Reign of Christ Jeremiah 23:1-6
<b>PSALM</b>	Psalm 98	Psalm 46
<b>SECOND READING</b>	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 1:68-79 Luke 23:33-43

## we pray...

- with Umina Salvation Army
- with those worshipping at Kincumber
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Joan Swain, Sue Webster, Brian Baddeley (Graham's brother), Evol Hall, Fred Waqa, Joice Tee, Yvonne Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Phil Juratowitch, Graham Baddeley, Bev Baddeley and their families
- and give thanks for our Friday Family Fun Night
- and give thanks for our Uniting Family Support Services
- for the people of Seoul

## prayer

God of the wilderness,  
In the muteness of isolation,  
your Spirit whispers a gentle presence;  
In the brokenness of separation,  
your embrace is hope and life;  
When all appears at be at risk -  
our community, our life,  
our future,  
you are present,  
bearing us to life again.  
You are before us,  
beside and behind us.  
We trust in you.  
All in Christ, we pray.  
Amen.

(Rev Simon Hansford, Moderator of the Synod of NSW and the ACT)

*Celebrating*

**50**  
**YEARS**

**RON & MARGARET  
GREGORY**

Many congratulations to both of you  
on your 50th anniversary.  
God has blessed you richly and filled  
your lives with love and happiness.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Beth Carmichael**

**broken bay uniting church**

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