



# the grapevine

22 MAY 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Margaret

Prior to Church Union in 1977, the local Methodist and Presbyterian congregations had formed a Joint Parish. This arrangement worked very well.

When voting took place to form "The Uniting Church", the Presbyterian vote was split, with a minority opting to remain in an existing Presbyterian Church.

Buildings had already been moved to the Neptune Street site. The Methodist Church from West Street Umina and the Presbyterian Church from South Street Umina. A kitchen was built to join these two buildings together. A new Church was built and the two original buildings became halls.

Then in 2000, work started on our now existing buildings to join the existing church, which of course created the need to remove the two old faithful churches.

And as they say "The rest is History"

Blessings to everyone,

*Margaret Read*

Broken Bay Uniting Church

**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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## worship services & regular activities

Friday Family Fun Night (FFFN) is a time aimed at families with young children – worship, activities, and a light meal.

### **THURSDAY 19 MAY**

#### **BeeBay Playgroup**

Umina 9:30am – 11:30am

### **FRIDAY 20 MAY**

#### **Family Fun Night**

Umina Church 4:45pm

### **SUNDAY 22 MAY**

#### **Morning Worship**

Umina Church 9:30am

Led by Ann Thompson

## next week

### **MONDAY 23 MAY**

#### **Monday Prayer Meeting**

Zoom 9:00am

#### **Monday Bible Study**

Umina meeting room 10:30am

### **THURSDAY 27 MAY**

#### **BeeBay Playgroup**

Umina 9:30am – 11:30am

### **FRIDAY 28 MAY**

#### **Friday Family Fun Night**

Umina Church 4:45pm

### **SUNDAY 29 MAY**

#### **Morning Worship**

Umina Church 9:30am

# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

We will be holding a stall for  
Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

## **SATURDAY 11th JUNE**

### **ETTALONG UNITING CHURCH**

Donations of baked  
goods appreciated.

We will be selling jams, cakes,  
slices, pickles, etc. All items must  
be labelled with ingredients.

## disruptor (LUKE 5:1-11)

Fishing,  
cleaning nets,  
catching nothing  
– yet doing  
despite their doubting.

A catch beyond dreams  
abandoned with boats  
and nets;  
and they followed him.

Jesus, disruptor,  
in whom we see God's love,  
grace revealed most clearly.

Jeff Shrowder, 2022



# scripture readings

	<b>SUNDAY 22 MAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY 29 MAY</b>
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Acts 16:9–15	Acts 16:16–34
<b>PSALM</b>	Psalms 67	Psalms 97
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5	Revelation 21:12–14, 16–17, 20–21
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9	John 17:20–26

## prayer

### A PRAYER FROM MAURITIUS

Heavenly Father,  
you have welcomed us into  
your kingdom  
and your heart's desire is to  
draw every human being  
to yourself.  
Grant us clear eyes to see  
people as you see them,  
sensitive feet to stand  
in their shoes,  
and warm smiles to welcome  
them into your name.  
Give us generous hearts  
that our church becomes  
a foretaste of heaven  
where every soul you send us  
finds their loving home in the  
community of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

(Prayer from the Anglican Diocese of  
Mauritius, The Church of the Province of the  
Indian Ocean.)

## we pray...

- with Connect Church
- with Mannering Park  
Uniting Church
- for those who are sick  
and others with special  
needs, including Joice Tee,  
Yvonne and Doug Howson,  
Wil and Don Davies,  
Connie Watts, Debra  
Stewart, Phil Juratowitch  
and their families
- for and give thanks for  
the people who prepare  
morning tea
- for the Presbytery pastoral  
Relations Committee
- with people from Indian  
Ocean Islands: Comoros,  
Madagascar, Maldives,  
Mauritius, Seychelles
- for the victims of the  
shooting in Buffalo, N.Y.

## 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.

## covid

We continue to follow Covid-safe practises.

- Please register with the welcomers
- Maintain 1.5 metre physical distancing, which means leave two seats between you and anyone not in your household
- Wearing a mask indoors is recommended
- Maintain hand hygiene by washing and sanitising
- Practise respiratory hygiene by coughing into your elbow, etc
- Stay home when sick
- Get tested if unwell



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