



the grapevine

9 JULY 2023

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

service of togetherness

Last Sunday those of us who gathered at Kincumber enjoyed various delicious soups and many luscious sweets at the Service of Togetherness, led by Rev. Martin Levine. We truly were one congregation – one people – who gathered together to mark this important transition. What struck me later was the profound analogy between what worship service and a good marriage, or deep friendship, have in common.

United by mutual consideration for others, recognition of our diversity and through building trust, with the help of God's Loving Grace, we will stand together – stick together – for the long haul, through the good times and the bad. The ceremony of bringing our individual sticks and placing



them on the table was especially meaningful as we considered what gifts, strengths and experiences we each can offer to one another, and to our respective communities. Martin's sermon reflected on helping us to see ourselves and one another as members of the Body of Christ, each with our own gifts, passions and strengths.

Our Worship Centres are different but those who attend BeeBay playgroup and the Friday Night Family Service at Umina, and the Friendship Group and Men's Breakfast

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at Kincumber, know the value of offering these weekly opportunities to people in our community to come along and join us. May God continue to show us how He desires for our places of worship to grow and to become what He wants them to be within our local communities, and may we follow our Good Shepherd as He leads us on.

Linda Brown



It's cold out there, but warm inside with great company. Come along for a free hot meal each week on:

Friday 6pm-8pm
Seventh Day Adventist
Church Hall
83 Blackwall Road,
Woy Woy

It is just three doors down from KFC. Tell others and bring a friend for a good community connection. Relaxed, friendly atmosphere with live music playing.

worship services & regular activities

FRIDAY 7 JULY

Friday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 5:00pm

SUNDAY 9 JULY

Morning Service

Umina Church 9:30am

MONDAY 10 JULY

Monday Bible Study

In recess until further notice

WEDNESDAY 12 JULY

Craft

Umina 10:30am - 12:00pm

THURSDAY 13 JULY

Morning Tea

Hatters Tea House 10:30am

BeeBay Playgroup

In recess during school holidays

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 9 JULY	SUNDAY 16 JULY
FIRST READING	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Genesis 25:19-34
PSALM	Psalms 45:10-17	Psalms 119:105-112
SECOND READING	Romans 7:15-25a	Romans 8:1-11
GOSPEL	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

prayer

Prayer from Eritrea

Thank you, dear Jesus,
for being a good shepherd
to all believers.

When we are lost from
your flock,
you never sleep until
you bring us back,
and there is rejoicing
in heaven and on earth.
Our daily shepherd, our
defender, our protector,
thank you for keeping
us from all evil,
from fearful, harmful things
and for preserving us
from all unbelief.
In your name we pray.

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we pray...

- with Terrigal Uniting Church
- with Brisbane Waters Ministers Association
- 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, Wayne and Margaret Read, Ann Thompson Bronwyn and Paul Mannell, Bevan Anderson, Cathy McAllister, Joan Swain, Joice Tee, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and their families
- and give thanks for our Connecting with Each Other Mission team
- and give thanks for our UCA National Assembly
- for people from Eritrea, Ethiopia,



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KEITH WOOD, WIL DAVIES & PAM CARTER

*also wishing Myrle & Stewart
a Happy Wedding Anniversary*



**PLEASE NOTE
THAT ALL
NOMINATIONS
FOR ELECTION TO
CHURCH COUNCIL
CLOSE ON
SUNDAY 9 JULY**

COFFEE & chat

Please come and join us at:

**10:30am
thursday 13 july**

Hatters Tea House
281 Ocean View Rd,
Ettalong Beach

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broken bay uniting church

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