



the grapevine

14 AUGUST 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches



In the last fortnight, a number of high profile artists have passed – Archie Roach, First Nations musician and advocate, Nichelle Nichols, famous for acting the part of Lieutenant Uhura on Star Trek, Judith Durham of the Seekers and most recently, actor, singer and cancer research advocate Olivia Newton-John.

I found myself wondering, do the deaths of these pop-cultural icons warrant any thought or comment by a Christian Church? In the case of the Uniting Church at least, I believe so.

Paragraph 11 of the UCA's Basis of Union makes the following fascinating statement: "the Uniting Church also stands in relation to contemporary societies in ways which will help it to understand its own nature and mission." This openness to learning of our own nature and mission through

relationship with contemporary society is also coherent with the theological understanding that God is at mission in the world, revealing Godself in a multiplicity of ways and forms not limited to the work of the Church, nor contained within the walls of the Church.

So to the extent that beautiful music, thought-provoking TV shows, joyful musicals, poetry, painting and all the wonderful, exuberant, challenging and confronting arts raise our hearts and minds to things that are true, honourable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and worthy of praise (cf. Phil. 4:8), these human artifacts and their human creators should be celebrated, remembered, and at their passing mourned.

***Written by Rev Lindsay Cullen,
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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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Patty
& Ian

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WISHING PATTY AND IAN LAWRENCE A VERY HAPPY 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Patty and Ian met when they were both students at Newcastle University. Ian was studying Engineering and Patty Maths and Science. Patty started attending at worship on Sunday morning, and Ian was there at the door once a month. Patty's family were involved in canoeing, and one weekend Ian was there with some mates looking after the technology. Patty invited Ian to evening youth service, and the rest, as they say, is history. They married at Wesley Uniting Church East Maitland on 7th August 1982.

worship services & regular activities

this week

FRIDAY 12 AUGUST

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

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

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Led by Members of the Church Council

next week

MONDAY 15 AUGUST

Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Monday Bible Study

Umina meeting room 10:30am

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST

BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

FRIDAY 19 AUGUST

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Led by Rev. Rex Hunt

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 14 AUGUST	SUNDAY 21 AUGUST
FIRST READING	Isaiah 5:1-7 Jeremiah 23:23-29	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Isaiah 58:9b-14
PSALM	Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19 Psalm 82	Psalms 71:1-6 Psalm 103:1-8
SECOND READING	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29
GOSPEL	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17

prayer

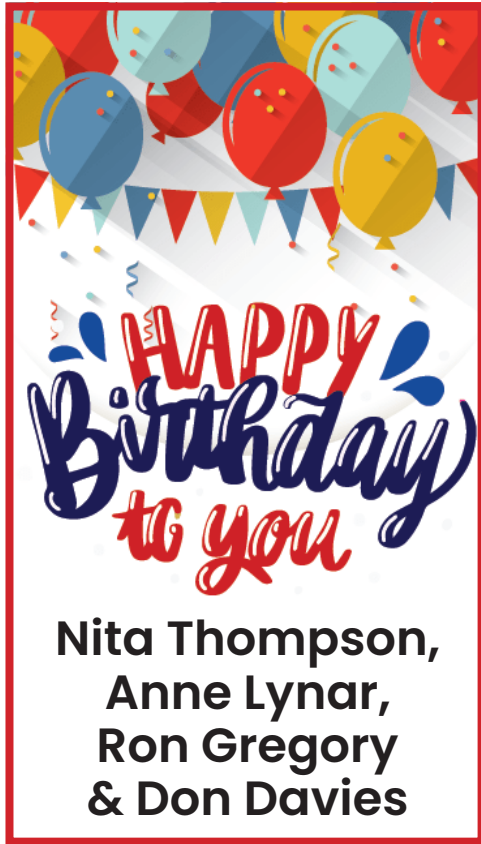
for Mali, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mauritania

God, our Father, we bless you for the gift of life that you grant us, that strength of faith, so fragile and so powerful, which is nourished by the assurance of your love. We pray to you, Lord, for the sustenance of life for the people of these five countries, Mali, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mauritania. Stir up the strength and courage of all those who are engaged in lifting these countries out of poverty.

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we pray...

- with REM/Youthlife and their ministry in the local High Schools
- with Kincumber Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Fred Waqa, Joice Tee, Yvonne and Doug Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Phil Juratowitch and their families
- and give thanks for our SRE teachers who go into Primary schools each week
- and give thanks for Assembly Resourcing Unit and National Consultants Rev Lindsay Cullen and Rev Charissa Suli
- with people from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger



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.



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