



# the grapevine

31 JULY 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## report from church council

The Church Council met on 20th July, one week earlier than usual, as a number of people would be on holidays the following week.

Many topics were discussed and reports were presented from Patty Lawrence, Wayne Read, each of the Parish team leaders and myself. There was significant conversation around our financial situation and a number of scenarios are under discussion, in an attempt to become more viable, financially.

It was very encouraging to hear from the connecting with the community team of the success of the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea, the Mary Macs food drive, and especially growing numbers in the Thursday morning Playgroup.

**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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The connection with each other team will be led by Stephanie Wood, and C.C. extended many thanks to Stephanie for cards and messages she has forwarded, on behalf of the Parish, to people who were experiencing ill health, celebrating special occasions etc.

It was confirmed that a closure service for Patty Lawrence will be taking place on Saturday, 22nd October.

Certificates were presented to Heather Walker, Carol Wilton and Stephen Wilton for completing their Safe church training.

Blessings to all,

*Margaret Read*

Broken Bay  
Uniting Church



# prayer

Last Sunday our Bible reading included what we know as the Lord's Prayer. This week the retreat I was at, was led by Rev Dr Sarah Agnew, who writes poems and prayers. This is one of her prayers.

## **The prayer Jesus taught us** - new words

Divine Source of Love and Life,  
Holy is your unspeakable name.

May your Way of Love resound  
through earth,  
heaven in our midst.

All we need to live and thrive  
we receive from you, Creator;

forgive us when we turn away,  
as we forgive each other.

Keep us on the path of Wisdom,  
away from wicked tyranny;

Spirit ever breathe through us,  
empower us with hope.

From you, through you and  
in you,  
are all things, now and always;  
to you be all honour and praise.

Amen.

<https://praythestory.blogspot.com/2016/07/the-prayer-jesus-taught-us-new-words.html>

# worship services & regular activities

## this week

### **FRIDAY 29 JULY**

#### **Family Fun Night**

Umina Church 4:45pm

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

### **SUNDAY 31 JULY**

#### **Morning Worship**

Umina Church 9:30am

Led by Ann Thompson

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## next week

### **MONDAY 1 AUGUST**

#### **Monday Prayer Meeting**

Zoom 9:00am

#### **Monday Bible Study**

Umina meeting  
room 10:30am

### **THURSDAY 4 AUGUST**

#### **BeeBay Playgroup**

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

### **FRIDAY 5 AUGUST**

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

Umina Church 4:45pm

### **SUNDAY 7 AUGUST**

#### **Morning Worship**

Umina Church 9:30am

# scripture readings

	<b>SUNDAY 31 JULY</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7 AUGUST</b>
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Hosea 11:1-11 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Genesis 15:1-6
<b>PSALM</b>	Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Psalm 49:1-12	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Psalm 33:12-22
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40

## prayer

### from the People's Republic of Congo

Lord, if you want that we should love you with all our heart, without distraction or detour, teach us to become constant in your love.

When those without faith or law insult us, help us to forgive, O Resurrected One.

Jesus, the friend of the people of the Congo, your Father is not a God of the dead but of the living;

therefore, guide us in your love, so that we may live in your presence forever.

(Louise Bakala Koumouno, People's Republic of Congo.)

## we pray...

- with Connect Church
- with Warnervale 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 the Supporting & Resourcing Mission Team
- and give thanks for Uniting World and Director Dr Sureka Goringe
- with people from Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe
- for Margaret Hawke's three children

# becoming a member

Have you thought about becoming a member of the Broken Bay Uniting Church? A member or not, you are welcome to participate in any church activities. Membership allows you to vote and be a member of the Church Council. Being a member also simplifies some things on an administration basis. To become a member, start by having a chat with Patty. Members are people who believe in Jesus and want to live as his disciples, learning from him and living lives based on his life and teachings. It also means agreeing to the Basis of Union and working within the framework of the Uniting Church. If you are already a member of another church, transferring is easy.

# 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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