



# the grapevine

19 FEBRUARY 2023

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## earthquake

As we gather this week in worship and in prayer, we are confronted by the disaster following the earthquake in Türkiye and northern Syria.

As the death toll passes 41,000 people, and the physical devastation is confronting, we are mindful of those whose lives have been changed irrevocably. People are overwhelmed with grief at what is happening before them, as they try to survive the chaos. There will be years ahead of recovery and rebuilding; the grief alone is almost overwhelming.

This will not be over within a news cycle; our prayers and support will be needed for many months ahead.



We will pray, and I offer a prayer, below. We need to pray for our friends around us in the church and community who are from the Middle East, whose lives and families and communities are affected. Don't simply pray for them; call them, offer them your support.

We can also offer financial support through the National Council of Churches of Australia.

*Rev. Simon Hansford*

**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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# prayer

O God, our God, the world is not what it was;  
the ground has shifted,  
the earth has taken people we knew and loved  
and we don't know what to do,  
or how to understand.

*Hear our grief,  
hear our lostness,  
hear our prayer.*

We pray for the people of Türkiye and Syria,  
as they are addressed by chaos.  
As they act to save others,  
to provide safety,  
to recover those who have died,  
be present in all the destruction,  
in grief, in calamity,  
in every sign of hope and life.

*Hear our grief,  
hear our lostness,  
hear our prayer.*

Urge governments to act, especially in Türkiye and Syria,  
and in every nation,  
that resources might be made available,  
for hope, for recovery.

*Hear our grief,  
hear our lostness,  
hear our prayer.*

Spirit with us, keep us mindful of our neighbours,  
welcomed from that region of your world,  
that we might share meals, and grief,  
and stories with them,  
offering them hope and hospitality  
in their bewilderment.

*Hear our grief,  
hear our lostness,  
hear our prayer.*

We pray, in time, that you lead these nations, these families,  
these people, to life again;  
holding their grief,  
and enabling them to know your presence  
is with them in every aspect of their lives,  
even in their worst moments.

*Hear our grief,  
hear our lostness,  
hear our prayer.*

May the hope we find in the risen, crucified Lord,  
find them now and every day.  
Through Christ we pray.

Amen

## worship services & regular activities

### FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

#### Family Fun Night

Umina Church 5:00pm

### SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

#### Morning Worship

Umina 9:30am

### MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY

#### Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

### Monday Bible Study

Meeting Room 10:30am

### WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

#### Craft

Umina 10:30am - 12:00pm

### THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY

#### BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

# scripture readings

	SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY (first Sunday of Lent)
FIRST READING	Exodus 24:12-18	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
PSALM	Psalms 2	Psalms 32
SECOND READING	2 Peter 1:16-21	Romans 5:12-19
GOSPEL	Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11

## we pray...

- with Hardy's Bay Community Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Suli Waqa, Bevan Anderson, Anna Lynar's grandson Alex Jenkins, Cathy McAllister, Joan Swain, Joice Tee, Yvonne Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Phil Juratowitch and their families
- and give thanks for our musicians who faithfully play for us each week
- and give thanks for Geoff Leslie, Business Manager of our Presbytery
- the people of Turkey and Syria
- for the family and friends of mine workers Dylan Langridge and Trevor Davis

## thank you to stamp collectors

From October 1977 to December 2022 the Stamp Committee raised

**\$879,697 !**



**Sales for 2022 were \$29,200.**

These funds are available to Church Congregations for Community Projects.

Please continue to bring your stamps to Church. I'm happy to receive them or leave them on the back table and I will collect.

Pam Carter



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

Connie Watts  
& Jake Galasso

**Coffee**  
& CONVERSATION

AT KINCUMBER  
UNITING CHURCH



**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY**  
(every second and fourth Tuesday  
of the month)

Come along to Kincumber Uniting  
Church for morning coffee,  
conversation and games!  
Meet new friends and catch up with  
old ones. All welcome - young or old,  
children and pets welcome.  
Come for morning tea - bring your  
own lunch if you wish to stay.

For more information call  
0408 240 738



**CRAFT**  
at Umina Church Hall  
Wednesdays  
10:30am-12pm  
CONTACT JENNY  
0407 215 861

**coffee & chat**

10:30am  
thursday 9 march

Hatters Tea House  
281 Ocean View Rd,  
Ettalong Beach  
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**broken bay uniting church**

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