



# the grapevine

3 APRIL 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Patty

On Sunday, I told you a little about the workshops I attended last Saturday as part of the Healthy Churches Expo. Workshops covered Mission, Finance, Building Partnerships with First Peoples, Good Governance, Engaging with CALD Communities, Church Planting, Strategic Property, and more.

The sessions I attended were Congregation Mission Planning, Church Planting Frameworks, Developing Lay Leadership in your Congregation, and Growing Young.

We started with a reminder of the Synod Statement from Synod 2021: To being a contemporary, courageous and growing church proclaiming Jesus Christ in worship, witness

and service. I plan for us to have some time to think about what it might mean for us to be contemporary, courageous (rather than cautious) and growing.

As I mentioned on Sunday, the statistics show us that the same number of people that attend worship at least once a month is the same as the number of people who are interested in spirituality but have not found a group that nurtures their faith.

What might we do to be a church for people who are not already here?

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## worship services & regular activities

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

### FRIDAY 1 APRIL

**Friday Family Fun Night**  
Umina Church 4:45pm

### SUNDAY 3 APRIL

**Morning Worship**  
Umina Church 9:30am  
Lent 5 • Full to the Brim –  
Brazen Acts of Beauty  
followed by morning tea

### MONDAY 4 APRIL

**Monday Prayer Meeting &  
Monday Bible Study**  
Resume May 2

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## next week

### THURSDAY 7 APRIL

**Playgroup**  
Umina 9:30–11:30am  
BYO snacks and drink

### FRIDAY 8 APRIL

**Friday Family Fun Night**  
Umina Church 4:45pm

### SUNDAY 10 APRIL

**Morning Worship**  
Umina Church 9:30am  
Lent 6 • Full to the Brim –  
Even the Stones Cry



## we pray...

- with St John the Baptist Catholic Church
- with Mannering Park Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Doug Howson, Wil Davies, Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee and Val Juratowitch
- for those who have lost loved ones
- and give thanks for Stewards, welcomers
- for Presbytery Chairperson Ian Lawrence
- with people from The Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

**A Memorial Service for  
Marlene Livesley will be  
held on Wednesday  
6th April at 11.00am at  
Umina Uniting Church.**

# scripture readings

	SUNDAY 3 APRIL	SUNDAY 10 APRIL
FIRST READING	Isaiah 43:16-21	<i>none</i>
PSALM	Psalms 126	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
SECOND READING	Philippians 3:4b-14	<i>none</i>
GOSPEL	John 12:1-8	Luke 19:28-40

## a prayer for unity

Let us ask God for the gift of unity:

God, our Father, who has created all things, we are your children. It is your will that we live together in peace and stand by one another as sisters and brothers. Your will be done.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you have prayed for the unity of all who are baptized in your name, who believe in you and confess your name. Is it your will, that the Church, your body, be one. Your will be done.

Holy Spirit of God, you have filled the Apostles with the fire of courage to proclaim the Good News. It is your will that we proclaim

with one voice the great deeds of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your will be done.

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1986, Slovenia)



*Easter*  
• SERVICES •

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
14th April will be available online

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
15th April 9.30am

**EASTER SUNRISE**  
17th April 6.00am

**EASTER WORSHIP**  
17th April 9.30am

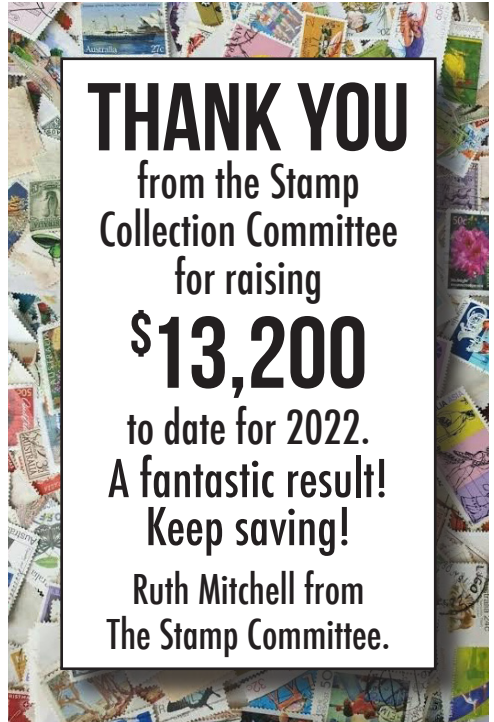
# giving

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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