



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

worship services

THIS WEEK - EASTER

Thursday 1st April
Online - see Broken Bay Uniting Family Ministry Facebook page

Good Friday
2nd April
9.30am, Umina
2pm Family Fun Night

Sunday 4th April
9:30am
Rev Patty L, Umina

NEXT WEEK - EASTER 2

Friday 9th April
4:45 FFFN

Sunday 11th April
9:30am Tom Clark
2pm Rev Patty

notes from Patty

In the middle of a long weekend in Australia, Christians gather to remember the arrest, trial, death and burial of Jesus, then gather again to celebrate resurrection. The empty tomb story recorded by Luke leaves us without a resurrection appearance from Jesus.

The last week of Jesus' life is turbulent, particularly if we look at all four gospel accounts. The entry to Jerusalem and shouting of praise; the tenderness of the woman who anoints Jesus; the fighting among the disciples about greatness; the last Supper; Jesus praying in the garden; arrest and trial; crucifixion; burial.

Then the uncertainty of Easter morning. The disciples struggled to believe the unbelievable, that the One who was taken from the cross on Friday afternoon, and laid in the tomb, was alive.

"Believing in the resurrection is not a matter of mental effort. Such belief does not dwell in the space between our ears. That belief becomes life in our very bones. Such belief ought to transform our everyday. Belief in the resurrection is not just a response on a survey of belief; belief in the resurrection changes our very existence, right here and right now."

Eric Barreto <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/resurrection-3/commentary-on-luke-241-12>

please send all Grapevine article submissions to the below email address by noon Wednesday:

grapevineuniting@gmail.com



lent event

Lent Event is Uniting World's annual fundraising event, bringing people together to learn about our overseas partners and commit to end poverty. Pledge to live simply for the 40 days of Lent (17 Feb – 29 Mar 2021) and help our global neighbours be free from poverty and injustice.



we pray...

- with Peninsula Anglican Church
- with Terrigal Uniting Church
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs – Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- for those who “dress” the church with banners, flowers, etc.
- for churches undergoing changes
- for the Synod as it meets on Wednesday evening and Saturday morning
- with people from the Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

May we love you
Set our hearts on fire with love for you,
O Christ, our God,
that in its flame we may love you
with all our heart, with all our mind,
with all our soul and with all our strength,
and love our neighbours as ourselves,
so that by keeping your commandments
we may glorify you,
the giver of all good gifts.



(Mother Teresa, Macedonia, TPP, p. 227.)

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/the-balkans-albania-bosnia-and-herzegovina-croatia-kosovo-montenegro-north-macedonia-serbia-slovenia>

this week

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ZOOM CHAT
no meeting today

**MONDAY PRAYER MEETING
& BIBLE STUDY**
will resume 19 April

TUESDAY LENT EVENT STUDY
7:30pm on Zoom

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS
Meet at Lions Park Woy Woy at
9am April 7. Walk to Woy Woy
followed by coffee at Gnostic
Mana, then op shop together!
Please let Anna 0478 912 486 or
Cathy 0408 866 095 know if you
are coming

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS
Contact Keith Wood

Our Broken Bay friends,

We were surprised and
honoured when Ann Thompson
dropped into our new home
with a most unexpected gift
from you.

The Umina church has been
our place of worship for almost
24 years (less a 5 year break
in Sydney).

We will greatly miss the
friendship and fellowship of
the Parish.

Yours in Christ

Bruce
& Sue
Sisney



from danielle

*A couple of weeks ago during
Friday Family Fun Night,
I picked up the latest issue of the
Grapevine and read the request
for a volunteer to put together
future issues. After a moment's
doubt (how will I find the time?),
I put up my hand to Rev Patty and
here I am!*

*I hope you all enjoyed reading last
week's "new-look" Grapevine as
much as I enjoyed designing it!
After years of being "just a Mum",
I forgot how much I missed being
a Graphic Designer, which was*

*my career for 15 years prior to
motherhood.*

*My family and I moved to the
Peninsula about five years ago,
and one of the first things I did
upon arrival was to attend the
Friday playgroup, followed by FFFN.
It was here that I was lucky enough
to meet a wonderful community
who have been there through thick
and thin, offering support and
friendship. I hope in some way
I am now repaying this kindness.*

*Please feel free to share any
news you have for future issue
by emailing me at
grapevineuniting@gmail.com*

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 Gregory.

register

To register for any activity go to <https://rsvp.church/r/5dwoluy5> or contact the Church office on 4341 8536 on Friday morning between 9.30am and midday.

security

Please do not be in the church buildings on your own. If you are there outside of meeting times, please arrange for another person to be with you. This is for your safety.

A reminder to please write in the sign-in book.



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