



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## church council meeting 24.8.22

As you can imagine, our meeting last week had quite a lot on the agenda to discuss. It's amazing what a difference a month makes!

We welcomed two people from the Kincumber worshipping community to church council.

A decision was made to employ Linda Brown, for one day per week, as pastoral worker with our Ettalong and Umina people. Linda is well qualified and has been working with the Kincumber worshippers for over six months. She will be starting mid September.

A small group will be working towards a preaching plan for the next few months, which will include all worship centres. We will all rely on streamed material etc. at times.

Discussion also took place in regard to the arrangement of a supply minister for the Parish.

We also discussed the improvement of our technology in the Umina Church. This is now in hand and a tech person has been contacted.

Eight parish members attended the Safe Church workshop held at Terrigal last month. At this point I must say that anyone with a leadership position in the Uniting Church must have safe church training.

We are hoping to arrange several activities of a social nature, over the next few months. This will give us chance to mix together, particularly with our Kincumber friends.

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Morning tea has resumed after worship at Umina, on a fortnightly basis. Many thanks to Margaret Coutts for getting us started again, and to everyone helping on the roster.

C.C. have also approved for the Baptism of two little girls at the Umina Church on 18th September. How lovely to have three baptisms within a month!

It was reported that our Thursday playgroup is growing, and FFFN is still going strong.

A thank you letter was sent to Helen, niece of Robert Addinall for the generous bequest from the family.

I would like to thank all members of C.C. for all their support and extra work over the last month. I particularly thank Myrle for her huge input into our services, and the people at Kincumber who have been putting services together for their worship centre.

We still have plenty of hard work ahead of us, but the overall feeling of C.C. was very positive for our future together.



Margaret Read.  
Broken Bay  
Chairperson Church Council

## worship services & regular activities

### this week

#### **FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

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

Umina Church 4:45pm

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

#### **SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

##### **Morning Worship**

Umina Church 9:30am

### next week

#### **MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

##### **Monday Prayer Meeting**

Zoom 9:00am

##### **Monday Bible Study**

Umina meeting room 10:30am

#### **THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

##### **BeeBay Playgroup**

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

#### **FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

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

Umina Church 4:45pm

#### **SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER**

##### **Morning Worship**

Umina Church 9:30am

# scripture readings

	<b>SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Exodus 32:7-14
<b>PSALM</b>	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 Psalm 1	Psalms 14 Psalm 51:1-10
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Philemon 1:1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10

## prayer

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father’s Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.



For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen

*Rev. Chuck Currie*

## we pray...

- with Umina Salvation Army
- with Toukley 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 Rev Simon Hansford, our Moderator
- and give thanks for all who arrange flowers and banners
- with people from Benin, Cote d'Ivoire and Togo
- for the families of Tom and Noah Strachan, and of pilot Gary Liehm.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Sue Blackburn  
& Natalina Gallace

*Wishing you both the  
happiest of days.*



## village news

David Fulton has reported that some church members have moved into care from independent living. He has also spoken to Don Davies who sends his best wishes to all his friends from church.



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