



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

As people are created in the image of God, we all have a deep desire for experience and relationship. These are what gives substance and meaning to our lives.

When we see injustice in the world and our fellow creatures suffering, we want to do something. And sometimes, giving money just doesn't feel enough. We want to experience the change. However, just as a deep concern for our friends' health does not make us a doctor, a passion for seeing God's justice done does not make us aid/development workers.

But the cure for disease needs more than the technical expertise of doctors. For people to recover from illness they need their loved ones to rally around, encourage them, advocate for them, cheer them up, and give them hope. Systemic injustice is not that different. People struggling against poverty and injustice need neighbours. Neighbours who not only send along the professionals with the skills, but

who also stand with them in friendship, advocacy, prayer and encouragement.

When our discipleship as global neighbours combines financial support, for effective and professional work, with prayer, advocacy and relational connection – that's when its true transformative power is manifest. [from the 2021 Lent Event Bible Study]

Donations for Lent Event can be put in an envelope, marked Lent Event, and placed in the offering bowl at church, or via Electronic transfers to the Church bank account, marked Lent Event. Lent Event is a fundraising activity of UnitingWorld. Please make all donations by Sunday 9th May.

Rev Patty Lawrence

Broken Bay
Uniting Church



Share birthdays and anniversaries with the Grapevine!
Please send all submissions to the below email address by noon Wednesday:

grapevineuniting@gmail.com



we pray...

- with Umina Salvation Army
- with Wyong Uniting Church
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs – Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee, Val Williams and Connie Lockie
- for the people who regularly visit our people in residential aged care.
- for Long day care and preschool workers and families
- with people from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan



prayer from Mongolia

O God,
that we may receive your blessing,
touch our brows, touch our heads,
and do not look upon us in anger.
In a hard year be our mercy;
in a year of affliction, be our kindness;
dark spirits banish from us;
bright spirits bring close to us;
grey spirits put away from us;
good spirits draw near to us.
When I am afraid, be my courage;
when I am ashamed, be my true face;
be thou over me like a blanket,
be thou under me like a bed of furs.

(Mongolia. With All God's People, compiled by John Carden, WCC, 1989, p.65.)
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

worship services

THIS WEEK – EASTER 5

Friday 30th April
4:45pm
Family Fun Night, Umina

Sunday 2nd May
9:30am
Seven Days of Solidarity
Uniting World, Umina

NEXT WEEK – EASTER 6

Friday 7th May
4:45pm
Family Fun Night, Umina

Sunday 9th May
9:30am
Ann Thompson, Umina

leave

Patty will be on Annual Leave
from Wednesday 28th April
to Tuesday 11th May.

Rev Karyn Burchell Thomas will be
with us in June and July when Patty
takes some Long Service Leave
from 14th June to 26th July.

this week

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

3rd May at 9:00am on Zoom

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

3rd May at 10:30-11:30am

Ann Thompson's home
69 Victoria Road, Woy Woy
(this week only)

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

5th May meet at 9am at Fairhaven,
Point Clare. Coffee, browse the
opportunity shop then a walk along
the bike track at Fagan's park.
Please let Anna know if you can make
this outing. Text or ring Anna Lynar
0478912486 or email aslynar@gmail.com.
Friends and family welcome.

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Contact Keith Wood

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ZOOM CHAT

May 9th at 5:00pm



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In memory of Bob Lockie,
please donate to Dementia Australia
<http://bit.ly/bob2021da>

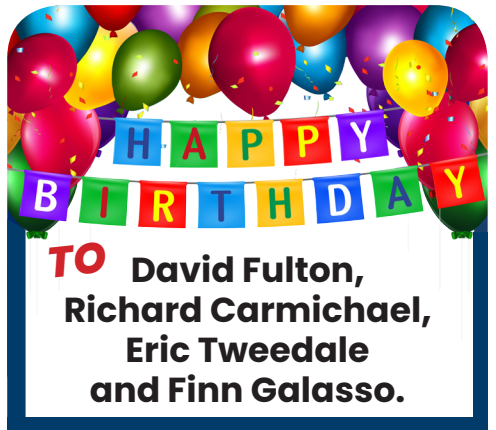
mary mac's

During May we
will be holding
a food drive
for Mary Mac's.



They are in need
of the following:

- Meal bases such as butter chicken, sweet and sour. Please no tomato or white sauces as they have lots
- Instant packet pasta
- Instant noodles
- Instant rice
- Crushed garlic
- Big Eat cans
- Cereal
- Dishwashing liquid



church council nominations

Nomination Forms for members of Church Council, including Elders, are available.

ELECTIONS AND THE PARISH AGM WILL BE ON SUNDAY 30TH MAY
NOMINATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY
- PLEASE GIVE TO MARGARET GREGORY

The Church Council is responsible for oversight of the running of the Parish - spiritual, worship, property, finance, caring for each other, serving the community, etc. Elders have a specific role on the Church Council to ensure matters of spiritual importance are considered in all discussions. All members of Church Council must be confirmed members or members in association of the Parish.

ERIC TWEEDALE

celebrating **100** YEARS



Member of our Church, Eric Tweedale celebrates his 100th birthday on 5th May, climaxing an active and impressive life. Born in England in 1921, he came with his family to live in Australia at the age of 3. As a teenager he showed considerable sporting talent, especially in cricket and rugby. War intervened and in 1942 he enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy, serving until peace was declared. Gifted in rugby he was selected to play for Australia with the Wallabies in test matches here and overseas. Now he is recognized and honoured as "Australia's oldest Wallaby". A book on his life has been published this year, entitled "The Last of his Tribe".



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