

There will not be a **Grapevine** next week.
The next issue will be printed on Wednesday Thursday 14th January
Please have any information to Patty by midday Wednesday 13th January.

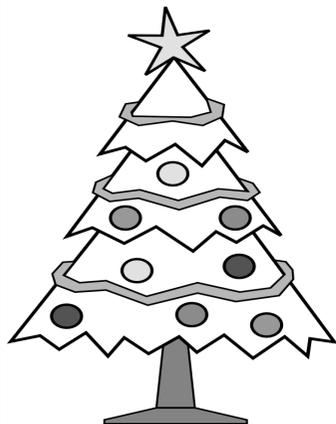


THE GRAPEVINE

The weekly News sheet of the Ettalong and
Umina Uniting Churches
3rd and 10th January 2021



New Christmas Tree:



Those who were able to join us for worship on Christmas Morning will have noticed we have a new Christmas Tree this year.

Thank you to Liz Hawkins for donating our new Christmas tree and decorations, and putting in place in time for Christmas services.

A reminder the tree is up for the season of Christmas, which is Christmas Day to Epiphany—the 12 days of Christmas.

Used Hearing Aids and devices required for those with hearing difficulties in Malawi, Africa.
Phone Steph 4344 7989 for a pickup or leave at church.

Congratulations

to and all those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week

Thank You

for your Christmas wishes, cards and gifts.

Patty and Ian

Current members of Church Council are: Margaret Read (Chairperson), Sue Sismey (Secretary), Wayne Read (Treasurer), Margaret Gregory, Heather Walker, Ann Thompson, Linda Kalantzis, Myrle Bowden, Carol Wilton and Rev Patty Lawrence.

Please keep this Grapevine for 2 weeks.

From Rev Patty:

As I look back over 2020, I remember bushfires and COVID, but mostly I remember the high number of funerals, twice as many as previous years. But it has not only been the numbers, but the number from the parish and the restrictions on the number of people able to attend the funerals.

I wonder what we will remember most from 2021.

I find New Year to not only be a time to look back, but to look forward; what will I prioritise? And what will I do less of?

I ask them for my own life, but also for the ministry I offer in this place.

What about you?; what do you look forward to? what will you prioritise?

As a Parish, what will we plant this year, in our lives or the community around us, that will bring God's transforming love more clearly into focus.

God bless you

Patty

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I will be on Annual Leave for a week from Wednesday, starting back on Wednesday 13th January. Thank you to Ann Thompson for leading worship on Sunday 10th January.

Any urgent matters contact Margaret Read or Margaret Gregory.

**Zoom gatherings
Sunday afternoon at 5pm-6pm**

If you need the Zoom phone number or internet link, contact Patty

SUNDAY SERVICES

We are back with weekly services on Sunday morning, meeting at Umina at 10.00 am. As in the past few months, we will continue Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month.

To assist in maintaining a COVID safe place, everyone is asked to wear a mask at worship, you will be asked to sanitise your hands as you enter, and your name and phone number listed. Please do not attend if you are unwell, or have been in a place that has high levels of COVID transmission.

Since the latest outbreak, we are limited to 45 people in the congregation.

Please book in at <https://reopen.church/r/5dwoluyS>

When we are again allowed 90 in the congregation, you will not need to pre-book.

Thank you to those who make it possible for us to gather for worship, our COVID marshals, cleaners, musicians, PowerPoint preparers, and liturgist.

Current activities

Sunday afternoon gathering: meeting by zoom, contact Patty

Monday Prayer meeting: in recess

Bible study: in recess till Monday February 1, when we will meet at 10.30am till 11.30am. Please note slightly later time .

Parish Picnic: in recess, returning late January

Wednesday Wanderers: a big thank you to our Wednesday Wanderers; what a blessing it has been! Watch this space for 2021. [from Sue Sismey]

Friday Family Fun Night: starts back on Friday 15th January 2021

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PRAYER POINTS SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY

- We pray with Ettalong Baptist Church
- And Mangrove Mountain Uniting Church
- We pray 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 inclusion of a name for the prayer list permission must be given by the person named*]
- We pray for Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and leaders
- We give thanks for our Church Council and leaders
- We join in prayer with people from Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine



PRAYER POINTS SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY

- We pray for Hardy's Bay Community Church
- And Mannering Park Uniting Church
- We pray 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,
- We pray for our Moderator Rev Simon Hansford
- We give thanks Chairperson of Church Council, Margaret Read
- We join in prayer with people from Iran, Iraq, Syria

Prayer of praise

Christ has been revealed among us.
He who is God is here seated.
The voice of peace has sounded.
The command for the Holy greeting has been given.
The church has become one soul.
The kiss has been given as a full bond.
The adversity has been removed,
and love has been spread among us all.
Now, O you ministers, raising your voice,
give praise in unison,
to the united Godhead
to whom the Seraphim give praise.

(From The Sacred Music and the Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Apostolic Church, sent by a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Iran)

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>