



# the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Patty

During the week the State Government changed some of the re-opening schedule. As I write we do not know how this will change the rules for churches.

I had hoped to be able to write about the outcome of our initial mission planning meetings, but there are people who did not make the two sessions who would like to be involved, so watch out for a report in next week's Grapevine.

For some people even thinking about the future, and possible change is uncomfortable. Looking at change can be scary.

Ian and I moved a few times for Ian's work. For me it was an opportunity to meet new people and see new places, but when it was time to move so I could go to theological college, I found it much harder. What would it be like being in a classroom again? How will I find my way around Sydney? What if it is a mistake, we don't have a house to move back to?

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One thing I had not thought of, but I found strange, was that some lecturers were the same age as me or younger.

From our mission planning gatherings so far, some people are concerned about the future of the Parish, some are looking forward to new possibilities, others are wondering what God has in store for us.

When asked what people would pray for, the answer that came the most often was guidance. I encourage us all to pray for God's guidance, as we look at the next month and Christmas, and how we celebrate this year. God's guidance as we look at next year and five years.

*Rev Patty Lawrence*

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# prayer from the pacific

Loving God, provide a voice  
for our struggles.  
Provide extra paddles  
to bring us together.  
Grant peace to our hearts,  
our ears and our eyes  
to forgive and to love our  
neighbours and our enemies.  
O Lord, give us a chance  
to redeem the Fonua\*  
and to reclaim paradise.



\* "land and people" in Tongan language  
(© Rev. Valamotu Palu, general secretary, Pacific Council of Churches, Suva, Fiji)

## we pray...

- with REM/Youthlife and their ministry in our local high schools
- with Gosford Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee and Val Juratowitch
- for and give thanks for the Connecting with the Community
- for the Connecting with God Mission Team
- for the Moderator Rev Simon Hansford
- with people from Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
- and give thanks for the WA police who found Cleo Smith

## thank you

A big thank you to residents of Peninsula Village including Rhonda Forster and son Noel, who took up the challenge to make Christmas cards for the Rural Aid Christmas Card Campaign 2021. They produced 34 cards. A great effort! The cards were presented to Pam Carter as a representative of the Church and are now on their way to Rural Aid in Sunnybank Hills, Qld for distribution to farmers.



# scripture readings

	SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER	SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER
FIRST READING & PSALM	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10
ALTERNATE FIRST READING & PSALM	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16
SECOND READING	Hebrews 9:24-28	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
GOSPEL	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8

## worship services

Due to the COVID situation in Greater Sydney, our buildings have been closed. Some groups will continue to meet online. We will have a gradual reopening, with some small groups returning in person in November. Sunday morning worship will return to in person on Sunday 5th December. For Worship - An order of service and sermon notes will be emailed, or delivered, with the Grapevine. On Sunday there will be a video of the sermon.

### THIS WEEK

Sunday 7 November  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 12 November  
FFFN Lions Park 4:45pm  
\$2 per person

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### NEXT WEEK

Sunday 14 November  
Morning Worship 9:30am  
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 19 November  
FFFN Lions Park 4:45pm  
\$2 per person

## this week

### SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

7 November at 5:00pm  
Join for an informal chat  
Contact Rev Patty for Zoom link

### MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

8 November at 9:00am via Zoom

### MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

8 November at 10:30am  
Umina Meeting Room

### WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

### FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Not meeting



During November we will be collecting Christmas gifts and Christmas foods for Coast Shelter.

Details regarding time and place for items to be collected will be in a future issue of the Grapevine.

## celebrations

Myrle, Heather, Sue, Carol, Stephen, Catherine, Charles, Anna and Mel got together last weekend to celebrate Carol's Birthday.



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