

Music Matters

I believe that music is a wonderful gift from God, that delights us and brings us joy, and helps us to worship God and to express unity and a deep connection with God and one another. When music and music culture at church is at it's best, it helps us to grow in faith and understanding, deepens our devotion, and encourages us on our journey; to that end I believe that it is right for us to invest some time and thought into how we 'do' music at Lifeworks.

Many of us are passionate about music, and that passion brings with it many positives, but the flip side or dark side of our passions can be that we can become upset, annoyed or angry when our preferences about our passions aren't met. This can sometimes lead into conflict or argument with others who have different preferences or views.

So sadly, rather than being a great unifier, music can sometimes become the point of contention and disagreement, ironically because people care about it so much! I have been in church life long enough to see this play out several times, and usually everyone involved in these disputes ends up feeling bruised or aggrieved by these disputes. So it is important for us to build a supportive music culture at Lifeworks, to help us with any disagreements that may arise, and to lessen the frequency of disagreements in the first place.

To that end, on Saturday 2nd August we are having a meeting at Lifeworks called, 'Music Matters', celebrating music as a gift from God, and discussing how we can build a positive music culture at Lifeworks, through agreeing to some shared expectations. (If you're reading this before the date and you'd like to come along, please RSVP minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au.)

As part of that meeting I hope that we can see that at the root of building a healthy music culture and developing shared expectations is the deep spiritual work of love and charity that Jesus encourages us to have towards one another.

Of course whenever we are part of worship, it is likely that some of our preferences will not be met. We are diverse in our humanity, our likes, our passions and our experience, and our songs and song choices reflect that diversity, so that it is a natural consequence that some music is going to appeal to us more than others.

The real question though is what we do when our preferences are not met? Do we get disappointed and angry, do we stop participating and become critical, or is there another response which is a more Christian response?

I believe that a helpful perspective is for us to consider that our Sunday morning worship is less about 'me', and more about 'Us and God'. We live in a consumerist culture, and that consumerist mindset often infects churches, leading to a 'me, me, me' mentality. We should be wary of this. In contrast to that, genuine Christian community, the body of Christ, is about our collective connection, and the value of loving, supporting and encouraging one another.

With this understanding I believe that we can celebrate what others love in worship, even if at times it doesn't particularly 'float our boat'. This is an infectious and charitable approach which encourages others in their faith and ministry, the putting aside of preferences to build others up.

Of course, alongside this deep spiritual work, is the hope that in approaching our music thoughtfully at Lifeworks, you too will at times be touched by the Spirit, deeply carried away by music that brings you joy, and that when you are, we rightly celebrate this with you.

May this be your gift from God today.

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Intercessory Prayer Team

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land - the Jarowair and Giabal people.

August 2025 Services

Sunday 3rd August 9am
(Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe
Preacher: Steve Cramb

Sunday 10th August 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Adam Tipple
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 17th August 9am

Worship Leader: Mary Tibben
Preacher: Steve Cramb

Sunday 24th August 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Tanya Richards
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 31st August

Worship Leader: David Hogg
Preacher: Derek Curnow

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#) for the latest link.

Giving Details

If you would like to give to Lifeworks, you can use the following methods:

Electronic direct deposit

Bank: Westpac Bank

Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church

BSB: 034 242

Account Number: 359 011

Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to: PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350

Cash can be left in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We also now have Zeller to take card payments.

We thank-you for your generosity!

Quick Links

www.lifeworksuniting.org.au



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[Facebook](#)

News and Announcements

Lifeworks Pastoral Care and Prayer

I thought it would be good to give an update on the Lifeworks Pastoral Care and Prayer Ministry Oversight Team.

The team consists of myself (Peter Cole), Marg Thorpe, Ruth Harding and Steve Cramb and our aim is to work together to help encourage and enable pastoral care and prayer across the Lifeworks congregation.

We are open to any ideas, suggestions or feedback that people have, so feel free to talk to any one of us. Either speak to us at church or you can contact me on mobile 0493 703 360 or email chaplainpetercole@gmail.com.

If you would like to be part of helping with pastoral care, please let us know. A few ways that you may be able to help are:

- Sending out birthday/anniversary/get well cards to people
- Praying for people
- Calling people who can't make it to church
- Providing meals to people when they are going through difficult times

Most importantly, please pray for us as we seek to develop this ministry for the benefit of the church and God's kingdom.

Pastor Peter Cole

Lifeworks Church Camp 5th to 7th September

Last year we celebrated an amazing time together at our Church Camp, and we are following on this year with the same event in the same location, at Birnam just North of Toowoomba. We would love for people to join the planning team for this event. If you are interested in helping/planning for this event, please let Rev Adam Tipple know. The camp will include worship on the Sunday morning, but for those unable to attend there will still be a Sunday service at Lifeworks. There will be a limited number of rooms available, as well as onsite camping. Day visitors will be welcome.

We will be publishing a Camp Guide later this month which will have all the information you need for the camp. Last year we were able to offer this camp at no cost, and we are working towards the same outcome for 2025. Registration forms are available in the church foyer as hard copies. Can you please leave your completed copies in the church foyer or email them through to minister@lifeworksunitingchurch.org.au.

If you missed this and need a copy sent through to you, just email Adam at the email shared here. If you would like to attend can you please fill in a form soon as we would really like to have a good idea of numbers by the middle of August. If you fill in a form and can't make it for whatever reason, no worries, just let us know.

August Special Offering

The August Special Offering will be for the Dostana Girls' Hostel in North India.

End of Midweek Online Zoom Prayer

The group that has been meeting online for the last three years have decided that the season for this ministry is over and that it's time to close this ministry.

We thank God for the blessing of this group, and the prayer and conversations that have happened, and ask for God's blessing on those who took part, and for new opportunities in prayer to arise at Lifeworks.

Presbytery Life and Witness Consultation for Lifeworks

It was great to receive the Consultation Report as part of the Special Meeting on 27th July.

The recommendations from the report:

Recommendations

The consultation team affirms Lifework's commitment to leading, growing, and living as faithful people of God within the Glenvale community. These recommendations are intended to support Lifework's ongoing ministry and mission.

• Church Council

Intentional succession planning.

Encouraging and discipling a new generation of leaders within the congregation.

• Pastoral Care Team

Continue establishing a team which can:

Engage intentionally with homebound members;

Encourage, connect with, and offer prayer to regular members.

• Community Outreach

Develop the quality and sustainability of community outreach programs:

Training/discipling and encouraging volunteers;

Development of leaders;

Clarity of roles and expectations for leaders/volunteers, particularly regarding events.

Mainly Music could be integrated more into the life and mission of the church, providing opportunity for more intentional prayer during worship.

• Use of Land

Establish a long-term plan for land development:

Co-operation with other missional organisations;

Seeking options for business/enterprise opportunities.

The link to the full report is here:

[Lifeworks Uniting Church - Life & Witness Consultation](#)

The Lifeworks Church Council honours the Life and Witness Consultation process and commits to discussing these recommendations, adopting them as appropriate, and developing a plan to incorporate these recommendations into our life and mission at Lifeworks.

We thank God for this process and for the Presbytery Consultation Team of Kath Warner, Naomi Bell and Rev Dylan Miegel.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for Olivia Buttsworth who is the new chaplain for Glenvale State School and pray for her ministry there and for the school.
- For mainly music, for our great mm team, and for the new families that have started coming this term.
- For our sermon series, 'A twist in the Tale', and for a great response of faith, love and understanding.
- For the Church Camp, for people to be engaged and interested, and for the planning to go smoothly.
- Give thanks for the Lifeworks Ladies' Retreat and pray for the event next year.
- For Sian and Ash Hogg as they expect baby no2 in November.
- For the Luther family from mainly music who are expecting baby no2 in August.
- For a successful 'Music Matters' meeting and for a growing and healthy music culture and team at Lifeworks.
- For the Presbytery Ministry Agents' retreat from 12th to 15h August.



THE TWIST IN THE TALE

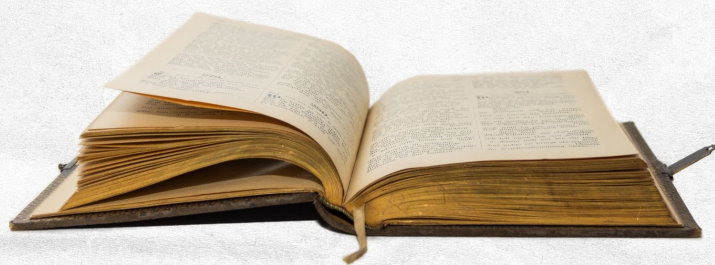
A four part preaching series at Lifeworks in August, centring the stories of four women from the Old Testament, each with a twist in the tale

Sun 3rd August **Tamar**

Sun 10th August **Rahab**

Sun 17th August **Ruth**

Sun 24th August **Bathsheba**



Worship is at 9am every Sunday

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LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH CAMP

FRIDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 7TH
SEPTEMBER

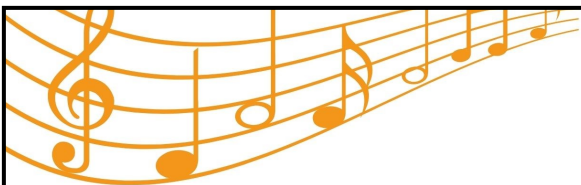
AT 39 BIRNAM RD, BIRNAM
(GORDON AND GABI'S PLACE)

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ACTIVITIES, WORSHIP**



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MUSIC MATTERS

SATURDAY 2ND
AUGUST, 10AM TO
MIDDAY

LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE MUSIC AT
LIFEWORKS, COLLABORATE ON
GUIDELINES FOR MUSIC FOR WORSHIP
AND SHARE A MORNING TEA

ALL WELCOME

GLENVALE COMMUNITY BBQ

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sunday 3rd August
(No BBQ in September)
from 3pm to 5pm at
Lifeworks Uniting Church

COFFEE, HOT AND COLD DRINKS ALSO AVAILABLE

FOR ALL WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN GLENVALE
ALL WELCOME



615 Boundary St., Glenvale

LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
					1	2 10am Music Mat- ters
3 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Holy Commun- ion & LifeKids 3pm Glenvale Community BBQ	4	5	6 9.30am mainly music	7 9.30am Keenagers	8	9 9am Lifeworks Craft Group
10 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship & LifeKids	11	12	13 9.30am mainly music	14	15	16
17 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship & LifeKids	18	19	20 9.30am mainly music	21 9.30am Keenagers	22	23
24 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship & LifeKids 4pm Games, Grub and God	25	26	27 9.30am mainly music	28	29	30
31 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship						