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The newsletter of Lifeworks Uniting Church

Let's go on a journey together!

This year Lifeworks will be going on an exciting journey seeking spiritual and missional renewal, starting with a 'Season of Renewal' through Lent.

This kicks off with events on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, and then continues into a five week preaching and small group study series (right) which will run until Easter. Our hope is that you will be encouraged to come along on this journey with us, and to be involved in the activities that will run through Lent.

Lent is traditionally a time of returning to and remembering God, and of intentionally putting aside distractions, to devote more time and reflection to prayer, worship, Bible study, fasting, charity and other works of service to God and our neighbour.

As we begin this time I invite you to join with me in prayer:

'God of new life and new beginnings, we ask that you would come into our lives in new and unexpected ways... (cont over)



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

...(cont). Bless us with your grace and fill us with the love of Christ, so that we may grow as his disciples, and share his love in the world. For our sins, we ask forgiveness, and for our waywardness we ask for mercy and guidance. Open our hearts and minds to the work you are already doing among us, and to where you call us to be. Bless the mission we do in the name of Jesus, and enable us to more fully grasp your vision.

Lead us, your people in this place, to be whom you call us to be.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen

Grace and Peace, Rev Adam Tipple

Season of Renewal Small Group Study

As part of our 'Season of Renewal', we'll be breaking out a Small Group Study Guide, which we encourage everyone in the church to engage with. Small Group 'Huddles' will be meeting from the week beginning 26th February up to and including Easter week. The scripture readings used in this study will be the readings for the coming week's service, so we are hoping that there will be great feeling of learning and worshipping together as people in the church engage with this activity.

There will be groups on at different times and in different places through the week, and you are invited to be a part of one of these groups and come along on this journey together.

The lists of groups and the Study Guide will be made available by Sunday 25th February, so please look out for those. If you haven't been part of a small group before, this is only a five week commitment so it is a good taster, to see if this is something that can work for you in helping to grow you as a disciple of Christ.

February 2024 Services

Sunday 4th February 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: David Hogg Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 11th February 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Adam Tipple Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 18th February 9am

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Shrove Tuesday 13th February 6pm

Ash Wednesday 14th February 12.15pm

Sunday 25th February 9am

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe Preacher: Rev Lynne Hindman

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, Old, 4350

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

We thank-you for your generosity!

Quick Links

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YouTube Facebook

Midweek online prayer link (Weds 7am) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432040065...
Password: B1x6cs

Welcome Brunch for New Members/Attenders, Sunday 3rd March, 11am

We are holding a special welcome brunch for anyone who has started coming to Lifeworks over the last two years. This will be an opportunity to share in food and fellowship, to get to know one another, and some other members of the church. If you are in this group and would like to come, please RSVP to minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au, or call or text to 0487 572 400 (Rev Adam's mobile).

Lifeworks Craft Group seeks new members

Meets at Lifeworks the second Saturday of every month. Everyone welcome, Craft, Cuppa and Chat. Bring your own craft, sewing, knitting, crocheting, reading, painting, etc etc., Time 9.00am - 11. 30 am. Come at any time that suits you - stay as long as you like. All FREE!! See you on Saturday, February 10th.

Next Presbytery Meeting for the Presbytery of the Downs

The next Presbytery Meeting will be at Allora (Eastern Downs Uniting Church) from 23rd to 25th February. Rev Adam Tipple, Rev Tanya Richards and Kerrie Andrews are the Lifeworks representatives to Presbytery (also recognising Rev Jenny Potter and Pastor Peter Cole who are Presbytery members.) As part of this meeting we will be electing people for key Presbytery roles such as Chairperson, Secretary and members of the Presbytery Standing Committee and Pastoral Relations Committee. Please pray for good outcomes from this meeting.

Congratulations to Anni Cramb

Some of you will already be aware that Anni Cramb from Lifeworks has started as the Presbytery Administration Officer (part time). We congratulate Anni on this new role with the church, and give thanks for the significant gifts that Anni brings to this role. May it be a blessing to her!

NEXT Youth Group Term 1 Pause

Over the last year we have seen five of our senior leaders for youth group step down after long stints in this ministry. The Church Council has decided to place this ministry on hold for term 1 this year, to give us more time to discern whether the season is over (for now at least) for this ministry, or whether there is new life in this ministry for this year. At the moment we are not confident that we have the human resources to do this sustainably, and we believe that we need at least another two adults who would be happy to be part of the leadership team for this ministry to continue.

So, if working with teens is something that you have gifts for, experience with and/or an interest in, you hold a Blue Card for working with children, or would be willing to apply for one, please speak with Rev Adam Tipple in the first instance. If this doesn't interest you, we would still appreciate prayer for discerning the way forward.

Special Offering

The second/special offering in January for SU school chaplaincy totalled \$363.50 – Thank-you everyone for your generous donations for this worthy cause. The February special offering will support Destiny Rescue.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the 'Season of Renewal', that people will engage with this and for God's renewing Spirit to be active in our church.
- Continue to pray for Scott Hoens and Lee-Anne Muntelwit as they prepare for their wedding and married life.
- Pray for Anni Cramb as she starts work with the Presbytery, and give thanks for her.
- Pray for our youth group, young adults and leaders as we discern the way forward for this
 group.
- Give thanks for Rev Tanya Richards as she has started ministry as Community Chaplain, and pray that God opens doors for her in the community and with Uniting Care.
- Give thanks for Rev Jenny Potter's call to serve in Central Western Queensland Uniting Church, and pray for Jenny as she plans to make this transition.

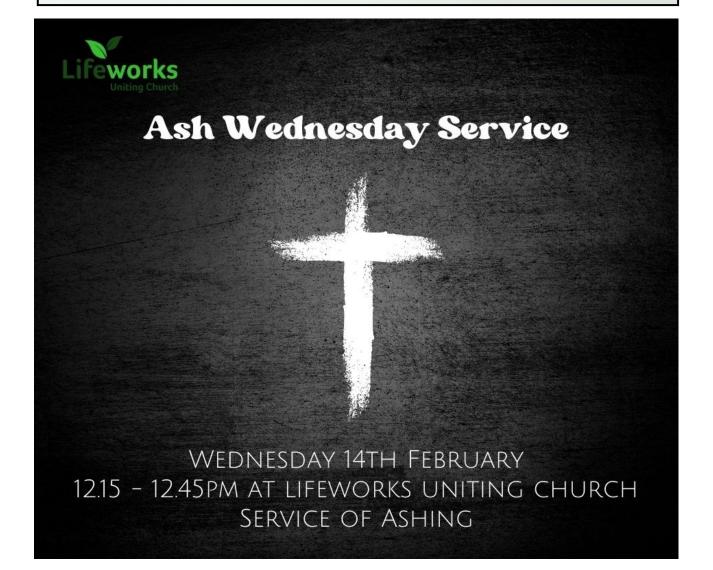
Shrove Tuesday What is it?

6pm on Tuesday 13th February at Lifeworks

Join us as we explore what Shrove Tuesday is, and enjoy a pancake supper.



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LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
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8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service Holy Communion	5	6	7 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am Mainly Music	8 9.30am Keenagers Morning tea	9	9am Lifeworks Craft Group
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