

Threads of Love

The 17th meeting of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly will be in Parramatta from 11th to 16th July. The Assembly is the meeting of the national body of the Uniting Church, with people gathering from Synods, Presbyteries and Agencies all over Australia.

For this meeting the Presbytery of the Downs has nominated Gordon Gillmore from Lifeworks and I, as members of the Assembly. This will be our first Assembly meeting and I am thankful for the opportunity to take part in this important Triennial gathering.



The Assembly will have time to discuss many topics important to the life of the church, with a focus on the ACT2 Report, which has made some recommendations as to the way forward for the Uniting Church in Australia. This report acknowledges that many parts of the church have been under stress in the last few years, and that our existing structures and the way that we do things, don't always serve the church, and the mission of God as well as they could.

Some of the options for a way forward include reducing the number of councils of the church (we currently have four: Assembly - National, Synod - State, Presbytery - Region, Congregation - Local), to three. In the options that will be considered, it is most likely that this restructure will change the nature and role of Presbyteries and Synods, although all of the church will be impacted. The hope is that these changes will be largely positive, although there will certainly be challenges to implement a church-wide restructure.

As well as discussion and decision making, there is lots of time set aside for worship, prayer and fellowship.

The Theme of the Assembly, chosen by the President Elect, Rev Charissa Suli (who will commence in the role at the beginning of the meeting), is, 'Threads of Love: Weaving Christ's Love Across Cultures and Boundaries'. Rev Suli says about this theme, 'this is a generous invitation to weave the constant thread of God's love into the tapestry of our life. Christ's love is the thread that will bind us in moments of difference. It will hold us together.'

As I think about this theme in the context of Lifeworks, I wonder what 'threads of love' Jesus is calling us to weave over coming months and years? What new connections Jesus is asking us to make? What new ministries he wants us to work with him in? What differences and barriers he wants us to overcome?

As we think about weaving these threads, let us be reminded that we do not do this alone, but we do this with God who has woven threads of love within and around us. God whose love for the world is so great, that he 'that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).

As we celebrate God's great love for us, let us ask the question, 'who is in need of love today?'

May you dwell in God's love and enjoy this forever!

Grace and Peace
Rev Adam Tipple

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Intercessory Prayer Team

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

July 2024 Services

Sunday 7th July 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: David Hogg
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 14th July 9am (Traditional hymn singing celebration service)

Worship Leader: Rev Lynne Hindmann
Preacher: Rev John Case

Sunday 21st July 9am

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 28th July 9am (mainly music celebration service)

Worship Leader: Rev Adam Tipple
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

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 thank-you for your generosity!

Quick Links

www.lifeworksuniting.org.au

[YouTube](#)  [Facebook](#) 

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

News and Announcements

Lifeworks Uniting Church Camp 30th August to 1st September

The registration forms have been sent out and are also 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 Rev 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 end of July. If you fill in a form and can't make it for whatever reason, no worries.

News and Announcements cont

Men's Breakfast 20th July

See the flyer on the following pages for details. Dr Mark Bennett will be the guest speaker. Please RSVP your attendance to minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au so we know the numbers. If you can help with cooking, set up or cleaning let us know!

Special Offering Thanks

The June Special Offering totalled \$521.50 for Lifeline. Thanks to all who contributed.

Cans for Cash

Recycling cans, bottles and even juice poppers has never been easier, but some folk may not realise that their collections can be given to support various causes, one of which is the Presbytery of The Downs. It's simple to pass the gift forward. Once you have processed your hoarded cans, take the receipt to the payment machine and enter SCHEME instead of cash. Then enter this number:

C10090389 The name of the presbytery will appear on the screen and you will get a receipt for your gift. Every little helps to fuel up a Bush Chaplaincy vehicle or other focus of the Downs presbytery.

Write this number somewhere safe: C10090389

The Breaking of the Bread

This Sunday gathering takes a pause in July as both Rev Adam and Rev Tanya will be away. Recommencing Sunday 11th August.

Annual Report

We will be looking at producing an Annual Report over the next couple of months for the period of 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024. If you are leading any ministry at Lifeworks (e.g. mainly music, Keenagers etc.), can you please forward a report for that period to secretary@lifeworksuniting.org.au by July 31st. Reports should be 2-300 words, outlining activities and changes, with some prayer points. How can Lifeworks support you and pray for you?

Rev Adam Away at Assembly

Adam will be away from 10th to 17th July at the Assembly meeting. He will have some time to answer emails and respond to calls (text messages preferred during this time).

Rev Tanya Richardson Leave Dates

Tanya is on leave from 23rd June to 22nd July.



Prayer Points



- Pray for the church camp planned for August, that planning will go smoothly, and that this will be a great opportunity to know God and to get to know one another.
- For Darrell Evans who is in hospital recovering from heart surgery.
- For the UCA Assembly meeting that good decisions will be made to contribute to the mission of God, and for safe travels for our Presbytery delegates.
- For Uniting Care Queensland in Toowoomba. Give thanks for all the important work that they do with people and families in need, and for the connection that is growing with Lifeworks as they use our building.
- For our mainly music celebration service on 28th July. That families from mainly music would join with us to celebrate this amazing ministry.
- For the Men's Breakfast on Saturday 20th July, that it would be well attended and bring glory to God.
- For the front garden as it continues to grow physically, and spiritually as a ministry of the church.
- For leaders in the Uniting Church, locally, regionally, statewide and nationally. For wisdom, grace and strength, and Godly discernment to lead the people of God in the UCA.
- For Ash and Sian Hogg as they welcome baby Flynn into the world. Pray for a straightforward birth and for health, wellbeing and joy for all.

Lifecycle

Bring a bike and a
helmet.
All ages welcome.

2pm Sunday
7th July
at Lifeworks

For info call
Kev 0418 718 194
Neil 0438 797 551



LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH CAMP

FRI 30TH AUGUST TO SUN 1ST SEPTEMBER
AT 39 BIRNAM RD, BIRNAM
(GORDON AND GABI'S PLACE)

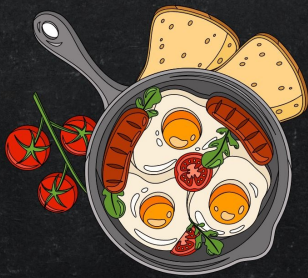


How good and pleasant it is when God's people
live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

MAINLY MUSIC CELEBRATION SERVICE 9AM, SUNDAY 28TH JULY AT LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

mainly music songs
the story of mainly music at Lifeworks
kids craft
morning tea
all welcome

Men's Breakfast at Lifeworks Uniting Church



8am, Saturday 20th July
Guest Speaker: Dr Mark Bennett
(GP and Christian)

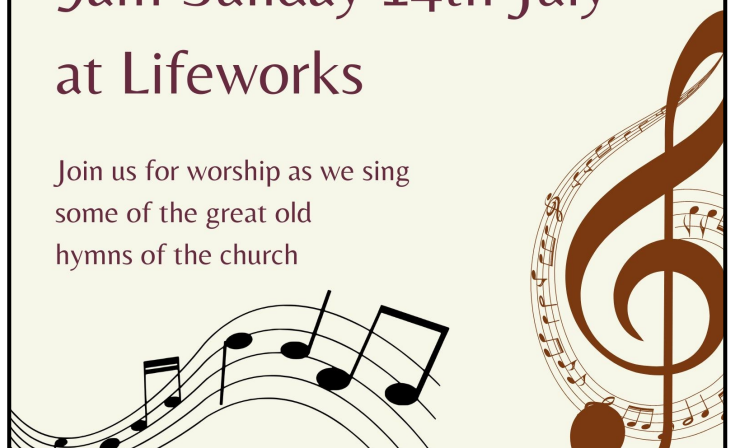
Please RSVP by 18th July to
minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au
or by text to Adam - 0487 572 400

Gold coin donation welcome
615 Boundary St Glenvale

HYMN SINGING CELEBRATION SERVICE

9am Sunday 14th July
at Lifeworks

Join us for worship as we sing
some of the great old
hymns of the church



LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tues-day	Wednes-day	Thursday	Friday	Satur-day
	1	2	3	4 9.30am Service at Palm Lake (Cancelled due to covid lockdown)	5	6 9am Lifeworks Craft Group
7 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Holy Commun- ion 2pm Lifecycle	8	9	10 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	11 9.30am Keenagers Morning tea UCA 17th Assembly Meeting commences	12	13
14 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Hymn Singing Celebration The Breaking of the Bread not on this month	15	16 UCA 17th Assembly Meeting Concludes	17 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	18	19	20 8am Men's Breakfast
21 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	22	23 6.30pm Admin Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting	24 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	25 9.30am Keenagers Morning tea	26	27
28 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service mainly music celebration 4pm Games, Grub and God	29	30	31 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music			