

With Gentleness and Respect

On 14th October 2023 Australia will be voting in the referendum on the Voice.

The Uniting Church in Australia National Assembly, and the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church have made a decision to indicate the Church's support for a 'yes' vote in this referendum. If you are interested as to why they have made this decision, there are lots of resources available in the link below. (For the hard copy of this newsletter, search for the UCA Assembly Website online)

[Voice – Uniting Church Australia](#)

As we move to the referendum, we recognise the potential for this debate to become quite heated in places, and I believe it is important that we recognise that there are different people in our community who in good conscience will be voting 'yes' or 'no'. It is important that we engage one another in respectful and loving dialogue. We are right to be mindful of the way in which we are encouraged to put forward our views as Christians '...with gentleness and respect.' (1st Peter 3:15).

The UCA Assembly said the following:

"(We are) resolved to call on church, community and political leaders to engage in respectful and constructive dialogue in response to the referendum."

May we all take the time to consider the issues carefully, and ask God to bless us with grace and understanding when we encounter people with differing views.

Whatever the outcome, let us give thanks for our First Nations Australians and their rich heritage. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging, and acknowledge the Jarowair and Giabal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Grace and Peace, Rev Adam Tipple

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News and Announcements

Message from the General Secretary Regarding Chaplaincy

“Over the last decades, the Synod has provided the ministry of chaplaincy into several of our Queensland public hospitals. This ministry has been fully supported by the Synod, and we honour and acknowledge the deep and powerful ministry of this chaplaincy. However, this ministry can no longer be sustained in its current form, and we have advised those public hospitals that we have to stop providing a chaplain to them under the current arrangements from June 30, 2024. We have invited them to consider working with us to find other arrangements.

This has been a difficult decision to make, and we ask you to please pray for all our chaplains in hospitals and healthcare settings that we might find a way together to continue to bring the good news of Christ into our communities. Join us too, in thanking this cohort of chaplains, as well as chaplains in hospitals throughout the years, in acknowledgement of the exemplary way they have honoured their calling and their valuable service to both church and community. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with me at Heather.DenHouting@ucaqld.com.au”

Please note that the Standing Committee of the Downs Presbytery is working on a response to the General Secretary to this challenging news. We think particularly of Rev Jenny Potter who is the Hospital Chaplain for the Toowoomba Base Hospital and a member of Lifeworks. We pray for her at this time and give thanks for her valuable ministry which touches many people in this region.

We also hope and pray that a way forward may be found to sustain this vital ministry.

October 2023 Sunday Services

**Sunday 1st October 9am
(Holy Communion)**

Worship Leader: Rev Adam Tipple
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 8th October 9am

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 15th October 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Lynne Hindman
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 22nd October 9am

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews
Preacher: Rev Lynne Hindman

Sunday 29th October 9am

Worship Leader: Va Palfi
Preacher: Rev Ruth Harding

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

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Church Council Elections

Our AGM will be after the morning service on Sunday 8th October. During this meeting the report will be received and there will be a time for questions. We will also have our Church Council elections.

The nominations we have received are below:

Neil Middleton - 5 Years

Neil has served ably on Church Council and is renominating. Neil helps with the Lifecycle ministry, our Sunday offering collection, assisting with serving communion and with many practical tasks at Lifeworks.

Gordon Gillmore - 1 Year

"My wife Gabi Gillmore and I have been doing the Treasurer's job, more or less jointly, for about 15 years so. You could say we have the right experience. As a retired IT professional, I am very comfortable working in this space and see it as an appropriate way to serve the Church at this time."

Paula Nicholls - 3 Years

Paula has served ably on Church Council for many years in a variety of roles, most recently as the Church Council Secretary. Paula is part of the Music Team and a NEXT Youth Group leader, and is also a great practical help for many of the events and activities that Lifeworks offers.

We thank Neil, Gordon and Paula for their willingness to continue to serve in these roles, and pray that this process is a blessing to them.

The process of election is by written ballot. Only Members and Members in Association may vote. You may vote for up to three candidates. Each candidate that receives over half (50%) of votes is successfully elected to Church Council.

Care Essentials training weekend intensive 14 & 15 October at St Stephens Uniting Church Toowoomba.

I need another couple of registrations. I have had to cancel the training in Term 1 next year due to the fact I may no longer be available, so this might be your last chance for a while! You can book here:

[CARE Essentials Course - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](http://ucaqld.com.au)

Rev Jenny Potter

Prayer Points

- Pray for the Voice referendum, for peaceful and constructive dialog.
- Pray for the Queensland Synod Meeting in October, that this would be a productive meeting to the glory of God.
- Pray for Brodie and Teagan Steedman as they prepare to welcome a new baby into the world.
- Give thanks for our mainly music and NEXT Youth Group teams, and pray for these ministries to grow and flourish in term 4.
- Pray for our Lifeworks AGM and for Church Council elections.
- Pray for Jan Lee who is recovering after having stents put in.
- Give thanks for Pastor Joais and the ministry that blessed us in September.
- Pray for Hospital Chaplaincy in Queensland, that a way forward is found to continue funding this ministry.
- Give thanks for the regular service we have established at Palm Lake Resort, and pray that this grows and flourishes over time.



Lifecycle

Bring a bike and a
helmet.
All ages welcome.

3pm Sunday
29th October
at Lifeworks

For info call
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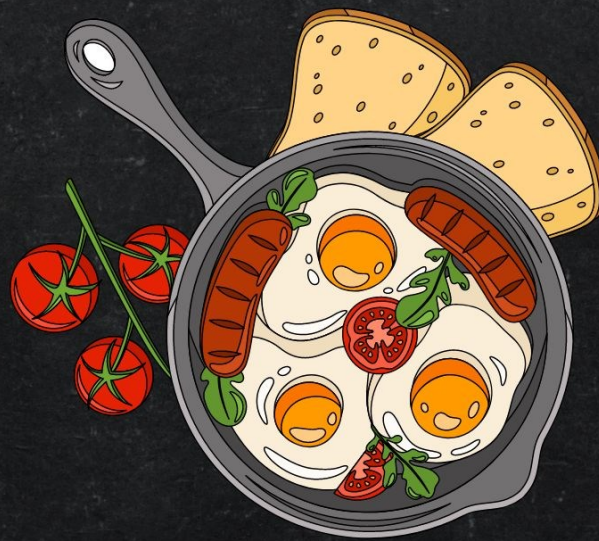
Sunday
Morning
Prayer

Before the
service, every
Sunday 8.30am
in the meeting
room

Lifeworks Uniting Church

Men's Breakfast

at Lifeworks Uniting Church



8am, Saturday 7th October

**Guest Speaker: Ps Peter Cole
(Blue Care Chaplain)**

**Please RSVP by 1st October to
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or by text to Adam 0487 572 400**

**Gold coin donation welcome
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LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
1 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service Holy Communion	2	3	4 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	5 9.30am Keenagers Morning tea	6 6.30pm NEXT Youth Group Planning	7 8pm Men's Breakfast
8 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service 10.30am Life-works AGM	9	10	11 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music Bell Bus Trip	12	13 7pm NEXT Youth Group	14 Care Essentials Training at St Stephens UC (also Sunday)
15 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service	16 6.15pm Ad- min Meet- ing 7pm Church Council Meeting	17	18 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	19 9.30am Keenagers Morning tea	20 7pm NEXT Youth Group Qld Synod Meeting Starts	21
22 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service 4pm Games, Grub and God	23	24 Qld Synod Meeting Ends	25 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music 10.30 am Palm Lake Service	26	27 7pm NEXT Youth Group	28
29 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service 3pm Lifecycle	30	31				