

Celebrating the Riches We Have

On 16th October I marked the anniversary of my first year as the minister of Lifeworks Uniting Church. I have been reflecting on the last year and giving God thanks for this community. As I think about Lifeworks, I am filled with incredible encouragement and hope knowing the riches that we have here. I am not talking about money or possessions, but about the amazing people that we have, and what each one of you brings to Lifeworks. I have seen incredible generosity, love, faithfulness, hopefulness, openness and perseverance in the people here, and I know that there is so much more to come!

Something that has struck me so deeply about our Brazilian friends is the joy and gratitude that they have in 'just' being church and 'just' coming together to worship God. In their joy and gratitude, they truly celebrate their community, and the riches that God has given to them.

I believe that we can learn something from this, that our starting point is not one of despair, discouragement, or hopelessness, but as a community who are loved and cherished by God, and who share in the incredible riches and blessings of his kingdom! In some ways this is a spiritual 'half glass full' perspective, but the stories that we tell about ourselves are so important. Who are we at Lifeworks, and who do we want to be? What happens when we come together on a Sunday morning? Is this a secular gathering, or a meeting of children of God, rejoicing in the wealth of his blessings?

In that context I have really enjoyed a song we have been singing recently, 'Father of Lights'. I'd like to share the scripture this is based on for your encouragement:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
James 1:17

May those blessings rain down. Loving Father I thank you for this community of grace.

Grace and Peace,
Rev Adam Tipple

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service of Remembrance and Hope

Losing a loved one is never easy, and grief can remain with us for a long time. It is important to have opportunities to remember those who have died, as part of a worship service. You are invited to attend the service on **Sunday 13th November at 9am**, where the names of those who have died will be read out, and candles will be lit for them.

If you would like to have a name or names read out as part of this service, please either email the names to minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au, or write them in the Remembrance book which will be available in the church foyer throughout October and early November leading up to this service.

Community Garden Open Day with Flourish, Saturday 19th November 10.30am to 12.30pm

We are currently working with Flourish to gauge the potential interest in having a community garden at Lifeworks. As part of this we are having an open day for those interested in this project. If this interests you and/or you have some skills or time to volunteer that might be helpful for this project, then please come along to this event where we will be sharing ideas and building a vision for the garden.

Hampers for Wilsonton and Harristown State School Families (Red Bag Appeal)

The Women's Shed are making bags for donations towards families that are doing it tough which will be distributed through the school chaplain Howard Savage. Bags will be available from Sunday 6th November – you can take one home to fill yourself or bring items to church to fill the bags. Please make all donations by Sunday 20th November.

November Services

Sunday 6th November 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Margaret Thorpe
Preacher: Rev Lynne Hindman

Sunday 13th November 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Ruth Harding
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 20th November 9am

Worship Leader: Va Palfi
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 27th November 9am

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews
Preacher: Mardi Lumsden

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

Prayer Chain Coordinator

As our dear friend Daphne Hindmarsh has gone home to God, we are now looking for a new Prayer Chain Coordinator. The role of the coordinator is to keep a list of prayer chain contacts, and to send prayer requests via email and text, and occasionally phone calls.

If this role interest you, please contact Rev Adam at minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au, or on 0487 572 400.

Christmas Around the World

Our Christmas carols event this year will be Christmas Around the World on Saturday 17th December from 5pm with carols starting at 7pm. We are seeking helpers for this event. There are some different ways in which you can help:

- Food preparation and serving.
- Car park usher (we will be doing a roster for this).
- Physical set up.
- Sound/vision.
- Flyer distribution (letterbox drop)
- Poster distribution (put up in shops etc.)
- Kids Craft Tables (Blue card required).
- Physical set up tables/chairs/stage etc.
- Clean up and pack away.

If you can be part of the team and help with this event, please let Rev Adam Tipple know 0487 572 400, or minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au

Snippets for LifeWords

1. God loves you because of who God is, not anything you did or didn't do.
2. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry: God never blinks.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
5. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
6. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
7. Life isn't fair, but it's good.
8. Don't compare your life with others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
9. What other people think of you is none of your business.
10. If we threw all of our problems in a heap and then saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
Lessons for life from Regina Brett, a late US columnist

Prayer Points

- For Christmas Around the World, for a successful, safe, and joyful event.
- Give thanks for our Brazilian friends and pray for their congregation as they enter their 5th year.
- For the new people who have come to Lifeworks, that they feel welcomed and connected to our community.
- For the presbytery meeting of the Presbytery of the Downs from 4th – 6th December at Pittsworth Uniting Church.
- For Barnabas Aid, and for generosity towards suffering Christians across the World.
- For our community garden project and the Open Day on 19th November.
- For God to continue to lead us in transformative worship, and for our hearts to be opened to the Holy Spirit.
- For Howard Savage the SU Chaplain working at Harristown and Wilsonton State Schools and our Red Bag appeal.



Lifepix

Funeral Catering Team

Pictured here is some of the team that did such an amazing job on behalf of Lifeworks, in catering for a grieving indigenous family who were needing a place to gather after the funeral. It was a lot of hard work, but so worth it. The family were very grateful, and it was a joy to host them at Lifeworks.



Games, Grub & God

We had so much fun and laughter at the October GGG. Here are some of our group enjoying one of Tom Bower's many amazing games. Every 4th Sunday of the month from 5pm during term time.

Brazilian Celebrations

Our dear Brazilian friends who meet at Lifeworks on Saturdays celebrated the 4th Anniversary of their church in October. This was a wonderful time of worship, celebration, and plenty of food! Pastor Joais Martins cuts the cake (which was delicious!).



An Invitation

Dear friends and relatives,

Fifty years ago on a sweltering Saturday, 30 December, 1972, we were married at Raff Street Methodist Church, Toowoomba. We will be celebrating our golden wedding anniversary on Friday 30th December this year with afternoon tea at Lifeworks Uniting Church, Glenvale. Your company would give us great pleasure, thanks to the friendship we have enjoyed (or, sadly, let lapse) since that momentous day.

We understand the effect of other commitments you may have at that time of year; if you can't attend in person, please consider sending a recent (or ancient) photo with a greeting to accompany it. Email and snail mail addresses are shown below. If you'd like to bring a plate, feel free, but if you're coming from out of town, please don't.

Thanks,
Derek & Annette Curnow

Event: Golden Wedding anniversary afternoon tea

Place: Lifeworks Uniting Church

Address: 615-623 Boundary Street, Glenvale, Toowoomba

Date: Friday 30th December

Time: 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Conditions: Definitely no gifts please (We're downsizing!)

RSVP: Derek: ddc1049@gmail.com 5 Colonial Street, Torrington 4350



Service of Remembrance and Hope

Sunday 13th Nov 2022
9 am at
Lifeworks Uniting Church



A reflective service to
remember
loved ones who
have died
and whose absence
is still keenly felt

Sunday Morning Prayer

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

Lifeworks Uniting Church

Christmas Around the World

A MULTICULTURAL AND FAMILY FRIENDLY
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

AT

LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH
615 BOUNDARY ST GLENVALE

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER

5.00PM

FOOD - KIDS CRAFT
SAUSAGE SIZZLE - COFFEE

7.00PM

Carols Under the Stars

PLEASE BYO PICNIC RUG AND/OR CAMP CHAIRS



NEXT

Youth Group

7:00pm to 9:00pm
Fridays

during term time

\$3 per student or \$5 per family
615 Boundary Street, Glenvale

For more information contact Tim
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LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	3 10am Keenagers Morning Tea	4 Presbytery Meeting Pittsworth 7pm NEXT Youth	5 Presbytery Meeting Pittsworth
6 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service Holy Communion	7	8	9 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	10	11 7pm NEXT Youth	12
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20 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service	21	22 7pm Carols Planning Meeting	23 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	24	25 7pm NEXT Youth	26
27 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service 5pm Games, Grub & God	28 7pm Admin Meeting	29	30			