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#### The newsletter of Lifeworks Uniting Church

#### **Working Together For the Common Good**

On Thursday 1st June I had the privilege of attending the Mayor's Morning Tea for Ministers in Toowoomba. About 50 ministers were able to attend from churches all over Toowoomba. The Mayor Paul Antonio thanked all the leaders gathered for their church's work in helping the community, and he reflected that although at times there had been differences between churches that we were all working for the betterment of the city of Toowoomba and its people.

Last week was also the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and I had the pleasure of being part of the ecumenical service at St. Alban's Anglican church in West Toowoomba.

As I reflect on these occasions, I'm reminded of the need for all people of goodwill to work together for the common good. Churches have often worked in silos and thought only about 'their own patch'. As we are starting to see, the creative Spirit of God sees through the boundaries we impose, and calls us into deeper waters of relationship and connection.

I truly believe that if Lifeworks is to flourish and reach our full potential, it will come from our willingness to join in with the imagination of God, and to see ourselves as part of a whole - the community of our church; the community of our ministries; the community of Glenvale; the community of other churches; the community of Toowoomba and beyond. Our willingness to see connection between and within these communities, and our capacity to see through boundaries, will enable us to grow even more so into a community church.

As we look forward, it will be important for us to not only ask 'what can we do at Lifeworks?', but also, 'Where is God already at work within our community, and how can we support that work?'

The psalmist says it well:

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

Psalm 133:1

Grace and Peace, Rev Adam Tipple

#### **Contact Us**

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

# **News and Announcements**

#### **Church Council News**

Uniting Care Queensland is providing funding for ministry placements as part of the 'Connect 100' initiative, which seeks to connect congregations with Uniting Care services and build relationships. Toowoomba has been identified as a site for a full-time Connect 100 ministry placement, and the Connect 100 team has identified Lifeworks as a potential host church for this placement.

This is a very exciting opportunity for Lifeworks, with the potential of having another full-time Ministry Agent on staff at Lifeworks, working some of the time with the congregation and some of the time with Uniting Care. If this role goes forward, it will be important for us as a whole church to own this ministry and be open to the possibilities of connecting with Uniting Care which has around 240 staff in Toowoomba.

If you could please pray for this role, and for this exciting opportunity that has come our way. God is good!

#### **Presbytery Meeting of The Presbytery of the Downs**

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be from 16th - 18th June at Middle Ridge Uniting Church. As part of this meeting there will be some discussions around how the Presbytery is to fund itself in the medium to long term.

We will also be considering a name brought forward for the Cunnamulla Burke & Wills Remote Area Ministry.

# June 2023 Sunday Services

Sunday 4th June 9am (Holy Communion) Worship Leader and Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 11th June 9am Worship Leader and Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 18th June 9am Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe Preacher: Rev Ruth Harding

**Sunday 25th June 9am** Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Livestreams - please see <u>Facebook</u> 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

<u>YouTube</u>



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

### Rosie's Blanket drive for Rosies

A big thank you to everyone who donated for this blanket drive. The drive will finish on Sunday 4th June, so please no donations after this date.

Rosie and Jane were able to donate lots of blankets and clothing which were gratefully received by Rosies.

The church also collected \$507.35 from the special offering for Rosies.



# Safe Church (Previously Safe Ministry with Children) Training

If you are involved with ministry to young people at Lifeworks (everyone who holds a Blue Card linked to Lifeworks), then the Uniting Church Queensland Synod Safe Church policy is that you complete this training every 2 years. If it has been at least two years since you last had any training, if you can please refresh this in the next 2 months (by end of July 2023).

This can be done **in person**:

*Safe Church Training for Volunteers* - Modules 1 & 2 16th June Middle Ridge Uniting Church 3:30 - 5:30pm with Jenny Noble Register HERE

Or **online** through edUCate. Which can be accessed here: <u>edUCate: Log in to the site (ucaqld.com.au)</u>.

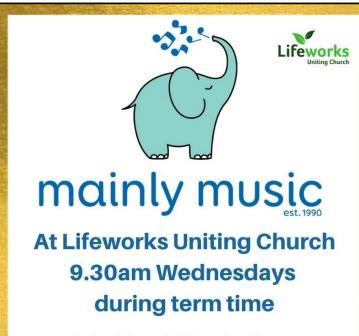
If you have a hard copy of the newsletter, please see the website of the Presbytery of the Downs for more information (resources - safe ministry). If anyone needs technical support connecting to edUCate please contact Rob Callow on 0490 376 930.

#### **Rev Adam' Leave dates**

Adam will be on leave from Monday 26th June to Sunday 9th July inclusive. The ministry mobile 0487 572 400 will be monitored during this time, so please call or leave a message if you need assistance.

# **Prayer Points**

- Give thanks for the young adults that engage on Friday nights and at Grub, Games and God, and pray that we will continue to love and support them as a church.
- Pray for our Presbytery Meeting at Middle Ridge Uniting Church from 16th -18th June.
- Pray for the new Connect 100 opportunity, that this will come to fruition, that we would own this ministry as the church, and that we'd be able to find the right person for this role.
- Give thanks for Rosie's blanket drive, and pray that what has given will be a blessing to those in need.
- Give thanks for all our wonderful volunteers, and for their part in ensuring our church is a safe space for everyone.



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# 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 youth@lifeworksuniting.org.au 0412 766 341



Midweek Zoom Prayer Room



Contine prayer room Every Wednesday from 7 to 7.30 am For an invitation please email minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au or check the Lifeworks Facebook group page for the link

> Sunday Morning Prayer

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

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<b>4</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Service Holy Communion	5	6	<b>7</b> 7am Midweek online prayer 9.30am mainly music	8	<b>9</b> 7pm NEXT Youth Group	10
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