

March 2022



# Lifeworks

## Uniting Church

*Responding to God's Love*

### AGM – A Great Meeting!

On Sunday, March 13th, Lifeworks will conduct our Annual General Meeting after our Sunday service.

While voting is restricted to Members and Members-in-Association, anyone can attend the meeting, and we welcome your attendance! If you're not sure about your membership status or would like to know more about becoming a member, drop me a line.

This meeting is a great opportunity to receive the Annual Report, to ask any questions, and to make some decisions about the life of our church. Some of the decisions we will be making are the elections for the Church Council of Elders.

I would like to thank all those who have nominated for Church Council, and those who have served over the last year. We recognise that after a long service, both Kevin Smith and David Hogg have decided to step down from these roles. Derek Curnow is renominating, but we also recognise that Derek has had to step away from the role of Church Council Chairperson at this time. Annette Curnow remains an Elder, but we recognise that she has had to step away from those duties as she recovers.

On behalf of our church, I'd like to thank Kevin, David, Derek and Annette for everything they have done for the people here. We look forward to the next season for them all, and we pray for Annette's healing in this time. Well done, good and faithful servants.

I'd also like to thank everyone who contributed to our Annual Report, and for every person who is part of the life of our church. There is so much good happening in and through Lifeworks, and I hope we can tell that story and highlight the good over the coming years.

I encourage you to read our Annual Report, including our Vision Plan, and to attend the Annual General Meeting. If you have any questions for any of our report writers, it would be helpful to have them on notice before the meeting.

Grace and Peace

**Rev. Adam Tipple**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are scattered across – the Jarowair and Giabal people.

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## Hope

The talk was frank; the doctors' news quite bleak.

On borrowed time, the scans now showed she'd been, since tumour-shrinking radiation left her brain so deeply scarred.

An over-achiever then, on all accounts: fiercely protective, actively proud of children and their own young fry; passionate about the underdog, seeing needs beyond her own as though... as though her own were least of all; faithful in her private walk with God along a way so firmly trodden down the years, and clearly lit by scholarship and faith of generations gone before.

And yet, and yet mere weeks before the cardiologist's first fateful slash, she'd had some foresight of mortality so fragile, so confronting, that the fear of mortal consequence had planted seeds within, eliciting assurances from family and friends that doctors all performed these surgeries each day, and knew the ways to mitigate the dangers, how to boost the grip on life each patient held.

And so it came about, despite their skills, the doctors failed to overcome the threat. Her life, her very light, now faded into black.

And then, the miracle! Hope sprang from the deep.

Fingers reached for pen and paper, with one strong message to us three: "Told you I was sick," her hand reminded us, as, amazed, we stood beside her, stunned, that from the depths of anguished shadows hope should ring out softly, like distant bells of village churches.

That New Year's Eve began a journey further into the field of hope, where joy now strolled and possibility at last now gleamed. So day by day the shadows inched away, like the journey from the wintry solstice towards the hopeful Spring, as Annette reminded us from time to time, her hand, no longer wavering but sure, of promise made her by the loving Lord: "Fear not, dear child; I'll give you strength. I've got this!



## Worship With Us

### Sunday Mornings

9:00am

### Live-stream

[Lifeworks YouTube channel](#)

## Other Activities

Keenagers

mainly music

Other interest groups

Youth Group

More details found on the [Lifeworks website](#)

## 2nd Offering for December

The December second offering at Lifeworks was committed as usual to the work of Everything in Common, an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia, which aims to connect Australian people to God's work in the wider world. The second offering was supplemented by sales of items from the EiC catalogue, amounting to more than \$1,700.

Where does the money go?

Depending on the choices you made (chickens, goat manure, water systems etc), the funds were allocated to points of need among the people of our Pacific and Asian neighbours. Other donations can be made, of course, by logging on the website: <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/donate-now>

Our February second offering was sent to assist the people of Tonga, whose lives were disrupted and whose islands were devastated by the colossal volcanic eruption and tsunami.

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## EASTER 2022

Could you live more simply, so that others could simply live? Could you keep seven days of solidarity with our global neighbours?

These questions highlight Lent Event 2022. More information and ideas will be revealed in weekly bulletins on the screen at Lifeworks for Easter this year. Good Friday will occur on 15 April.

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## New Prayer Chain Coordinator

Daphne Hindmarsh is our new Prayer Chain Coordinator.

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## Lifecycle

Due to wet weather last Sunday, Lifecycle has been rescheduled to Sunday, 6 March, 4pm at Lifeworks.

## Prayer Points

Please pray for:

- Ellie Gloss and her family, as she is brought for baptism as part of our service on 6 March.
- For our NEXTGen service on 20 March, for the young people in our church to feel a sense of welcome and joy in their participation and leadership.
- For Annette Curnow as she continues her recovery.
- To give thanks for all our chaplains and for everyone else who has been working at hospitals and other health sites through COVID.
- Our Vision Plan, that we would be able to meet the commitments in this plan, and that we would grow in faith, love and strength as a congregation.
- For the retired ministers who are part of our congregation – Rev. John Case, Rev. Lynne Hindman and Rev. Ruth Harding. We thank God for their wisdom and gifts.
- Peace to break out in Ukraine. For a cessation of violence and bloodshed, and for forgiveness and understanding to grow and flourish.
- As we go through Lent, pray the Lord's prayer as a church together.



You and your family  
are invited to:

## **NEXT**Gen Sunday

**Sunday 20th March, 9am  
at Lifeworks Uniting Church**



Worship led and curated by our young adult leaders and  
NEXT youth group members

### Worship Workshops

Workshop 1: Engaging Worship

Workshop 2: The Heart of Preaching

Saturday 12th March 10.30am to 2.30pm

@ Lifeworks Uniting Church

please byo packed lunch

tea and coffee provided

R.S.V.P. to

[minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au](mailto:minister@lifeworksuniting.org.au)

### Checking In @ Lifeworks

- We no longer need to check in at Lifeworks using the Check In Qld app.
- Our Greeters will welcome you each Sunday and register your attendance.
- Visitors are always welcome, however, if you feel at home at Lifeworks, you are very welcome to provide your contact details to us. Just scan this code or [click on this link](#) and complete the form.



### Giving to Lifeworks

Please continue to give to Lifeworks as you are able. You can choose to give in the following ways:

- Cash can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings
- Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to:  
PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350
- Electronic direct deposit  
Bank: Westpac Bank  
Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church  
BSB: 034 242  
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