

Decisions, decisions...

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback regarding our worship time. On Thursday 3rd September the Church Council met to make a decision regarding Lifeworks' Sunday worship time. The decision we made is the following:

That our usual worship time would be 9am, but we would have a later time in the winter months (June - August) of 9.30am.

As our trial of the 9.30am time concludes on 6th September, from next week (13th Sept) we revert back to 9am.

We undertook the 9.30am trial, after some of our members enquired about a later worship time, with the following rationale:

"While everyone at Lifeworks is valued, when thinking about worship times, Church Council felt that particular care and consideration should be given to families with children, those with health conditions, and those who are differently abled. Firstly, we would like to build ministry with families and children, secondly, we would like to remove barriers from those with health conditions and who are differently abled from attending worship."

As we looked to evaluate the success of the trial, we sought feedback from people representative of these groups, and also evidence that it was actually helping. We had positive feedback, and some evidence that it has helped.

Balanced alongside that, we also sought feedback from the wider congregation and it has emerged there is a significant group in the church who stated that they preferred 9am. Different reasons were given, but most often when they were given, this was due to wanting more time in the day after the service.

So, Church Council met to consider all this and to make a decision. A third option emerged, that would be a shift between 'usual' and winter months. This is an option that a few of our members had suggested. We recognise that the winter months are particularly hard for the groups we wanted to give special consideration to, so we hope that this will be at least, a little help in this regard. In reverting to 9am for most of the year, we respect that for the majority of you, the case we have made for a later time has not been convincing. We felt that the trial demonstrated that a seasonal shift was not too problematic as long as it was well advertised in advance.

Of course there is no 'perfect' worship time, and some of you may be surprised or disappointed by this decision. We would ask you to consider that this is a conversation worth having, and while it is important to consider the needs of all of our members and attenders, consideration should be given to those who may have barriers in attending worship due to time. As part of our decision, we plan to do a more thorough review of these barriers next year, and seek a deeper level of feedback regarding worship time. I'll repeat what I said back in May when we announced this trial:

"The danger of simple changes to worship times is that sometimes they can be contentious, and I have heard stories of churches that have had major rifts because worship times have changed. That does not seem to me to be in keeping with the Christian spirit, and my hope and prayer is that this will not lead to any bitterness or ill-feeling among us."

Thanks for your engagement in this matter, and will you please join with me in prayer as we ask for God's blessing on this new arrangement.

Grace and Peace, Rev Adam Tipple

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

Other Church Council Members:

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SEPTEMBER 2026 Services

Sunday 6th September 9.30am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 13th September 9am

Worship Leader: Ps Peter Cole
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 20th September 9am

Worship Leader: Mary Tibben
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 27th September 9am

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#) for the latest livestream 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 also now have Zeller to take card payments. Ask at church.

We thank-you for your generosity!

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News & Announcements

AGM and Elections

Lifeworks Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Sunday 11th October** after the morning service at Lifeworks starting at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend and take part, but only those who are Members or Members in Association have voting rights. If you are not sure about your membership status and would like to clarify that, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak with Rev Adam Tipple in the first instance.

As part of this meeting we will:

- Receive the Annual Report (which will be distributed from 27th September) including the budget.
- Have a time for questions.
- Elect 5 Church Council positions (we currently have 5 nominations, Gordon Gillmore, Paula Nicholls, Anni Cramb, Steve Cramb and Ps Peter Cole).
- Elect a new Chairperson and Secretary of the Congregational Meeting for next year. We thank David Prestridge and Peter Cole, who currently have these roles.
- Appoint an auditor.
- Elect a representative to Presbytery.

It is important that as many of you as possible engage with this meeting, so please put this in your diaries if you are free. If you are interested in nominating for Church Council, or as our Presbytery Representative, please speak with Rev Adam Tipple.

Special Offering—August

The August special offering was dedicated to the Dostana project. This operates in the Diocese of Amritsar in the Church of North India.

The main project interest is the Diocesan Girls' Hostel in Amritsar. This hostel accommodates around 30 disadvantaged girls and ensures they receive proper nutrition, a stable environment and a good education. The activity is overseen and funded by Uniting World.

Your contribution to this project in August came to \$482.50. Thanks to all contributors.

Remember that you can use a credit or debit card for donations on Sunday mornings using the card reader in the foyer.

Prayer Points

- For our new worship times of 9am, with 9.30am in the winter months of June to August. That this would provide some help to those who find 9am difficult, particularly in the winter months, and that this would be well received.
- For the Glenvale Community BBQ which starts again in September.
- For the Glenvale Community Project Officer role which we are (almost!) ready to advertise.
- For nominations for Church Council and for good preparation for the AGM.
- For the Welcome Brunch on 20th September, and for those who we will welcome as new members during worship on that day.
- For the new Tuesday Bible Study at Reece and Darryl's place.



New Bible Study/Small Group

We are delighted to share that a new Bible Study/Small Group is set to begin on Tuesday, September 15th, at Reece and Darryl Evan's home, 28 Belcher Drive, Glenvale. (Parking is not a problem).

Approximately 1 and a half to 2 hours beginning at 1pm.

We are working with Rev Adam to find suitable material for the study. While the group will meet weekly, we appreciate that not everyone may be able to make every week. We are also considering breaks, e.g. summer school holidays.

Come along on the 15th for a meet and greet and a friendly cuppa.

If you think this might be for you, please speak to Reece at Sunday worship or on 0487 756 864.

Glenvale Progress Association

Glenvale is experiencing one of the most rapid periods of urban transformation in the Toowoomba region. Driven by significant residential master-planned developments, expanded commercial precinct our suburb is rapidly evolving from a quiet residential pocket into a major growth node.

With this growth comes both opportunity and responsibility. Without strong local advocacy, rapid development risks outpacing community infrastructure, green space allocation, and social connection.

The Glenvale Progress Association (GPA) is being established as an independent, non-partisan, volunteer-led community organization. Its goal is to unite residents, bridge the gap between established neighborhoods and new developments, and provide a unified voice when engaging with the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC), state agencies, and private developers.

Get Involved: Join the Movement

Whether you have lived in Glenvale for decades or have just moved into a newly completed home, your perspective is vital to shaping our suburb's future.

How You Can Participate

- **Express Interest in the Working Group:** If you can contribute time or skills (planning, administration, event coordination, communications), submit an expression of interest to join the foundational committee.
- **Attend Monthly Meetings:** Join fellow residents at upcoming monthly forums to stay informed and vote on local initiatives.
- **Share Your Feedback:** Participate in upcoming community surveys to tell us what amenities, services, or road safety improvements Glenvale needs most.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

NEW MEMBERS AND ATTENDERS WELCOME BRUNCH

**SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AFTER
THE MORNING SERVICE AT
LIFEWORKS**

If you are a new member/attender, please
RSVP to 0487 572 400 (Rev Adam
Tipple)

If you are an existing Lifeworks member
and can provide a plate to share, please let
Rev Adam know


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GLENVALE COMMUNITY BBQ



FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

**from 4pm at
LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH**

**COFFEE, HOT AND COLD DRINKS ALSO AVAILABLE
FOR ALL WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN GLENVALE
ALL WELCOME**

615 Boundary St., Glenvale

AND MOSES CAME DOWN
FROM MOUNT SINAI AND HE
SPOKE TO THE CHILDREN
OF ISRAEL!



I HAVE SEEN THE
LORD GOD AND HE
GAVE US FIFTEEN...



OOPS!



...I MEAN HE GAVE US
TEN COMMANDMENTS!





St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral,
Toowoomba & the
Organ Society of Queensland Inc.
present an organ concert to suit all tastes...



BACH TO BACHARACH



at St Patrick's Cathedral

Cnr James & Neil Streets, Toowoomba

Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 10am – 11am



Featuring well-known Brisbane organist

Dr Steven Nisbet OAM

Program:

- Music by J.S. Bach: Prelude & Fugue in E minor (The Cathedral);
Jesu joy of man's desiring; Sleepers, wake; The Passion Chorale
 - *Royal Fireworks Suite* by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Excerpts *Introduction; Scherzo; Rejoicing*
 - *Wesley Suite* by Steven Nisbet
(Wondering soul, Wesley's Gallop, Chapel Prayer, Liberty Fanfare)
- Songs by Burt Bacharach (*Raindrops keep falling on my head; Do you know
the way to San Jose? I say a little prayer for you; What the world needs
now; I'll never fall in love again*)
 - Movie themes (Gabriel's Oboe, Moon River, The Entertainer)
 - Hymn Preludes by Paul Manz
(*Hyfrydol, Westminster Abbey, Slane, Cwm Rhondda*)

Free admission

Enquiries: 0407-037-091

There's another free organ concert at 12 noon that same day at St Luke's.

LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9am Mainly Music	3	4	5
6 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9.30am Worship 4pm Glenvale Comm BBQ	7	8	9 9am Mainly Music	10 9.30am Keenagers (Picnic at Laurel Bank Park)	11	12
13 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	14	15 1pm Bible Study at Reece and Darryl Ev- ans	16 9am Mainly Music	17	18	19
20 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship 10.15am Welcome Brunch for new people	21	22 1pm Bible Study at Reece and Darryl Ev- ans	23 9am Mainly Music	24 9.30am Keenagers 5.30pm— Admin meeting 6pm Church Council	25	26
27 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Annual Report Published	28	29 1pm Bible Study at Reece and Darryl Ev- ans	30			