

## The God of Small Things

*The God of Small Things* is the title of a book by the writer Arundhati Roy. And while this reflection has nothing to do that book, I thought it was a good title to borrow, for talking about our God who is the God of all things, big and small.

Over recent years I have become fascinated by quantum and particle physics. Sadly I lack the maths background to have a really deep understanding of this field, but I try my best to grasp the theories and models that are discussed.

Something that strikes me is how amazing it is that all of the smallest particles that make up matter, and carry forces, (particles with weird and wonderful names like the 'Strange Quark' and the 'Charm Quark', the 'Gluon', and the 'Neutrino'), all have fixed values that seem consistent across space and time, for things like mass and spin. As well as the fixed values of these particles, the fundamental laws or constants of nature all have fixed values and ratios.

As many people have pointed out, if you even 'tweak' these values by the smallest degree, you likely end up with a universe where galaxies and stars cannot form and life is impossible.

To me, this all reflects the glory of our creator God, and the infinitely powerful mind that is behind all creation. This glory and this mind can be seen both in the very big (galaxies and stars) and the very small (fundamental particles), and everything in-between (the Earth, plants, animals and us!).

The psalmist wrote in Psalm 19:

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

We might reflect, so do quarks, electrons, photons, gluons and every particle that exists!

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

### Rev Adam's 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.

**A Blue Care Grief and Loss Program** to provide support for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one will be held at the Blue Care complex, Middle Ridge, commencing July. The free program runs for two hours each week for eight weeks and provides information, practical advice, and effective coping skills as well as social and emotional support. This is a small group program and registration is essential. Please contact Margaret Spinks on 0491 071 787 or [bluecare.grief.loss@gmail.com](mailto:bluecare.grief.loss@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

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### Prayer Points

- Pray for a safe and restful holiday for the Tipple Family.
- Pray for safe travelling and a restful break for all members of our Congregation who are on holidays.
- Pray for Paula Nicholls as she recovers from surgery.
- Pray for the Toowoomba Congregations who are taking part in the **Winter Shelter** program, and for the ministry they will be offering to homeless people in Toowoomba.
- Continue to 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.



### July 2023 Sunday Services

**Sunday 2nd July 9am  
(Holy Communion)**

Worship Leader: David Hogg  
Preacher: Rev Yvonne McRostie

**Sunday 9th July 9am**

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe  
Rev Lynne Hindman

**Sunday 16th July 9am**

Worship Leader: Louise Walker  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

**Sunday 23rd July 9am**

Worship Leader: David Hogg  
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

**Sunday 30th July 9am**

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe  
Preacher: Jenny Noble

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 placed in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We thank-you for your generosity!

### Quick Links

[www.lifeworksuniting.org.au](http://www.lifeworksuniting.org.au)



[YouTube](#)



[Facebook](#)

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



ICDF Australia's

The New Thing (TNT): activate the arts to create and heal  
Toowoomba, In-Person Creatives Connect Afternoon



Poster Designed by B. Elisabeth Davis  
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# FIRESTARTERS

"Blazed the Way" - Hebrews 12:1-3 (Message Version)

A short interactive workshop (1.5 hr) which is sure to reignite your creativity and set you ablaze with passion and purpose. A time of inspiring and thought provoking discussion and an explorative journey of creative expression through movement.

Our experienced Creative Arts Facilitators ensure a safe environment, incorporating scripture and prayer for Holy Spirit inspiration, a deeper intimacy with Creator God bringing transformation, healing and greater freedom

#### When

Saturday 8th of July, 2023 @ 1:50pm for 2:00pm prompt start - through to 3.30PM

#### Where

Lifeworks Uniting Church, 615 Boundary Street, Glenvale, 4350

Parking available on site

#### Catering

BYO water bottle - Afternoon Tea will be provided!

Wear comfortable clothing/footwear, half-socks, barefoot (suitable for movement)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL via Eventbrite - by 5pm Wed 5 July, 2023  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/firestarters-tickets-657775061917?aff=oddtcreator>

FREE REGISTRATION - Love offering/Donation on day  
CONTACT: Lana on 0499 276 463 with any questions

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cdfaustalia>

# LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service Holy Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7pm NEXT Youth Group	<b>8</b> 2pm FIRE STARTERS Workshop  (Details on flyer on previous page)
<b>9</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7am Midweek online prayer  9.30am mainly music	<b>13</b> 10am Keenagers Morning tea	<b>14</b> 7pm NEXT Youth Group Planning Meeting	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service	<b>17</b> 6pm Admin meeting  7pm Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7am Midweek online prayer  9.30am mainly music	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7pm NEXT Youth Group	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service  4.30pm Games, Grub and God	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7am Midweek online prayer  9.30am mainly music	<b>27</b> 10am Keenagers Morning tea	<b>28</b> 7pm NEXT Youth Group	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Service	<b>31</b>					