

## The Times They Are a Changing

In the Uniting Church one of the responsibilities of Church Council is to 'set the times and places of worship' for the congregation. Such a seemingly simple task can often be difficult as the reality is there is no ideal time that suits all of us, and that congregations get very used to a particular time of worship.

This week, the Lifeworks Uniting Church Council made a decision to go ahead with a trial of a 9.30am Sunday worship time for the months of **June, July and August 2026** (and not May as originally we had considered).

We thank all those who completed a survey regarding this. While a significant number of responses were not supportive of a trial (46%), the number who supported a trial, or indicated they were open to either time totalled 54% of respondents. So while the Church Council believes we have good pastoral reasons for making this decision, and over half of respondents were open to this change, we appreciate that the survey indicates that we have a bit of work to do, to convince some of you that this is a good idea.

Our rationale is the following: 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. The reality (reflected in some of the feedback we have received) is these particular groups often need a little longer to get ready in the morning. The hope is that in changing the time, we may enable more of these groups to attend worship. We are also in a new season at Lifeworks, a time of considering and trying new things, and we believe this is worth a try.

The danger of simple changes to worship times is that sometimes they can be contentious, and indeed 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. So, if you did not support this trial, we ask for your grace and blessing as we explore this different starting time for worship. We ask you to consider that it is small change of only half an hour, so our hope is that for anyone who is inconvenienced by this trial, this will not be a large inconvenience. We ask if you could, with generosity, support this trial in a good spirit.

Lastly, this is of course only a trial and not a permanent decision. We will be looking to see if the change is helpful in the way that we hope that it will be helpful, and we will be seeking your feedback again through a survey in August, to ask how you have experienced the trial, before any final decision is made.

In all these things, let us be reminded of the blessing that it is to be a worshipping community together, and that even though there may be disagreements among us over certain issues, we are called together as the body of Christ. As Paul reminds us:

*"...God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."* 1 Cor 12:24b-27

Grace and Peace, Rev Adam Tipple

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## May 2026 Services

### Sunday 3rd May 9am

(Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Mary Tibben

Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

### Sunday 10th May 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Adam Tipple

Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

### Sunday 17th May 9am

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews

Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

### Pentecost Sunday 24th May 9am

Worship Leader: Louise Walker

Preacher: Rev Russell Reynoldson  
(Presbytery Minister)

### Sunday 31st May 9am

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter Cole

Preacher: To be confirmed

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!

## Quick Links

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



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## News and Announcements

### Church Council Update

Church Council met on 30th April. Again, this was a very productive and exciting meeting and we are thankful to God for leading and blessing us. Decisions/discussion:

- Received the report of the Prayer and Pastoral Care Ministry Oversight Team, and approved the repurposing of Rev Tanya's old office to be a Prayer Room for the Sunday morning Intercessory Prayer Ministry, with a budget of \$300 for redecoration. We are now looking to launch this ministry and bless the room on Sunday 24th May (Pentecost Sunday).
- Received and considered feedback from the Presbytery Minister regarding our idea for a 'Glenvale Community Project Officer' role at Lifeworks. We believe that with a broader framework this is the right direction for Lifeworks, and are going ahead to seek funding/part self-fund as a 12 month position for one day per week. More news on this to come, please keep praying! The congregation will be invited to be part of this visioning process to happen later this year.
- Discussed the Queensland Community Alliance Listening Event (see advert on right) to be held at Lifeworks on **Tuesday 19th May from 5.30pm**. The QCA is a not for profit non-partisan organisation that has faith groups and civic and community organisations as its members (including the Uniting Church in Queensland). The QCA has started working in Toowoomba and the purpose of the Listening Event is to hear what issues are important for our community. If you would like to attend that would be great, please register here: [Listening Action Registration](#) or use the QR code on the advert. Speak with Rev Adam if you want to know more or require help with registration. We really would love some extra helpers for this event to help serve food. If you can help, please let Rev Adam know
- Agreed to trial a later Sunday worship start time (9.30am), for the months of June, July and August 2026.


### Request from Toowoomba Community Baptist Church

One of our congregation needs help. If you are able, could you please advertise this to your congregation or anyone you may know.

Casual truck driver needed – to assist a Christian business owner who has a broken foot and unable to drive their truck with loads of gear to and from upcoming farm shows. Contact Lawrence for more info – 0411 309 221.

### Visit of the Presbytery Minister - 24th May

Rev Russell Reynoldson, the Presbytery Minister of the Presbytery of the Downs is visiting Lifeworks as part of worship on Sunday 24th May. Russell will be preaching and is keen to meet us all. Please pray for Russell as we welcome him on that date.



## QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

### TOOWOOMBA: 2026 Listening Action

Tuesday 19 May  
5:30-8pm  
Lifeworks Uniting Glenvale

Have your voice heard!

Join others in your community to listen, share, and build trust and relationships.




Real change starts when people come together, listen deeply, and find common ground.

Together we can lay the foundation for a stronger, more connected community.

On the night:

- Connect with others
- Share what matters to you
- Learn how to influence decisions
- Shape next steps on local issues

Free event, dinner provided



**Register here**

# Games, Grub & God

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**4PM TO 6PM  
AT LIFEWORKS  
UNITING CHURCH**

Bring your friends, roll the dice, and let the fun begin! All ages welcome.

**Board Games, Skill  
Games, Card Games**

615 Boundary St Glenvale



# GLENVALE COMMUNITY BBQ

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY**

from 4pm at  
**LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH**

**COFFEE, HOT AND COLD DRINKS ALSO AVAILABLE  
FACEPAINTING**

**FOR ALL WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN GLENVALE  
ALL WELCOME**



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## Prayer Points

- For the Church Council as we consider the Glenvale Community Project Officer role, and for discernment for the right way forward at Lifeworks.
- For the Glenvale Community BBQ event on 3rd May. For good weather, good attendance and good connections to be made.
- For Aileen McPhee who has been unwell and in hospital.
- For the Sunday morning Intercessory Prayer Ministry which will begin on 24th May.
- For the Queensland Community Alliance Listening Event happening at Lifeworks on May 19th.
- For the new worship time of 9.30am that we are trialling, that this would bless those who may otherwise not be able to attend, and for grace for those who have to adjust their schedules and for whom this can be tricky.
- For Peter Arrowsmith and Jo McAuley.
- Give thanks for our Keenagers group and pray that the group would grow over the next year.
- Pray for the Friday Night Homegroup, and for new Bible Studies and small groups to begin at Lifeworks.



# LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

## May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Worship Holy Communion  4pm Glenvale Community BBQ	4	<b>5</b> 6.30pm Glenvale Community Outreach Ministry Team Meeting	<b>6</b> 9am mainly music	<b>7</b> 9.30am Keenagers	8	9
<b>10</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Worship	11	12	<b>13</b> 9am mainly music	14	15	16
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<b>24</b> 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room  9am Worship (Pentecost)  4pm Games, Grub and God	25	26	<b>27</b> 9am mainly music	<b>28</b> 5.30pm Admin meeting  6pm Church Council Meeting	29	30
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