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Lifeworks Uniting Church

The newsletter of Lifeworks Uniting Church

God has not finished with us yet...

At the Presbytery Meeting in Oakey last weekend, the Moderator of the Queensland Synod, Rev Bruce Moore read from Isaiah 43:19, 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?' Bruce encouraged us, that 'God has not finished with us yet'. Bruce's message aligns with the prayer movement for renewal that has been going through the last three years in the Uniting Church in Queensland, with people across the Synod coming together online to pray every Tuesday evening at 7pm. If you would like to join with that prayer, follow this link (or ask me to send it to you if you have a hard copy of the newsletter):

Join from Zoom Workplace app - Zoom

In our Presbytery, our new Presbytery Minister Rev Russell Reynoldson, has called people to prayer with a group that requests will be sent to via email. So far, over 60 people in the Presbytery have joined this prayer group. If you would like to join this group, please email Anni Cramb at admin@downspresbytery.org.au

So, things are happening in the life of the church; the church is being called to prayer.

At Lifeworks Uniting Church Council we discussed some of the 'inertia' that hold us back, whether real or imagined. One of the first things that we identified is that at times we lack prayer, and this lack of prayer, particularly around vision and Lifeworks' direction, means that we can lack the spiritual direction and impetus to follow Jesus where he leads us.

So, that is going to change, with God's help. Every Sunday a small group meets in the church meeting room (if you don't know where that is, ask) from 8.30 to pray. You are invited to join with that group. I believe that you will find this worthwhile.

On Sundays as part of our service, we are changing how we do prayer, and having prayers in the coming months that are much more focussed on asking God for vision and direction concerning Lifeworks, and for renewal in the life of our congregation. Church Council celebrates that we have been gifted with many wonderful people, a great property, and the resources to connect with our local community. We would like to see a much clearer plan emerge as to how we use our resources and work together for the glory of God. While we have made some strides in working out what it means to be a church for Glenvale, there is much more work to be done, and a bigger vision to be discovered. Let's roll up our spiritual sleeves and get to work!

So, please pray, and pray regularly for the following:

- Renewal for the Lifeworks congregation.
- Discernment as to vision and calling - what does God want for Lifeworks?
- Prayer for the Glenvale Community, how can we be a blessing to them?

Over coming months there will be more opportunities and ways in which we can pray together that will be promoted. Please keep an eye out for these developments.

We celebrate the good things that God is already doing in our church and community, but hope and expect that there is much more to come!

Grace and Peace,
Rev Adam Tipple

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March 2026 Services

Sunday 1st March 9am
(Holy Communion)
Worship Leader: Va Palfi
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 8th March 9am
Worship Leader: Mary Tibben
Preacher: Steve Cramb

Sunday 15th March 9am
Worship Leader: Pastor Peter Cole
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 22nd March 9am
Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 29th March 9am
Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews
Preacher: Steve Cramb

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 YouTube Facebook

News and Announcements

Church Council Update

Church Council met on 16th February. We had an inspiring time of prayer and discussion as we consider Lifeworks' future. We identified factors of inertia (things that we believe hold us back), talked about some of the dreams and visions that we had for the church, and considered the many resources that we have to do mission here.

As part of that meeting we committed to do things differently; to organise our meetings and work more effectively as a team; to be radically honest with one another and to engage in more directed prayer as we ask what is God's vision for Lifeworks.

An important item of business was our consideration of the results of the Same-Gender marriage and relationships survey.

The results of this survey and Church Council's response will be sent out in a pastoral letter via email in the first week of March to our newsletter mailing list, and hard copies will be available in the foyer from 8th March.

We appreciate that some of you have been waiting patiently for these results, but as Church Council we wanted adequate time to provide a considered response alongside the results of the survey.

Other points of discussion/decision:

- Approved Rev Adam Tipple and Pastor Peter Cole as delegates to the 39th Synod meeting at Alexandra Heads from 23rd to 26th October 2026.
- Approved setting up a system of elders making contact with new people at Lifeworks, to facilitate their welcome and integration into the life of the church.
- Approved two small groups in the life of the church (details to come in coming months).
- Agreed some criteria to guide our thinking as we work out how to best use the Lifeworks property and develop it for the benefit of Lifeworks and the community, in accordance with the mission of God.

Presbytery News

The Presbytery of the Downs met from 20th to 22nd February at Oakey Uniting Church.

Significant decisions/discussions/events:

- Inducted Rev Russell Reynoldson (pictured on right) to serve as the Presbytery Minister for two years.
- Discussed the Presbytery Capacity report and proposals which suggest reducing the number of presbyteries in Queensland from 7 to 3. This was a good discussion held with good spirit. While some of the proposed changes are significant, there seems to be a broad acceptance that we can't continue as we are and need to organise the church to better serve the mission of God.
- Heard from the Moderator, Rev Bruce Moore who encouraged us that 'God has not finished with us yet'.
- Enjoyed the hospitality of Oakey Uniting Church. We thank God for them and Pastor Daphne Webster.

World Day of Prayer 2026

Focus on **Nigeria**

Service date	Thursday 5 March 2026
Location	1. Church of Christ Toowoomba North - 10:00 am 2. St Bart's Anglian Church - 6:30 pm
Address	1. Church of Christ Toowoomba North - 18 Progress Crt, Harlaxton 2. St Bart's Anglican Church - 103 Stenner St, Rangeville
Time	1. 10:00 am - Church of Christ Toowoomba North 2. 6:30 pm - St Bart's Anglican Church
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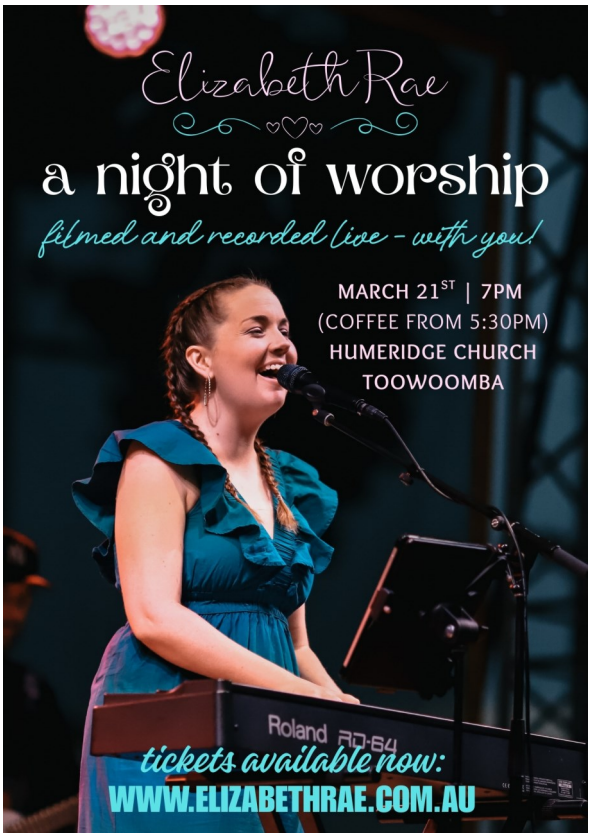

Prayer Points

- For the Glenvale Community BBQ event of 1st March. For good weather, good attendance and good connections made.
- For Pastor Peter Cole who is recovering from an illness.
- For Elizabeth Rae and the concert event 'Night of Worship'
- Rev Adam Tipple who has a surgical procedure on 7th March.
- For Kathryn Middleton who is recovering after surgery.
- For Neville and Rhoda Hoadley.
- For John and Ann Hoens and John as moved to Blue Care.
- For Paul Hoens who has become a member of Lifeworks.
- For the new people who have started coming to Lifeworks in the last few months.
- For the 'Follow the Way' event on Sunday 22nd March.
- For Rev Tanya Richards who will be inducted as Bush Chaplain, Bottle Tree Remote Area Ministry on Sunday 22nd March at 9.30am in Roma

LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tues-day	Wednes-day	Thursday	Friday	Satur-day
1 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Holy Commun-ion 4pm Glenvale Community BBQ	**2**	**3**	**4** 9am mainly music	**5**	**6**	**7**
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15 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	**16**	**17**	**18** 9am mainly music Service	**19** 5.30pm Ad-min meet-ing 6pm Church Council Meeting	**20**	**21** 7pm Elizabeth Rae Night of Worship at Hume Ridge Church of Christ
22 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship 2pm to 4pm Fol-low the Way 4pm Games, Grub and God	**23**	**24**	**25** 9am mainly music	**26** 9.30am Keenagers	**27**	**28**
29 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Palm Sunday	**30**	**31**				