

General Notices

-Play Group Thankyou as always for the provision of food for our parents and children. Please let Jan Rossow know how you can help, especially when James is on leave. Help for the morning set up between 7-8am is really appreciated and makes a big difference.

-Fellowship of Fixing Every Thursday morning from 7.30am, a small group of dedicated people clean, mow, fix and share together in preparing our church and grounds. We do need more help, even if it is for one day a month to come and help it would help spread the load.

- Lenten Bible Study *The Grace of Les Miserables - When grace and Justice meet*
Based on the historical novel by Victor Hugo the characters represent the great themes of life, passion, grace, justice, poverty and love..We will begin with a viewing of *Les Miserables* with an afternoon tea/supper break.

Mondays 2-4pm March 2,9,16,23. **at 41 Allora Gardens**

Thursdays 7-9pm March 5,12,19,26 **at 98 Allora Gardens.**

-James (and Kris) will be on Leave from Thurs 27 February, to attend a family wedding. Thank you to Rev Allan Kuchler for leading the worship today.

-World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March, @ 9:30 am, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest Drive. Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, let us gather with our neighbouring churches to share in this worship and fellowship together. Please as many as possible come along as we each have a part to play in the service.

- Invitation- to **Creative Arts Worship** March 29, 5pm Buderim UC . The service will incorporate music, dance, poetry, sculpture, art and I.T. Goals are to involve our creativity in worship, build connections between congregations, increase our joy of worship, minister to each other and provide a space to bring non-Christian friends. A fellowship tea will follow.

-James and Long Service Leave (April-June) I have long service leave that I need to take and therefore it has been arranged to be taken from 1 April to 30 June for that period of 3 months. There will be supply ministry provided during this time.

Prayers for our world and our people

- for BBN Constructions as they struggle again with the weather conditions
- for the resolution to the *coronavirus* and the distress & panic being caused
- for the growing anxiety that violence creates in our communities and our world
- for ourselves, for, Asho & June, Barb, Philip, Colin, Katie, Dean & Daisy (congratulations).
- for us as we enter the second week of Lent, the ashes behind and upon us still.

Birthdays this week: Loy Cassidy (3rd)



The Maroochydore Herald Maroochydore Uniting Church

The Uniting Church in Australia

1st March 2020

We seek to be a prayerful and listening church

Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church

*Good morning, welcome to worship at Maroochydore Uniting Church
After worship please join us to share morning tea in the Hall*

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Worship Services

English Language Sundays, 8.30am

Korean Language Sundays, 11am

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Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available.

Our Church Banking Details: **UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church**
- St George Bank. BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church

Qld Synod Information - <https://ucaqld.com.au/>

For links an information to Synod Resources and Activities.

National Assembly News - <https://assembly.uca.org>.

Moderator's March Prayer

- Please join us in praying together each Monday at midday:

Loving God, as we turn to face the new year ahead may we do so in the confidence of your calling on our lives and your faithfulness to us.
Rev David Baker.

Bible Readings

1 March 2020 **First Sunday in Lent - Dealing with Temptation**
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 permission, prohibition, discretion ...
Psalm 32 confession is good for the soul
Romans 5:12-19 the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ
Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus, The Satan and Temptation

8 March 2020 **Second Sunday in Lent - After the Temptation comes ...**
Genesis 12:1-4a the beginning of a people - Abram
Psalm 121 My help comes from the Lord
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Abraham, our ancestor in flesh and in faith.
John 3:1-17 or Matt 17:1-9 Faith is what happens when we believe in this love

Temptation - To be, or not to Be.

Our lives are filled with many choices. Some easy, some difficult, some that suit us, others that inconvenience us. There are choices that we are to make, there are choice that will be made for us. For us, as Christians, there is already one great choice that has been made for us and that is by God in Jesus Christ, That God is Love and, we love, because God first loved us. This is our irreducible constant. The next choice is ours, but, with the Holy Spirit, we get all the assistance in the world. In the temptation story of Jesus we see the subtlety of choice and the nuances of deception.

In Jesus we see that discernment lies not in his exploiting power and glory but in his loyalty to who he already is, the beloved Son of God. This is who we are, the beloved children of God. This is our best choice.

Some comments for contemplation -

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."

— *J.K.Rowling, two quotes from Professor Dumbledore to Harry Potter*

Worship & Coming Events March 2020

Sunday 1st March	8:30am Holy Communion	Lent 1
	11am Korean Worship Service (followed by lunch)	
Friday 6th March	9:30 W.Day of Prayer Immanuel Lutheran Church	
Sunday 8th March	8:30am English Worship Service	Lent 2
	11am Korean Holy Communion (followed by lunch)	
Sunday 15th March	8:30am English Worship Service	Lent 3
	11am Korean Worship Service (followed by lunch)	

Regular Happenings Each Week

Mondays: Morning prayer in the Minister's office 8.30 am.
Pastoral visits to Lifeline/Uniting Care Community

Tuesdays: Play Group **9-11am in the Church Hall.**
RI at Kuluin and Maroochydore State Schools (*during term*)

Thursdays: -Fellowship of Fixing (*Church Working Bee from 7.30am*)
-Fellowship morning tea **12th March-** @ 10am. Meet at church at 9.30 as needed. Venue TBA
-GROW Group meet from 5pm; NA group meet from 6.30pm
- Ladies Bible Study 2pm -4pm at the church

Fridays: NA Group meet: 4-5.30pm in Library Chapel.

Saturdays: Indoor Bowls from 1pm in Church Hall,

Sundays: AA Group meet: 5-6.30pm

Moderator's Musing – 21 February- Rev David Baker from Uniting Communication 21/02/2020

"The appalling scene of violence on the suburban streets of Brisbane a couple of days ago has sent shockwaves across the nation. And rightly so. We were confronted with a story that we hear all too often, that we see in statistics, but that we all too successfully keep away from our sensibilities. It is an uncomfortable truth.

Yet the scene of a burnt vehicle wrapped in tarpaulin was one that could not be denied, minimised, or avoided. A father had set fire to his children and their mother. This was intimate partner and family violence in all its raw horror. Just recently we've been reading through parts of the Sermon on the Mount in our lectionary readings, where Jesus sets a standard of behaviour way above the law; identifying that acts of violence are at the extreme end of a continuum that is grounded in pride and selfishness and the attempt to put oneself above or at distance from another; that these attitudes of the heart are at the core of the flaws in our nature."

David concludes; "Critically, we have a responsibility in the way we conduct our relationships, both inside the church and in our wider community and the way we build our communities of faith so that people can speak of the reality of their life, with confidence they will be heard."

Please pray for all who are distressed and affected by the trauma of Domestic Violence.

We are reminded that **Lifeline** can be called on **13 11 14**.