

General Notices

-Saturday 22nd Feb @ 2pm-an Afternoon of Beautiful Music: at St Peter's Anglican Church (1 Church St Maroochydore) Featuring *Hot Ginger; Sunshine Statesmen Barbershop Chorus; Ukulele Band* -Tickets \$15 (children half price) to book, phone or text Daphne 0414911496 (includes afternoon tea)

-SAFE Ministry & Code of Ethics Training, 22nd of February held at Gympie Regional Uniting Church (15 Red Hill Road, Gympie)

9am – Child Safe Ministry - generic for Ministers, Church Councils and lay leaders and any person dealing with young people.

At our recent Church Council meeting we adopted the UCA Qld Synod Policy for Safe Ministry with Children and Workplace Health and Safety. This is our commitment to one another in love and service.

1pm – Code of Ethics for Ministry Practice

Gympie regional will arrange some form of lunch for those who are doing both workshops... RSVP – Tuesday 18TH February.

Return Email admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

-Congregational Meeting Sunday 23 February

This is our annual congregational meeting for 2020 and will commence following our service of worship and a brief morning tea. At this meeting we have the opportunity to receive our reports, budget and share hopes and concerns for the forthcoming times. All reports should be in, but if you have suggestions to offer please forward them to Robin Dingle by the end of Sunday please.

-Lenten Bible Studies 2020

I have discovered two studies that might interest us. They include DVD presentations and guides.

The Grace of Le Miserables - When grace and Justice meet

The Passion Play - Living the last Days of Jesus

We usually have a Monday afternoon, and a Thursday evening gathering and are open to alternate possibilities. Please talk with James

-James (and Kris) will be on Leave from Thursday 27 February, to attend a family wedding. Thank you to Rev Allan Kuchler for leading the worship on Sunday 1st March

-World Day of Prayer 6 March, Change of Venue, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest Drive off Wisers Road. change of time @9:30 a.m Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, let us gather with our neighbouring churches to share in this worship and fellowship together. We each have a part to play in the service.

-Frontier Services are providing practical support for those doing it tough through the **Outback Links** program and dedicated, passionate volunteers -see this link for opportunities: <https://frontierservices.org/how-we-help/outback-links/> or call 1330 787 247.



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church



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16th February 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

Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park

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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>.

Please send any notices for next week's 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon

Bible Readings

16 February

Epiphany 6

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Life is a choice, or is it?
Psalm 119:1-8 Happy/Blessed in the ways of God
1 Corinthians 3:1-9 moving on to solid food.
Matthew 5:21-37 Yes, Yes, let our words and thoughts agree

23 February 2020

Transfiguration - A Glimpse of glory

Exodus 24:12-18 six days under the cloud
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 the foolishness of conspiracy
2 Peter 1:16-21 we have heard the voice from heaven
Matthew 17:1-9 don't stay down, and do not be afraid.

for contemplation - **Jesus had a lot to unsay on the mountain**

There is a saying, "those who live by the sword, will die by the sword." The Sermon on the mount continues as Jesus, sitting as Moses would sit, speaks the words of Moses, but with a twist in the way of understanding scripture. "You have heard it said in the past ...But, I say to you ..." These have been commonly referred to as the six antitheses. He wasn't about a new law, but a new way of life. In our lives we're not to do harm to one another. Today we extend that to all creation, and by taking these references to the commandments to an extreme He is making clear the connection between thought, language and action. The leap from anger to murder is extreme but we can get the message. The leap from thought to murder is even larger but Jesus is wanting to remind us that it is our love and not our rightness that is the more important. Matthew again reminds us, that it is "mercy, not sacrifice, that God requires."

Soon, there will be Transfiguration, and all who hear and see will be left in no doubt that Jesus is the new Moses; Jesus is the new Lawgiver; but more importantly, Jesus is the fulfilment of them both. The mountain becomes covered with cloud, the face of Jesus become radiant, and the voice of God can be paraphrased, "In the past you listened to the voice of Moses, but I say to you, this is my dear Son, listen to Him." The new listening also involves listening to the Spirit that gives life and being aware of the letter that kills. Just as Moses said, Choose Life, Jesus is saying, live Life. Grace and peace, James.

Moderator's February Prayer

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

Loving God, may your Spirit brood over our land; bring healing to the lives and communities devastated by fire, drought and disruption; humble us to honour one another; help us to see you in our neighbour and fellow Australian. Amen.
Rev David Baker.

Worship & Coming Events February 2020

Sunday 16 February at 8:30 am at 11 am Epiphany 6
Korean Worship Service 11am (followed by lunch in the Hall)

Sunday 23 February at 8:30 am at 11 am Transfiguration
Korean Worship Service 11am (followed by lunch in the Hall)

Wednesday 26 February Ash Wednesday

Sunday 1 March at 8:30 am Holy Communion Lent 1
Korean Service 11am Holy Communion (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.

Prayers for our world and our people

-we pray for BBN Constructions as they struggle with the wet weather at present
-we give thanks for rain and the wetness of the garden
-for all who are facing life changes with health, home and family.
-for the resolution of the *coronavirus* and the distress being caused
-for the anxiety that violence creates in our communities and world
-we remember Thursday 13 February marked 12 years since the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, who suffered as a result of past government policies of forced child removal and assimilation. We pray for reconciliation and justice.
-for those affected by fire, drought and flood. We ask for recovery, hope and timely distribution of resources; remembering that those affected move on more slowly than we do – yesterday's news disappears.
-for ourselves, for Rita & Doug, Asho & June, Barb, Imn, Joyce, Philip, Colin.